From the Principal’s Desk:

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Brigitte O’Shea our Year 10 teacher who graduated from Australian Catholic University last Thursday.

**Mother’s Day**

I hope that all Mothers had a lovely day yesterday. Thank you to the Year 3 Mothers who coordinated and organised the Mother’s Day Stall last Wednesday. They were certainly ‘run off their feet’ with the buying requests from the students. I have included at the end of this section a prayer for mothers to help all of us focus on the importance that mothers place in our lives.

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## NEWSLETTER

**Volume 17 – Issue 7**

**Monday 12th May, 2014**

**Principal** Gerard Lewis  
**Admin Officer** Erica Nastopoulos  
**Office Assistance** Robbie Bartlett

**Parish Priest** Fr Barry Moran

**Teachers**

- **Year P**: Gabrielle Berends  
- **Year 1 J**: Therese John  
- **Year 2 C**: Matt Callery  
- **Year 3 F**: Ben Fahey  
- **Year 4 M**: Maureen McDonald  
- **Year 5 T**: Freda Tahtouh  
- **Year 6 M**: Samantha Malin

**Library**

- Anna Borella

**Phys Ed (Junior)**

- Chris Kidman

**Support**

- Eleanor Colaneri (Years 3F & 2O)

**Number Intervention**

- Anna Side

**Library Tech**

- Dianne Pavlou

**Teacher Notes**

- Reading Recovery
- Italian
- Phys Ed (Senior)
- Support
- Support
- Artist in Residence
- Catherine LeHunt (Yr 1J & 4M)

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St Mary’s Parish
I extend an invitation to all parents within the Parish School Community to assist and support in the life and work of St Mary’s Parish. Please contact me by phone or email if you would like to help out.

Our Pupil Free Day on Faith Inquiry
Last Monday, Ben Fahey, Ruth Crispin and Claire O’Dowd led our teachers through an introductory day on Faith Inquiry. Each session that they led, helped us to focus on the change that we are now making to our Inquiry Units. Every Unit now commences from a faith perspective rather than a general life perspective. The first session that we completed allowed us to define what Faith Inquiry means at St Mary’s. Our new definition for Faith Inquiry is “Catholic Faith Based Inquiry creates an environment where students and adults make connections between Faith and Learning in all areas of the curriculum”.

Cross Country Training
Thank you to Matt Ottobre who is training the Year 3 to Year 6 students in Cross Country. It was wonderful to see over 60 enthusiastic children participate in the training last Thursday morning from 8:00am at Alma Park.

National Assessment Program for Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Years 3 and 5 students participate in the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. We wish all of these children the best of luck.

School Reports
Mid-Year School Reports will be sent home on Friday 20th June. There are some changes to the reports for this Term. Whilst the reports will be similar in length to previous reports, the main change is that the specialist teachers will also have a more personalised comment. To further assist with the reporting process we will be having Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 26th June from 1:30pm – 8:00pm. Classes on that day will conclude at 1.00pm.

After Hours School Care
We welcome Sharn who is the new coordinator of Before and After Care to St Mary’s. The program is now situated back on the main campus, in the Berchmans Centre kitchen, the playground and during inclement weather the library. A reminder that all parents whose children attend this program must complete an Enrolment Form before they start attending the program. The program will stay on the main campus until we have access to the Parish Hall in Semester 2.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

Prayer for Mothers

Lord of Life we are grateful for the gift of mothers and all those who take on the role of mothering and nurturing.

You have chosen them for us. They have shared with us not only life and wisdom, but many gifts and talents as well.

We are indeed homemade. Our mothers brought us into life and we have sensed and felt through them the history and tradition that lies at the heart of our family.

We ask that those who guided our early steps and called forth our hidden talents, maybe richly regarded by You.

In the long tradition of holy Mothers: Sarah, Rebekah, Hannah, Rachel, Anne and Mary may our mothers be blessed today by your faithful love and kept safe by your grace and protection.

