NEWSLETTER
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Monday 3rd March, 2014

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

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
Year PM: Lisa McCarthy
Year 10: Brigitte O'Shea
Year 20: Claire O'Dowd
Year 3R: Simon Raines
Year 4S: Stephanie Schultz
Year 6C: Ruth Crispin
Readling Recovery: Paula Incretolli
Library: Anna Borella
Italian: Carmela Vozzo
Phys Ed (Junior): Chris Kidman
Phys Ed (Senior): Matt Ottobre
Support: Eleanor Calaneri (Years 3F & 2O)
Support: Jane Davy
Number Intervention: Anna Side
Support: Catherine LeHunt (Yr 3J & 4M)
Library Tech: Dianne Pavlou
Artist in Residence: Robbie Bartlett

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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From the Principal's Desk:

Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent
This Wednesday at 9:15am we will be attending the Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday. It would be great to see many family members join us at this celebration.

Individual Parent Information Meetings
Thank you to all parents who attended last Thursday's Parent Information Meetings. The teachers found them very beneficial. Holding them at the start of the year helps the teachers to understand the children that they teach a lot earlier.

Year 2 Cake stall
Congratulations to the parents from Year 2 who held the first cake stall for the year. The Year 2 cake stall raised $954.95.
Holt District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the children in Years 3-6 who represented the school last Tuesday in the Holt District Swimming Carnival. We finished third in both categories of the carnival. A great effort, well done!

Twilight Sports Carnival
Our normal school athletics carnival which is normally held in the morning will this year be held late afternoon so that all members of our Parish school can attend. School will commence at 8:55am on this day and finish at 1:00pm. The children will be able to rest before they come back to school at 4.00pm. The athletics component will conclude at 7:00pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic for dinner and enjoy it from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. We hope that this change of time will allow more people to attend our important sports event. The After Care Program will be available for students who normally attend this program. It will commence earlier at 1:00pm and conclude at 4:00pm on that day. You must book your child if you require the service.

Sun Smart Policy
Children are encouraged to apply broad spectrum SFP 15+ / 30+ sunscreen before coming to school and are encouraged to reapply prior to recess and lunch. The school provides, in each classroom an Ultra protect 30+ pump pack, which the children are encouraged to apply. If your child is allergic to this sunscreen, please inform your child’s teacher in writing.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.
Gerard Lewis
Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are currently taking enrolments for next year. If you have a family member who is scheduled to start next year please come to the office and obtain an Enrolment Form or download it from our website, as places are filling up quickly and numbers are limited.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 25th March
Information will go home regarding the school photos this week. We ask that the children wear their correct school SUMMER UNIFORM – no coloured ribbons or socks. Girls navy socks and boys grey socks are the uniform colour. Family portrait envelopes can be collected at the office next week.

RE NEWS - Prayer and Social Justice
Ash Wednesday 5th March
This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. We will be gathering as a Parish community on Wednesday at 9.15am. This year’s Project Compassion stories are about our desire for a full and beautiful life within the surroundings of home. Not just a house to live in, but a life filled with certainty, free from the burden of poverty with access to food, water, education, healthcare and shelter. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards this creation of a more just and fair world for whole communities.

1st Week of Lent - Project Compassion, Week 1, brings you the story of Maristely.
An advocacy program in São Paulo, Brazil, enables favela (city slum) residents to gain legal deeds for their land, as well as securing access to basic services. A youth empowerment program is enabling young people from the favelas, like Maristely, to work for justice so that peace, rather than violence, rules the streets where they live.
Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or can order a set of leaflets for their donations. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.
Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting Project Compassion 2014.
Claire O’Dowd (RE Leader)

STUDENT WELLBEING - RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
On Friday 21st March the children are asked to ride, scoot, skateboard, use public transport or walk to school. In past years families have made a big effort to do what they can to participate in this day enthusiastically. We will have a Ride2School representative at the gate to welcome the children as they arrive. We are looking forward to your great participation. This week the SRC children will meet to plan out the finer details of the day. More details will follow in the coming weeks.
Therese John (Student Wellbeing Leader)
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
We would like to welcome back our experienced School Counsellor, Fiona. She specialises in providing high quality school counselling services that include: self-esteem, bullying challenges, grief & loss due to parental separation and anxiety including a range of other issues that are specifically tailored to our child’s needs. Fiona’s mission is to empower young people with the knowledge and confidence to work through issues in their own lives. Each child can have up to 10 individual sessions as well as 10 group sessions per year with a Mental Health Plan from their GP. This is at NO cost to the families. All members of the family can access these counselling services via the school. Please see Paula Incretolli.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will be processed on the last Thursday of each month with a minimum deposit of $10.00.

