NEWSLETTER
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School Office Hours: 8:40am to 3:45am

Monday 24th November, 2014

Principal: Gerard Lewis
Parish Priest: Fr Barry Moran
Admin Officer: Erica Nastopoulos
Office Assistance: Robbie Bartlett & Janelle Adams

Teachers
Year PB: Gabrielle Berends
Year 1J: Therese John
Year 2C: Matt Callery
Year 3F: Ben Fahey
Year 4M: Maureen McDonald
Year 5T: Freda Tahtouh
Year 6M: Samantha Malin
Library: Anna Borella
Phys Ed (Junior): Chris Kidman
Support: Eleanor Colaneri (Years 3F & 20)
Support: Catherine LeHunt (Year 1J & 4M)
Library Tech: Dianne Pavlou
Number Intervention: Anna Side

Parish Priest: Laura Leung
Year PM: Year 10
Year 20: Claire O'Dowd
Year 3R: Simon Raines
Year 4S: Stephanie Schultz
Year 6C: Ruth Crispin
Reading Recovery: Paula Incretolli
Italian: Carmela Vozzo
Phys Ed (Senior): Matt Ottobre
Support: Jane Davy (Year Prep & 5T)
Support: Daniela Borgese (Year 6C)
Artist in Residence: Robbie Bartlett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 28th November: Cake Stall Year 4 Hosting
Friday 28th November: Second Hand Uniform Stall 8:55am – 9:45am
Thursday 4th December: Carols on the lawn with CBC & PCW
Tuesday 9th December: Year Prep Excursion – Myer Christmas Windows & Alma Park
Thursday 11th December: Carols & Disco (6pm – 9pm)
Friday 12th December: Pupil Free Day
Monday 15th December: Year 1 & 2 Excursion – Village Cinemas (Jam Factory)
Monday 15th December: Year 6 Graduation Mass
Tuesday 16th December: Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 17th December: Year 6 Celebration Day
Thursday 18th December: End of School Year - Student's breakup at 1pm
After Care is available until 6pm, booking is essential

2015 Term 1 Commences
Thursday 29th January 2015: School Begins 8:55am

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk:

Thank You
Thank you to Ben Fahey who replaced me over the last two weeks whilst I was on Long Service Leave and Study Leave. As we enter the last four weeks of the school year, I know it will be a busy and hopefully rewarding end of the year.

Prep Orientation
Thank you to Gabrielle Berends, Freda Tahtouh and Laura Leung for their preparation with the Prep Orientation on 30th October. The children settled in very well to the second of our sessions. The children have also had the opportunity to participate in story time in the library. Thank you to our Prep parents who attended the Wine and Cheese Night, which was on the same night as the second of our Orientation Days. This evening gave the opportunity for the new parents for 2015 to meet each other and also meet our experienced parents. Thank you to Therese John for organising the night and to Maureen McDonald, Ben Fahey, Claire O'Dowd and Ruth Crispin our School Leaders who attended the night.
Foundation Year (Prep)
From next year the Prep classes will be called Foundation.

Carols On The Lawn
This year for the first time we are celebrating Carols on the Lawn with Christian Brothers College (CBC) and Presentation College Windsor (PCW). These Carols replace the ‘Carols under the Sails’ formerly held at CBC. More information is contained within this newsletter. We hope you can join us.

Year 6 Graduation
On Monday 15th December we celebrate the Year 6 Graduation. The Liturgy will commence at 6:00pm.

Pupil Free Day
A reminder that Friday 12th December is a Pupil Free Day.

St Mary’s Carols and Disco
On Thursday 11th December a whole school Carols, picnic and disco night has been organised to commence at 6.00pm in the Church.

Christmas Eve Parish Mass (Wednesday 24th December)
Our next Parish Mass will be on Wednesday 24th December at 7.00pm. All families are invited to attend.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

PUPIL FREE DAYS – Term 4
FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER
No school for students

END OF YEAR EVENT

Thursday 11th December  Whole School Carols & Disco Night 6pm
Monday 15th December  End of School Year Mass 6pm
Our Mass is a celebration of the end of the year and Year 6 Graduation. All students must attend.