Show us Life giving God, how we can express our gratitude, love and care for our mothers and for all the wonderful women who have cared for us and who have given so much of themselves to us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen
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.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENT FOR 2014
All Year 6 students have received an “Application Enrolment Form” for Secondary School. This Form needs to be completed and returned to the school by Thursday 22nd May. If you have any question please see Erica at the office.

RE NEWS - PRAYER
Thank you to the mothers, grandmothers and special women who were able to attend today's Paraliturgy. Thank you also goes to the children who read and sang so beautifully, and to Trina Pitcher (Penny and Archie) and Phillippa Grogan (Anais) who shared their experiences of motherhood. We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Claire O’Dowd – RE Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING
Crazy Hair Day - This Friday 16th May
Bring a Gold Coin for Charity
This Friday 16th May we will have Crazy Hair Day. This idea has come from The Student Representative Council wanting to raise money for people less fortunate than themselves. This week the group will decide which organization they will give their gold coin to. The children can go as crazy as they want with their hair. We look forward to seeing the crazy styles.

Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 23rd May 2014
Port Phillip Council is encouraging all local primary schools to get involved as building regular walking into daily routines is a great way for children to get the exercise they need. Walking more regularly will also decrease motor vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars. Mark the date in your diaries because once again St Mary's families are encouraged to get involved. Walk, ride scoot or catch public transport. We are looking forward to everyone making a great effort.

Therese John – Student Wellbeing Leader

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Cross Country
Students in Years 3 to 6 will participate in the Holt Cross Country event on Friday 23rd May.

Interschool Sports
Year 5 & 6 students will compete in the Winter Interschool Sport Competition on Fridays.

Netball Lightning Premiership
Year 5 & 6 students will compete in Netball Lightning Premiership on Thursday 19th June.

Football Lightning Premiership
Years 5 & 6 students will compete in Football Lightning Premiership on Friday 20th June.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Thanks to the parents who are adding the books and showing such an interest in their children's reading. Please remember to keep adding books consistently so it is not a mammoth task at the end!

Book Fair
Our May Book Fair commences on Tuesday 27th May and will be held for 3 days. The students look forward to the fair as I am sure all the families do. I am looking for volunteers to help during the week, setting up and taking down, selling etc. If you can help out please fill in the note or come and see me.

Library Help
Thank you to mums who have been covering books this Term. We have also been fortunate to have some CBC boys help out each Wednesday. If anyone else would like to come and volunteer in the library, or take books home for covering, please come and see me. You can come in at 9am or 3pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday to do some organising of books and shelves etc. Always lots to be done!!! Happy Reading!

Mrs Anna Borella (Librarian)
VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Last Term, Year 3 & 4 students created colourful Textiles for group Wallhangings. These will soon be on display around the school. After being inspired by a mini Pop-Up World Textiles Exhibition in each of their classrooms, they examined articles including Hilltribe Hand-Dyed Embroideries from Vietnam, embroidered and appliqued items from India, a sequinned vest (featuring fantastic elephants) from Burma, a padded applique Felt wallhanging from Peru, beadwork made by Bedouin women from the Sinai Desert and even a printed/embroidered Souvenir of Palestine (almost 100 years old), which was made for Anzac troops from the First World War. The children enjoyed trying on some of the garments, handling different textures & looking at the intricacies of the handwork displayed. We discussed the origins of different fibres for making cloth e.g. plants such as flax for linen, cotton as well as wool from sheep and camels etc and silk from worms. We learned that a long time ago, a Frenchman made silk gloves from spider webs, but was not successful because the spiders kept eating each other! Interestingly, unusual fibres such as bark are used by some Pacific Islanders and African cultures to make clothing & mats etc. We looked at the use of natural materials historically used to decorate fabrics such as seeds, shells, feathers, iridescent beetle shells and porcupine quills as well as threads & those things we are accustomed to using today (beads, sequins, buttons etc). Congratulations to all the students who, without exception, were enthusiastic, imaginative and tenacious. They persevered with stitches which were difficult, eventually mastering them to create patterns and textures with rich colour combinations. The variety was amazing, each student's design being unique. Stitching is beneficial for fine motor skills, problem-solving, estimation, creative decision-making and developing patience. AND, as one student said to me, “You never know when it will come in handy for sewing on buttons and things like that”! Thank you to all those students who wrote and illustrated such heart-warming letters of appreciation to me. I hope they will all continue to experiment with the medium of Textiles in the future.

