NEWSLETTER
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Monday 17th March, 2014

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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 & 2O)
Number Intervention: Anna Side
Library Tech: Dianne Pavlou

Parish Mass Years Prep – Two (Sunday 23rd March at 5:30pm)
The first of our Parish Masses organised by the Junior level teachers will be held this Sunday at 5:30pm. Even though it is organised by the Junior Levels, the Mass is open for all families to attend. It would be great to see many families attend on Sunday. Thank you to Donna Martin, Bernadette Milne, Claire O’Dowd and Lisa McCarthy, who have been the main organisers of the Mass.
Learning and Teaching in a Catholic School
In continuing our emphasis on Contemporary Learning the teachers received IPads last week to start their investigation of using hand held devices in their classrooms. Under the direction of Ben Fahey, they have held two breakfast meetings before school to help them gain a better understanding of the use of IPads. These meetings will be continuing during the year. In the future the school will purchase a class set of IPads, where the children will use these devices to assist them with their learning.

Twilight Sports Carnival – Friday 28th March (4:00pm – 7:00 pm)
Our 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 9.00am 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 on Friday at 1:00pm and conclude at 4:00pm.

School Sport Victoria Beachside Division Swimming Carnival 2014
Congratulations to Sophie Warrington, Amelie Nash, Allegra Carbone, Marika Vlachakis-Panagiotou Tsourekis, Mercedes Purcell, Gigi Maccagnini, Macy O'Sullivan, Lauren Oyston, Michael Dasopatis, Noah Rostein, Matthew (Darren) Handoko and Matteo Macali who all swam at the Swimming Carnival last week. Whilst swimming against students who have a more thorough training schedule, our students acquitted themselves very well and should be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Matt Ottobre and Chris Kidman who helped prepare the children for the relevant swimming carnivals.

Christian Brothers College (CBC) St Kilda
Congratulations to Sean Campusano and Matthew Shrimpton past students of St Mary’s, who have been elected Year 12 Leaders for CBC in 2014. We wish them all the very best in their important Leadership positions this year.

Presentation College Windsor (Melbourne) Music Festival
Congratulations to all the young ladies from PCW who participated in the PCW Music Festival last week. It was wonderful to see so many ex-students from St Mary's participate with so much enthusiasm and enjoyment. It was a high calibre event and the musical talent shown by many of the students was amazing.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

ST MARY’S OPEN DAY – For Future Enrolments
Monday 31st March 9am to 11am
Monday 19th May 9am to 11am

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
Please remember to return your photo order envelope by this Friday 21st March. 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.

SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to those who have promptly paid fees. The Term 1 fees are overdue. Please arrange for payment if you have not already done so. Parents paying by instalments need to remember their payment dates; the office cannot be responsible for remembering everyone’s payment dates.
**STUDENT BANKING**
Student banking will be processed on the last Thursday of each month with a minimum deposit of $10.00.

**STUDENT WELLBEING**
**SEASONS**  A Program for Grief and Loss
Next Term we are going to be offering the 'Seasons' Program. This program is designed to help children come to terms with loss and change in their lives through an experience of death or family separation or divorce. Last year we ran three very successful groups and the children involved both enjoyed and gained from the experience of working with a small group who had similar experiences. The program will be co-ordinated by a St Mary's teacher trained in the teaching of Seasons. There will be a maximum of 5 to 6 children in the group. If you feel your child would benefit from a program like this, please discuss it with your class teacher or myself.

**RIDE2SCHOOL (THIS FRIDAY)**
This Friday 21st March we encourage all parents to leave their cars at home and ride, walk, scoot, skateboard or take public transport to school with your child. If you live a long way from the school walk/ride part of the way. A competition has been organised by the Wellbeing Leaders. The children are encouraged to make a model of a bike. Get involved as there are great prizes to be won. Children need to have their entries to their class teachers by Wednesday. Three children from each class will go into the final judging. A member from Ride2School and a representative from Port Philip Council will choose the winners. Good luck everyone. The Wellbeing Leaders in Year 6 and I are looking forward to seeing all the great entries.  

**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.

**WINTER UNIFORMS**
All children are to be wearing winter uniform by Monday 28th April. Hats do not have to be worn then. The Winter Tunic (T005) and long grey pants are available from Primary School Wear at 15 Mills Street, Cheltenham – 9583 3287. **Note** School Jumpers are purchased at the school on Thursdays between 8:40am – 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:20pm.