Parent & Friends Committee Update

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

Thank You to the Year 2 parents for getting the first P&F Fundraising event for 2014 off to an amazing start. Janelle co-ordinated an awesome team effort with the Year 2 parents who not only volunteered on the day but who cooked some amazing cakes, spaghetti bolognese and zucchini pie! Your culinary skills were rewarded with a very profitable result and everything was sold out! The Year 2 cake stall raised $954.95.

Congratulations and Welcome to our new Volunteer Class Representatives for 2014 who have nominated themselves for this exciting and important role. It’s going to be a fun year working together and organising the P&F fundraising events and supporting our school community.

| Prep B | Christine McCorkell (Sam McCorkell) |
| Pre M | Laura Bunn (Annabelle Bunn) |
| Grade 1T | Nicole Kennedy (Milly Kennedy) |
| Grade 1O | Sarah Hitchcock (Amelia Thomas) |
| Grade 2C | Adele Weisz (Matt Weisz) |
| Grade 2O | Mary Brown (Isobel Higgins) |
| Grade 3R | Narelle Ryan (Jack Dormer) |
| Grade 3F | Cath Dolphin (Sahara Dolphin) |
| Grade 4M | Jeff Barnes (Scarlett Christensen Barnes) |
| Grade 4S | Elly Howarth (Josh Harris) |
| Grade 5 | Maria Dasopatis (Michael Dasopatis) |
| Grade 6C | TBC |
| Grade 6M | Lucy Sparke (Louis Timlock) |

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 1 – March 2014
The P&F Calendar of events can also be found on the St Mary’s school website at: http://www.smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au/school-community/32/p/p---f/

Event: P&F Committee Meeting
Organised By: P&F Management Committee
Where: Berchmans Kitchen
When: Thursday 6th March @ 7:00pm
Please Note: The P&F Committee meeting is open to ALL parents of St Mary’s, Class Reps, Teachers and the P&F Management Committee.

Event: Easter Egg Donations & Raffle
Organised By: Year 1 Class Reps
Where: St Mary’s Parish Church
When: Assembly on Friday 4th April 12.30pm
Please Note: Requests for Easter Egg donations & sale of raffle tickets will be sent home with children week beginning 10th March.
All Easter egg donations can kindly be left at the school office.
**Event:** Phillippa’s Hot Cross Bun Drive  
**Organised By:** P&F Management Committee  
**Where:** Orders to go to school reception  
**When:** Tuesday 1st April 2014  
**Please note:** Order forms will be sent home with your children week beginning 10th March 2014  
**All orders must be received by Monday 24th March 2014**

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2014 FUND RAISING GOAL  
$15,000  
WE ARE ON OUR WAY  
$945.95

**Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School**

**OUR RECAP**

Last week we had our new Team Leader Aisha take over from Janelle and Melissa, so if you haven’t introduced yourself, please come up and say ‘Hi’. The children had fun making jewellery in the art room, and challenged themselves in chess competitions against other children and the staff. The boys enjoyed using their creativity to make interesting sculptures and figures out of the zoobs. We also had fun playing on the basketball court doing various ball games and running races. - Melissa

**Next week’s activities:**

- **Monday 10 March:** Labour Day Public Holiday  
- **Tuesday 11 March:** Collage making & Uno competition  
- **Wednesday 12 March:** Octopus and Chinese Walls, Free choice painting  
- **Thursday 13 March:** Cooking – Fruit Skewers and Free choice outdoor time  
- **Friday 14 March:** Skipping, Obstacle course, Jenga and colouring

Autumn School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you! Friday 4 April to Thursday 24 April 2014*

We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Easter activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions.

Bookings close Friday 21 March – book now to avoid disappointment.  
*Dates vary according to program

**ONLINE BOOKINGS:** extend.com.au  
**CALL OUR OFFICE:** 1300 366 437
St Mary’s Primary School

Parent Helpers’ Workshop

There will be a meeting for any parents of Prep children, and new parents of children in Years 1 and 2, who wish to help in the classroom during the Literacy Block.

The meeting will be held in the Prep B Classroom

Wednesday 5th March at 2.30pm – 3.30pm

It is important that you attend this meeting in order to help in the classroom. You will also need to get your Working With Children Check. Please obtain a form from any post office.