What's On:
Aztecs @ Melbourne Museum, 9th April - 10th August at The National Gallery of Victoria - both the International and Australian sites have some great Kids Programs. Check their websites.
The Dreamworks Exhibition, ACMI, Federation Square (featuring paintings, sketches, videos and models from their impressive animations, such as Shrek, Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar, The Prince of Egypt etc)

Happy creating, Robbie Bartlett

LUNCH ORDERS – MONDAYS

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SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
Our experienced School Counsellor, Fiona 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 specifically tailored to the 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 ten individual sessions as well as ten 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.

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

OUR RECAP
Super big week last week, with some very creative 'rock people' being created, a downball tournament, a musical statues dance-off (thanks to Matthew for some very impressive dance moves) and some extremely tall block towers. We'll have photos of those up soon.

As always, there's been many a morning of Uno, warm-your-body-up soccer and gorgeous drawings.

We've made some changes to our afternoon snacks - with the introduction of more vegetables and hummus and the removal of some packaged crisp-breads. The celery, cucumber and carrot sticks are disappearing in a flash, so we think the kids are giving it the thumbs-up! If you have any ideas about healthy snacks you’d like to see at after school care, we'd love to hear them.

Just a quick note on bookings: There have been a couple of days where we've had 8-10 extra children that weren't booked in after school. As you'd know, we're very careful at Extend to ensure we have the right adult to student ratio. Surprise bookings make that difficult so if you do remember (on the way to work, or as you're running out the door) please give our office a call on 1300 366 437 and they'll add your child to the roll and make sure to send out the right number of staff. - Sharn

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

BULLYING
Prevention and coping skills for children and their parents
Examination of 23 prevention skills and 10 coping skills to empower you and your children

Wednesday 4 June at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Location: Rosstrevor Hall, Brighton Grammar Old Middle School, entrance off Allee St, opposite the new Middle School and the Girrawheen Chapel

Presenter: Melissa Anderson – Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER for boys, resilience coach, counsellor, pharmacist

Cost: Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed

Bookings: 9592 4948

Melissa Anderson
Director and Tutor Counsellor

9592 4948
SHINE Academy for Girls
http://www.shineacademy.com.au
LONGFORD & FRASER Leadership Academy for Boys
http://www.longfordandfraser.com.au
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 3 Class Reps (Narelle and Kath) for co-ordinating and organising the amazing Mother’s day stall. They were literally run of their feet with eager students buying that special gift for their mums and some for their grand-mums. There was much excitement, particularly for the junior students, in decorating their paper bags to place their mother’s day gifts in. The Year 3 parents/guardians efforts were rewarded with seeing the priceless joy on the student’s faces as well as making an awesome return on the Stall.

_The Year 3 Mother’s Day Stall raised $1674.75_

Another thank you to the Year 3 Class Reps (Narelle and Kath) who co-ordinated and organised Phillippa’s Home Baking cookery book just in time for Mother’s day! A total of 30 books were sold. Happy reading to the lucky mothers who received this as their gift; it may come in useful for making cakes for your year’s cake stall event! 😊

We would like to extend a special thank you to Phillippa for her ongoing support to St Mary’s; it is greatly appreciated.

_We hope you all had a Happy Mother’s day_

Mother’s Day Book Sale raised $450

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 2: May 2014

_The Year 6 Cake Stall is organised for Friday 16th of May at 3.00pm._ Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year 6 parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

P&F Committee Meeting
Mark your diaries for the third P&F Committee meeting for 2014. It will be held on _Thursday 15th May at 7.00pm at the Berchmans Centre_. A kindly reminder that all parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

_The St Mary’s P&F main social event of the year is coming._ Mark your diaries, organise baby sisters and get ready for “Junofest Trivia Night” at the German Club (the Tivoli), St Kilda East on _Friday 20th June at 7.00pm._

Be on the lookout for the “Junofest Trivia Night” forms so that you can purchase your tickets. We are also asking for your generous donations that can be sold at the silent auction as well as made up into hampers for prizes on the night. Your Class Rep will be in contact this week with more details regarding ticket sales and donations.