STUDENT BREAK-UP 2014

Thursday 18th December  1pm
Aftercare will be available from 1pm to 6pm, please book your child in.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all school fees must be finalised as soon as possible. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the basket for any lost items of clothing by Friday 28th November.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
School holiday programs are available from the school office foyer.
Sunday’s Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

In yesterday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today’s Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God’s compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

(Source: http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm)

Claire O'Dowd - Religious Education Leader

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who completed the Challenge. By now you should have received your certificates; names should be in the paper in the near future. I will let you know when they are out. Well done everyone. You are champions.

Book Fair
I have purchased over $1,500.00 worth of Big Books and library books with our book fair commission. What a wonderful result for St Mary’s.

Library Helpers
Thank you so much to our Book Fair volunteers and to the amazing book coverers who regularly come and offer their precious time to help out. The library program could not run as well without you.

Borrowing
All borrowing will cease on 29th November. We need to have all resources in before the end of the year for stocktake. Please check all your bookshelves etc. for any library books. Classes will continue until early December.

Happy Reading Anna Borella (Librarian)

Extend OSHC at St Mary's - Primary School

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast.

Book now to avoid disappointment at extend.com.au.

All holiday program are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
St Mary’s Parish Christmas Mass

Our St Mary’s Parish Christmas Mass is on Wednesday 24th December at 7pm.

All families are invited to attend this special children’s Mass.

Children are invited to come dressed as kings, angels or shepherds (sheep and goats are okay too).

I am also putting the call out for children volunteers to read and act the parts for Mary and some shepherds (we need three). If your child would like to take part, please come and see Miss O’Dowd so I can take your name down. There will be a rehearsal with Bernadette Milne (from the Parish) during school hours in the last week of school.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope to see you all there.
Parent & Friends Committee Update

P & F Mission Statement
Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fundraising events for additional educational resources for our children.

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 4: November 2014

The Year 4 Cake Stall is scheduled for this Friday 28th November at 3.00pm. We are looking forward to enjoying the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year 4 parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

The Second Hand Uniform Stall is scheduled for Friday 28th November. It will be held outside the Berchmans Centre from 8.55am-9.45am (weather permitting).
Donations: If you have any unwanted uniform items to donate, they can be left in the “bins” that are located on each of the two campuses. All donations will be gratefully accepted until Thursday 27 November. Any items that are unsold will be given to the school to provide to families that may need financial support. Thanking you in advance for your support and donations.

Phillippa’s Xmas Pudding Fundraiser  By now you will have received the flyer for Phillippa’s Xmas pudding fundraiser. There are two tantalizing pudding options to choose from - a butter plum pudding or a traditional plum pudding. Each pudding is available to be ordered at $40 each. This is a special St Mary’s School price – normally retailing for $45 each. The School will enjoy the fundraising effort of $15 per pudding sold. All payments with the order form can be placed with the school office no later than Tuesday 2nd December 2014. As there are only 100 Christmas puddings available orders will be prioritised by first in best dressed. So don’t miss out on getting your order in ahead of time.

The Year 2 School Disco is scheduled for Thursday 11th December after the Carols night at St Mary’s Church. More details regarding the disco venue to follow. Watch this space!

The last P & F Meeting for this year is on Friday 5th December at 9.15am at the Berchmans Centre. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Reps for 2015
If you are considering nominating yourself for being a Class Rep in 2015 please let either your current Class Rep or the P & F Management Committee know your intentions before the end of Term 4. This assists us in planning for 2015 and your nominations now will be gratefully appreciated.

P & F Committee Partnership
Bakers Delight Balaclava
10% of every purchase you make at Bakers Delight Balaclava goes towards the St Mary’s P&F fundraising efforts. Don’t forget to say you are from St Mary’s next time you’re there.

2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
Our Parent & Friends continues to grow

$20,157.24
Phillippa’s Christmas Pudding Fundraiser

As part of the fundraising effort at St. Mary’s School, Phillippa’s have offered their special Christmas Puddings to our families. There are only 100 Christmas Puddings available for this fundraiser. (It will be first in best dressed!)