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| **Skivvies** - We have a small supply of Skivvies available to purchase from the School Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings until all stock are sold out. This is a one- time offer. The cost of each skivvy $7.**

**LIBRARY NEWS**
**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Thanks to all those students who have enrolled in the Challenge. You will receive your information, log in and passwords to commence your recording by the 26th March. You can start recording any books you read from now on, on a notepaper till you receive your login details. If you have any questions please come and see me.

**Library Helpers**
I am looking for some help with book covering and library organisation. If you are free for a half an hour or more to help in the library with shelving, or would like to take some books home to cover please see me.

**Chess Club**
Chess Club will commence in Term 2. All children from Years 1 to 6 are invited to join the club. Forms were sent home last week.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Please go through the basket to see if any of your child’s missing items of clothing are there.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
Forms can be collected at the office foyer.
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 Sharyn, Luci and Mary for organising the Second Hand Uniform Stall. It was well received with a bargain or two to be had. Thank you to all the parents who generously donated uniforms that made this event possible. The feedback was encouraging so we will aim to run this event again. Watch this space for when we will put out a call for the next uniform donation drive in term 4.

The second hand uniform stall raised $450.00.

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/

P&F Committee Meeting Update
Thank you to the Class Reps, parents and staff who attended the first P&F Committee Meeting Thursday 6th March. It was a productive meeting with Mr Lewis unveiling the first of the mini iPad that the school has purchased with the support of P&F Committee funds. This is what it’s all about; assisting the school in improving access to educational resources for our children. The next P&F Committee Meeting is scheduled for the 4th April at 9.15am in the Berchmans Kitchen. Please note that the morning meeting has been scheduled to facilitate those parents and Class Reps that cannot make it to the evening meeting.

Did you receive the fliers? By now, you should have received the fliers from your child, via their school bag, for the Hot Cross Bun Drive and the Easter Egg Raffle & Easter Egg Donations. If not, please let the P&F Management Committee know so we can send you a copy.

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<td>Where: St Mary’s Parish Church</td>
<td>When: Assembly on Friday 4th April 12.30pm</td>
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<td>Easter egg donations are now being accepted. All Easter egg donations can kindly be left at the school office.</td>
<td>Please return raffle tickets by Friday 28 March</td>
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<th>Event: Phillippa’s Hot Cross Bun Drive</th>
<th>Organised By: Year 5 Class Rep</th>
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<td>Where: Orders to go to school office</td>
<td>Orders delivered: Tuesday 1st April</td>
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<td>All orders must be received by Monday 24th March</td>
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<th>Organised By: Year 3 Class Reps</th>
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<td>Where: Outside Berchmans Centre</td>
<td>When: Friday 21st March 2014, 3 to 4pm</td>
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<th>Event: Twilight Sports Carnival Sausage Sizzle</th>
<th>Organised By: Year 6 Class Reps &amp; Graduation Committee</th>
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<td>Where: Alma Park (beside the Senior Campus)</td>
<td>When: Friday 28th March 2014, 4pm - 8pm</td>
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<td>Sausages $2   Drink $2   Water $1.50</td>
<td>Pack of Chips $1   Lollipop $1</td>
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2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
We are into the 4 figures!

$1,404.95
Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

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

TPCC AFL Football and Soccer Camps – Boys and Girls only 7 to 17 April 2014

A. TPCC AFL football and soccer camps – Boys and Girls only 7 to 17 April 2014
B. Opportunities for girls 9 to 13 years to play soccer in girls only team – South Yarra Soccer Club
C. What does our program do

If you do not wish to receive these emails in future please advise – but before you do please take the time to read its contents.

A. TPCC AFL football and soccer camps – Boys and Girls only 7 to 17 April 2014
The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club is pleased to announce that it is running AFL and Soccer camps in April 2014. We are running community camp focused on skill development including fun games. This is a great opportunity to meet other kids in Stonnington as well as enjoy AFL footy and soccer. All proceeds go to the TPCC Community Sports Program (refer below).

Ages
The camps are organised for boys and girls aged 5 to 13 years who will be split into groups of similar ages and abilities.

Camp Registrations
To register a player to participate in the camp, please register through Trybooking – please click on the following link: http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=51987&bof=1. Payment is to be made by credit card (Visa/Mastercard). Please feel free to contact me if you cannot afford to pay for registration fees for club sport.

TPCC sporting camps are setup to make bookings by use of credit card - All bookings are through the Trybooking website. Please contact Jim Hallam (0414965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au) if you have queries regarding registration or if you do not have a credit card to make payment. For further information and/or support please contact Jim Hallam on 0414 965 442 or jendix@onthe.net.au.