2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000

_We are approaching the way mark!_

_$7,289.30_
**St Mary’s Parish**
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Rev. Barry Moran PP  
Bernadette Milne Pastoral Worker  
Tel: 9510 7744  Fax 9510 5607  
email: stmarya_estk@optusnet.com.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

**DIARY**
- **Cuppa following 9.00am Sunday Mass in Pottery Room.** **All welcome.**
- **Second Tuesday of the Month** – Community Lounge 7.30 – 8.00pm St Vincent De Paul

**11 May 2014**

**Feastday**
- **Wednesday 14 May** – St Matthias Apostle

**Readings Next Sunday**
- **Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A** Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-5, John 14:1-12

**Hymns**

| Entrance | 1 |
| Gloria | 8 |
| Responsorial Psalm | 11 |
| Presentation of the Gifts | 3 |
| Eucharistic Acclamation | Christ has Died |
| Communion | 10 |
| Recessional | 2 |

*Today we use Hymn Sheets*

We pray for John Allen, Gwen Hardraves and April Fry who died recently and for Nicola Iaconis whose anniversary we recall.

**Thanksgiving Last 2 Sundays** $659, $425 and Eastertime $1348 Many Thanks - Caritas Project Compassion $1272 and $548 (St Mary’s PS)

23-25 May Trailblazing Walk Fundraiser 9385 0111 Mary Collier Event Manager.  

**Southern Stars Social Club** Enjoy the friendship at a **Party Night** for single Catholics in the 28 – 60 Group. Benedict House 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood. 24 May 8pm - $13 includes lucky door prizes and supper. Enquiries Peter 9885 2167(AH)

**Mercy Ships Australia** [www.mercyships.org.au](http://www.mercyships.org.au) Since 2003, volunteer surgeons have performed more that 2,680 procedures to correct obstetric fistula. See Request and Suggested Fundraising (Luncheon or Dinner with a Mother’s Day theme.) Event – Host registration 1300 739 899

**May at Brigid’s Well Rear 39 Stanhope Street Malvern (Parking - only those spaces along Menzies Wall) –See Leaflet 9509 7906**

Contemplative Prayer or Needlework or Tai Chi for Arthritis just some of the offerings $5 or $10 session costs.

**May Sundays:** Mass Attendance “Count” Men Women and children for submission Administration Melbourne Archdiocese

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**Readers**
- **11 May**
  - 9.00am L Sr Diana Gabel  
  - C Fred Purocell  
  - 10.30am L Justin Barry  
  - C Donna Martin  
  - 5.30pm L Andrew Higgins  
  - C Gus Higgins

- **18 May**
  - L Pat Casaliz  
  - C Pat O’Shannessy  
  - L Volunteer  
  - C Fatima D'Cruz  
  - L Peter Saviniski  
  - C Lynda Saviniski

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- 9.00am Irene Morais  
- 10.30am Les Marmo  
- 5.30pm France Gontier

**Welcoming Ministry**
- 9.00am Clare Lonergan  
- 10.30am Volunteer  
- 5.30pm Volunteer

*We welcome Fr. Bruce Duncan CSsR Celebrant at our Masses today.*

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**Mothers Day Prayer**

Loving God,  
As a mother gives life and nourishment to her  
children, so you watch over your Church.  
Bless these women, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian mothers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine  
forth. Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor them all with a spirit  
of respect and love. Amen

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**Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal** – Next Sunday 18 May 2014 – for The Melbourne Archbishop’s Charitable Fund towards such Catholic Ministries as Seafarers while in port here.  
The Development Office of the Archdiocese invites Purchase of Melbourne Entertainment Book or Digital membership version $65 with 20% going to the Fund when you reference Melbourne Archbishop’s Charitable Fund when you take out membership.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.


Ps 22:1-6

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.
   Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
   If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
   You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults, and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10
Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:
‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe; he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

Gospel of the Lord.