Thankyou,

Paula Incretoli
Literacy Leader

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Literacy Helpers’ Meeting

I am able to attend the meeting for Literacy Helpers on Wed 5th March at 2.30pm – 3.30pm

My child’s Name: _________________________________

Year level: __________
South Yarra Soccer Club

SYSC invites girls to play soccer in 2014 season

If you are a girl aged 7-13 years, we have vacancies in our junior soccer program:
If you are interested in trying soccer, developing skills, learning teamwork and having fun, come along to a training session and get a feel for the game and the Club.

Beginners very welcome. Bring a friend and make new friends.

Based in Fawkner Park, South Yarra Soccer Club is a well-established and vigorous Club that is growing its Junior Girls program.

Where: Fawkner Park South. Training is located behind South Yarra Primary School, off Pasley Street.
When: Training - Thursdays 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Games - Sunday mornings
More info from Jim Hallam on 0414965442 (team manager) or jendix@onthe.net.au

Regards Jim Hallam (Mobile 0414965442) Email: jendix@onthe.net.au
Mail: PO Box 673, Malvern 3144

GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) TRAINING

South Melbourne Women’s FC are inviting girls aged between 6yo-9yo to come join in their weekly football training sessions.

Next training day is this Thu 6 Mar from 5:30pm-6:30pm @ Alma Park.

For more information, please visit www.southmelbournewfc.com.au or email Bulent at smwfc.operations@gmail.com.
St Mary’s Parish
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Tel: 9510 7744 Fax 9510 5607
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~stmarys/

Reverend Barry Moran PP

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

DIARY
March 2 2014
Cuppa following 9.00am Sunday Mass in Pottery Room. All welcome.
Second Tuesday of the Month Community Lounge 7.30 – 9.00pm St Vincent De Paul
Pastoral Worker- Bernadette Milne – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Bernadette co-ordinates
Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

Feast Days:
Ash Wednesday Wednesday 5th March
Masses that day 9.15am and 7.00pm

Readings
Next Sunday – First Sunday in Lent Yr A
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12,17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Hymns
Entrance: 467
Gloria St Francis
Gospel Acclam 138
Presentation of the Gifts 472
Holy Holy St Francis
Eucharistic Acclam St Francis
Great Amen St Francis
Lamb of God St Francis
Communion 402
Recessional 453
Pray for Vincent Berkery and Maria Camila Garzon recently deceased and Alan Durkan, Babette Stevens and Claude Galea whose anniversaries are at this time.

Stewardship $510 Many thanks
Stewardship Generous giving providing for the services of Personnel ministering in St Mary’s St Kilda East.

Tuesday 4th March Invitation Deakin Edge Theatre, Federation Sq. 10.30am Project Compassion ‘14 Launch
"...to have two Indigenous Assistant Teachers starting with us this year." – Nungalina College
 jogging@nungalina.edu.au 1800645147 to donate
Workshop Called and Gifted – See Board

Readers/ 2 March 9 March
9.00am Sr Diana Gabel L Volunteer C
10.30am Volunteer L. Volunteer C
5.30pm Peter Slaviniski L Hugh Higgins L
Eucharistic Ministers
9.00am Maylene Clayton Annette O’Connor
10.30am Les Marmo Olga Salinas
5.30pm France Cantier Volunteer
Welcoming Ministry
9.00am Clare Lonergan Sr Margaret C.
10.30am Bernadette R. Volunteer
5.30pm Volunteer Anthony Thumicer

LENT FOR FAMILIES BOOKLET
You are invited to take the Booklet for Lent to use at home. Please take only one for each family

Jobs www.cam.org.au
Further Job Seeker I.T. Skills Andrew Jarocki
0404148234 Resume available

Anima
$15 Monday Evenings Mary Glory Centre
6.30-8.30 132 Nicholson Street Fitzroy

Archbishop’s Lenten Address "May this Lent be a time of transforming prayer and challenge..." See Board:
(On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.Fast 14-60 yr o / go without Meat 12 y.o and up.
All Fridays to make a special effort and by Penance become unselfish. We will then appreciate full joy and hope offered by Christ’s Cross and Resurrection at Easter)

40 Days for Life You Can Save Me March 5- April 13
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Year A

First Reading  Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion was saying The Lord has abandoned me. The Lord has forgotten me.

Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 61:2-3, 6-9

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

1. In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. R.

2. In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him,
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. R.

3. In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God all you people,
Trust him at all times.
Pour out your hearts before him. R.

The Second Reading  Cor 4:1-5

People must think of us as Christ’s servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men’s hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation  1 Jn 2:5
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel  Matt 6:24-34

Jesus said to his disciples: " No one can be the slave to two masters; he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry, do not say, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?' It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness; and all these other things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own'