B. South Yarra Soccer Club – Opportunity for Girls aged 9 to 13 to play in all girls team for 2014 season
South Yarra Soccer Club has two all-girls sides – they cater for girls aged 9 to 13 years. All new players receive a new pair of soccer boots after they register. Please feel free to contact me if you cannot afford to pay for registration fees for club sport. For more information please contact Jim Hallam on 0414965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au. (Team manager)

Training – Fawkner Park – Thursdays 5.30pm (already started)
Matches – start late April 2013

C. What does our program do
The focus of the Toorak Prahran Community Fund is to provide opportunities for financially and socially disadvantaged youth within the Prahran/Windsor area to participate in organised club based sporting programs as well as provide after school activities at the housing commission flats. In doing so we have increased the cultural and socio economic diversity of membership of sporting clubs within the area. The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club established the fund and the program in recognition of the need to increase the accessibility and participation levels of the sporting facilities within the Prahran area. If you have any queries, please contact Jim Hallam on 0414965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au.
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Bernadette Milne Pastoral Worker

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email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au

Times of Services:
Website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~stmarys/

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
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**

March 16 2014

Feastdays

Monday 17 March St Patrick
Wednesday 19 March St Joseph

Readings
Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday in Lent Yr A
Exodus 17:3-7;Romans 5:1-2,5-8;John5:15,19-26,39-42

Hymns
Entrance: 1
Gloria St Francis
Presentation of the Gifts 2
Holy Holy St Francis
Eucharistic Acclamation Dying You Destroyed.. 3
Great Amen St Francis
Lamb of God St Francis
Communion 4
Recessional

Please take a copy of the Bell and a Hymn Sheet, kindly return the Hymn Sheet at Mass End.

Pray for recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Stewardship Sunday 9 March $ 596 Many thanks

Tickets $20 Christian Music Concert May 17 7.30pm 1330 Ferntree Gully Road Scoresby (Mel.Map 72 HT) features The Couriers & ors Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army

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Readers/ 16 March 23 March
9.00am L Chris Cullity C L Kevin H.
C Charlotte C. Fred P.

10.30am L Justin Samy C L Volunteer
C Donna Martin C Fatima DeC.

5.30pm L Volunteer C L School Mass
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Eucharistic Ministers
9.00am Suzanne O'Hara Chloe Williams
10.30am Carol Tomic Priyanka/ Tilak DeL
5.30pm Francis Loughran School Mass

Welcoming Ministry
9.00am Laurie McGrath. Kath Cassar
10.30am Nora Pretto Bernadette R.
5.30pm Marguerite L School Mass

** St Vincent de Paul Society East St Kilda Conference – Report : During February SVDeP helped 103 adults and children with food to the value of $4000, paid utility bills ($100) and provided education assistance, including purchase of books and uniforms($2221).
The Conference needs new members.
Please ring Les 9510 2222 if you can help.

See Board

Prayer Service in Solidarity with Refugees
Asylum Seekers - Palm Sunday 13 April 2014 1.00 - 1.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral E.Melb.

Walk for Justice 13 April 2pm State Library, Cnr Swanston & LaTrobe Streets Melbourne

Truth Justice and Healing Council
Newsletter advises forum 19 March Ballarat. Chaired by Justice Peter McClellan, it will provide a way for interested individuals and community groups in Ballarat to engage with the Commission.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
(Year A)

First Reading  
Genesis 12:1-4
The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.
‘I will bless those who bless you; I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.’
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R.  Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading  
2 Timothy 1:8-10
With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but of his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  
Mt 17:5
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel  
Matthew 17:1-9
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.
As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Dear parents & young footballers,

Learn the various skills of AUSSIE RULES FOOTY in a SAFE, structured, exciting and professional environment with KIDSKICK and ST. KILDA CITY JUNIOR FC.

We foster a passion for the skills and the game. There is NO TACKLING or rough play permitted. Instead the focus on skill development, at all age and ability levels, is nurtured. Respect for teamwork and a modified rules framework encourages fairplay and self confidence, which builds courage and the opportunity to fulfill potential.

Each 60 min session has been designed and streamed, with small groups, to develop skills and game concepts. Led by qualified instructors, lessons feature warm-up stretches, skills drills, concept games and a 15 minute quarter of modified FOOTY where EVERYONE gets a go.

Registration and Enquiries

TUITION FEE = $110 (Discounts apply)
Phone Dino: 0413 172 136 or email macmam@bigpond.net.au
KIDSKICK starts SATURDAY May 3 @ 9am or 10am at A.C (Wattie) WATSON oval in ELWOOD (Mel 67C5) end of HEAD ST, and runs over 8 Saturdays in TERM 2.