This is a delicious way to raise funds for our wonderful school.

Phillippa’s Puddings are made, from a luxurious blend of ingredients; including Phillippa’s own breadcrumbs and candied orange peel, blended with loads of Australian vinefruits and plenty of brandy! Together, these ingredients create the distinctive rich aroma. Choose from a **Butter Plum Pudding** or a **Traditional Plum Pudding** $40 each. (Traditional - enriched with suet for a lighter texture)

This is a special St. Mary’s School price – normally retailing for $45. The school will enjoy the fundraising effort of $15 per pudding sold.

Payment can be made via cash, or cheque made out to St Mary’s Primary School.
All payments, along with the order form, can be placed with the school office by no later than **Tuesday 2nd December, 2014**.
Puddings will be available to be collected during the week beginning 8th December 2014.

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**Phillippa’s 1030 High St ARMADALE 9576 2020**

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**Phillippa’s Christmas Pudding Fundraiser**

Yes!! I would like to support St/ Mary’s Primary School by ordering a Phillippa’s Christmas Pudding:

□ Butter Plum Pudding  □ Traditional Plum Pudding

Name of person ordering:__________________________
Mobile: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
Name of eldest child:___________________________ Class: ______________
Method of payment Please circle: Cash Cheque
Carols on the Lawn, St Mary's, CBC and PCW

Date - Thursday 4th Dec 2014
Time - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Venue - The Lawn in front of St Mary's Presbytery
BYO - Picnic or purchase food at the BBQ
St Mary’s Parish
Reverend Barry Moran PP
Bernadette Milne Pastoral Worker
Antonia Attard, Catherine Carolan Secretaries
Julie Purdey Parish Manager
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Tel: 9510 7744  Fax 9510 5607
email: stmarys.estk@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://www.stmaryestk.org.au

Times of Services:
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer - 9.15am
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer - 8.30am
Reconciliation: Saturday - following Prayer or Mass
Opportunity to Adore the Lord in the Tabernacle daily

23 November ‘14

Readings  Next Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent
Year B:  Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8; 1 Corinthians
1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Hymns: Entrance 309, Gospel
Acclam: 141, Present. Of the Gifts 391,
Communion 392 Recessional 390 Mass of St
Francis – Gloria, Holy Holy, Eucharistic Acclam
(When we eat…), GT Amen & Lamb of God
Stewardship Received 16th November $635
with Thanks

Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of
Mark Showalter and Joseph Nguyen Van Quang
(Father of Bishop Vincent Long) recently
decceased and for Dove Tomic whose anniversary
is at this time and for all the Souls in this month of
November.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2014

This is our Giving Weekend: Sunday 23 November
2014  (Giving with Love weekend)

This weekend we welcome Fr Martin Dixon, Parish
Priest of St Joan of Arc parish in Brighton, who will be
speaking at all our Giving Weekend Masses. All
parishioners are reminded to complete a brochure slip
or pledge card at Mass as well as a Time and Talent
sheet. By completing your card this weekend you will
help us to keep our follow-up to a minimum. A
dedicated group of parishioners will be visiting homes
over this coming week to collect pledge slips and ‘Time
& Talent’ sheets. Please keep these parishioners in
your prayers and welcome them if they visit you. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

PARISH FEASTDAY 7th
DECEMBER 2014  10.30am Mass.
After which all parishioners welcome
to gather and enjoy lunch on the
Presbytery lawn  As in previous years Tea and
Coffee/ Fruit juice provided but parishioners
please bring own food to share. Looking forward
to seeing many gather for this celebration.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL Please find
Envelopes at exits this week for return next week
or to mail direct to the address on the envelope.
Considering our difficulty to hold this appeal
currently with Stewardship Renewal we need
consider the difficulties faced daily by the
Missionaries it supports! Columban Calendar
@ $9 - makes a nice gift for someone for New
Year and features very beautiful religious art to
inspire – available of a Sunday as you leave
Eastern Exit ( until Piety Stall area is fully
restored) supports the Columban Missions. For
sale next week also Christmas Cards at very
reasonable price $4.00.

Other Notices See Boards
CHRIST THE KING  (Yr A)

First Reading  Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 22:1-3, 5-6
R.  The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
1.  The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
2.  Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
3.  You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4.  Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading  1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all. the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Mk 11:9, 10
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel  Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothed you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’ the Gospel of the Lord.
EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP ACTION TEAM

Given the recent funding cuts to Youth Connections the purpose of this information sheet is to provide information to schools and agencies for referral points for young people who are at risk or have disengaged from education or training aged 10 – 19 yrs old. All case management provided below is free of charge.

Hanover Welfare Services – Homeless Children’s Specialist Support Service (HCS5)
HCS5 is a unique children’s specialist service that provides enhanced case management, therapeutic group work and education assessment packages (cognitive and achievement testing) for children and young people who have experienced homelessness and or family violence in the Southern Region of Melbourne.
0 – 18 years old
217 Cecil St South Melbourne 3205 – PH: 8626 5500 FAX: 8626 5599  – srichardson@hanover.org.au
Shannon Richardson – Team Leader - Children’s Specialist Service - Housing Support Services

Odyssey House Victoria, Youth & Family Services
What do we offer?
- Youth Counselling for Individuals and Groups.
- Family Counselling related to drug use.
- Advocacy & Case Management
- Outreach, Support & Referral.
- Parenting Support
- Secondary Consultation, Dual Diagnosis Counselling.
- Training & Drug Education.

Who can access the service?
- Young people aged 12-24 years
- Parents & Carers affected by theirs or someone else’s drug or alcohol use.
- Workers, Teachers, Health Professionals etc.

22 Little Chapel Street, Prahran. Office: 9521 4366
George Hatzimanolis, Manager, Youth & Family Services: 0438 229 458
Rene De Sant’Anna, Senior, Youth & Family Counsellor: 0408 364 178
Lucy Demant, Youth Development Worker/ Counsellor: 0437 462 359

Stonnington Youth Services (SYS)
SYS is a generalist, voluntary service for young people aged 10 to 25 years who live, work or recreate in the City of Stonnington. SYS offers;
- Case Management, school programs, youth programs, education support & youth events.

Case Management - SYS has a team of qualified and highly experienced Youth Workers who provide appointment based case management for young people aged 10-25 years living, working or studying in Stonnington. This service assists young people to address barriers and issues impacting on their wellbeing and to ensure they have the appropriate services to assist them. This service is not a counselling service.

For further information please contact
T: 03 8290 7020 E: youth@stonnington.vic.gov.au
www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/residents-and-

St Kilda Youth Service (SKYS)
SKYS Creating Connections is a DHS funded program which provides support and case management to young people who are 15-25 years old that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Support and case management is provided to assist young people to address their barriers to engage or maintain education, employment and/or training.

Therese Hall 9534 3685 / therese@skys.org.au

Inner South Community Health Service
Assertive Youth Outreach, Case Manager, Counsellor:
Assertive Youth Outreach, Case Manager, Counsellor: Young people between the ages of 10-25 years with a key focus on young people aged 10-18 years
- Young people affiliated with the City of Port Phillip
- Engage with marginalised young people through assertive outreach
- Provide early intervention and prevention strategies to young people who are disengaged, vulnerable and at risk
- Support young people and their families through referral, advocacy, case management and linkage to group programs

Maria Kumar P 03 9525 1300 / 0434 316 921

IHSY Nurse (Innovative Health Services for Homeless Youth): works with young people aged 12-25 years with links to the Cities of Port Phillip and Stonnington.
Common presenting issues include: Disengagement from school/education, behavioural problems, school disciplinary process (suspension/expulsion), help required navigating/accessing health and social services, family breakdown and youth justice issues - non-exhaustive list. Role provides: Assertive outreach assessment and care, short term case work and support, health promotion and education activities, assistance to access primary and social health services, advocacy and secondary consult

Toby Cameron P 03 9525 1300 / 0419 283 542
PCLC

is pleased to invite you to their annual

Art Exhibition

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2014
12.00pm – 2.00pm

Prahran Community Learning Centre

40 Grattan St Prahran

Finger food provided

RSVP BY MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER
9510 7052
admin@pclcentre.org.au