NEWSLETTER
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Year 4M  Maureen McDonald
Year 5T  Freda Tahtouh
Year 6M  Samantha Malin
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Support  Eleanor Colaneri (Years 3F & 20)
Number Intervention  Anna Side
Library Tech  Dianne Pavlou

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From the Principal’s Desk:

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lisa McCarthy and her partner Jonathan who are expecting their first child later in the year. We wish Lisa the best of health over the next few months.

Sad News
Our condolences are extended to Scott Waterson (our Piano teacher) for the death of his father over the weekend and to Lara Paul whose grandmother passed away.

160 Years of Catholic Education in St Kilda
On Sunday 15th June we will be celebrating 160 Years of Catholic Education in St Kilda with a Parish Mass at 10:30am. Hopefully the three schools connected to the Parish, Christian Brothers College (CBC), Presentation College Windsor (PCW) and St Mary’s will participate together in this celebration. We extend an invitation for all families to attend this important Mass.
St Mary’s Parish
Thank you to the parents who have spoken to me about participating more in the 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.

School Reports
Mid-Year School Reports will be sent home on Monday 23rd June (not on Friday 20 June as I previously mentioned). 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. Extend will be open from 1:00pm on this Thursday for students who are enrolled and attend the After Hours School Care.

Cross Country Holt District
Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Interschool Cross Country last Friday. Thank you to Matt Ottobre and Jenny Avon for their assistance with the early morning training. It was wonderful to see over 60 enthusiastic children participate in the training each Thursday morning from 8:00am at Alma Park.

Car Parking
I have been advised by the Owners Corporation of Ardoch Village Green (situated next door to the school on Dandenong Rd) and the block of flats next to the school in Westbury Street that parents dropping off and collecting their children from St Mary’s are parking within the gates of these two premises in the visitors car spaces. These spaces are private property and these parents are trespassing. I ask that you cease this action immediately. Please park in the allocated areas within St Mary’s. I have included a map of the allocated area to remind you of the correct parking areas.

St Mary’s Primary School App
On Thursday 15th May Ben Fahey launched the new St Mary’s School App. Our new App will help keep our students, families and the broader school community connected and up to date with all the latest information about St Mary’s. The app can be downloaded on all smart phones (IPhone & Android) and also on any hand held device. Follow the links on the school website to download the App.

I hope you all 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENT FOR 2015
If you haven’t returned your “Application Enrolment Form” for Secondary School, please complete and return to the school as soon as possible. If you have any question please see Erica at the office.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Thursday 26th June (1:30pm – 8:00pm)
Notes regarding the times available will be sent home soon. All parents are expected to come along and have an up-to-date report on how their child is progressing. Teachers will have your child’s work and their assessments available on the day. Children must attend their relevant interview. Classes on that day will conclude at 1.00pm.

LOST PROPERTY
There are currently many items in the lost property tub (located in the office foyer). If you are missing any item/s of clothing please come and have a look in the tub. All school items which are not collected by Thursday 19th June will be put into the second hand uniform cupboard and all non-school items not collected will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Lost property items include – school Jumpers, school windcheaters, school hats, school sports t-shirts, jackets, scarves, bathers, goggles, drink bottles, wallets, runners, thongs, socks, casual clothes, towels, sunglasses and hair ties.
SCHOOL UNIFORM
Could all parents please check that your child is wearing their own School Jumper? We have had several children who have lost their jumpers.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Netball Lightning Premiership
Year 5 & 6 students will compete in the Netball Lightning Premiership on Thursday 19th June.
Football Lightning Premiership
Years 5 & 6 students will compete in the Football Lightning Premiership on Friday 20th June.

RE NEWS - PRAYER
Confirmation
Preparation for Confirmation has begun in the classroom. On Sunday 15th June at 10.30am, the Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary’s Parish. At Mass, the candidates will be presented to the Parish community and the Parish community will be asked to support the candidates as they take the next step in their faith journey. It is important that the candidates publicly acknowledge what they are undertaking and we ask for your support in this matter. This special occasion has been scheduled to coincide with the Parish’s 160th Anniversary Mass, so we hope to see you all there.

On Tuesday 17th June at 6pm the children will be participating in a Confirmation workshop with Helen Carboon from the Presentation Family Project. They will unpack the Confirmation Ceremony to discover how it is lived out in their day-to-day experiences and situations.

The celebration of the children’s Confirmation will take place on Sunday 27th July at 10.30am Mass. Bishop Peter Elliott will confer the Sacrament. He is yet to confirm a time when he will visit the candidates at school, but is expected to do so in the first week of Term 3.

Please ensure you complete your Confirmation Card details and return to Miss Crispin before Monday 23rd June.

Finally, if anyone knows where to buy some pure lemon essence, could they please come and see me or leave their details in the office. We are looking for a 1L container to be used for the Mass of Confirmation.

Claire O’Dowd – RE Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING
Make A Wish Foundation
Friday 16th May the children came to school with Crazy Hair. They bought a gold coin donation to donate to the Make A Wish Foundation. We raised $320.00. Each year more children are diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions, which means the demand for Make-A-Wish continues to increase. They need our support to ensure that they continue to grant amazing wishes to as many seriously-ill children who reach out to them. Well done to the Student Representative Council who led this fund raiser.

Well Done Jemima
Last Monday 19th May Jemima Kavanagh received a bike from Councillor Huxley from The City of Port Philip for the wonderful bike model she created last Term for Ride to School Day. Well done Jemima and thankyou to Port Philip Council for the wonderful support and encouragement they give us on these special Walk and Ride to School Days.

Walk to School Day
Walk to School Day was last Friday. This was another wonderful effort from our school community. Thank you for leaving the car at home and walking, biking, scooting and using public transport. The children celebrated the morning with popcorn.

Therese John Wellbeing Leader

LIBRARY NEWS
Book Fair
Our May Book Fair commences this 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)
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 Incpetoli.

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 6 parents for hosting the cake stall last Friday. The array of yummy cakes continues with eager children (and parents) lining up to get their fair share. Funds raised by the Year 6 cake stall goes directly towards the Year 6 graduation fund. They have now raised $1927.10 towards their goal. The Year 6 Cake Stall raised $1010.85

Thank you to the Class Reps and parents who attended the last P&F Committee meeting. They were privileged to the unveiling of the new St Mary’s Smart phone App. Ben Fahey demonstrated the various information sharing features of the app and those in attendance were excited to download it onto their smart phones. It’s a free app that is compatible with iPhones and androids. Download yours today so you don’t miss out on school notifications.

Junofest Trivia Night Tickets are now on sale for Junofest Trivia night St Mary’s P&F main social & fundraising event of the year. The ticket order forms were sent with your children last Friday. Make sure they pass it on to you so that you don’t miss out on the fun. If you do not have the form, you can ask your Class Rep or the P&F Management Committee for a copy.

A donation letter/form has also been sent along with the ticket order form. Any donations that can be used to create hampers or can be used for the silent auction will all be received with gratitude. All donations are to be left with Erica in the front office along with the completed donation forms so we can acknowledge all who have donated.

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

The Year Prep Cake Stall is organised for Friday 13th of June at 3.00pm. Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year Prep parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

P&F Committee Meeting
The fourth P&F Committee meeting for 2014 will be held on Friday 13th June at 9.15 am at the Berchman Centre Kitchen. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

The P&F main social fundraising night for the year: “Junofest Trivia Night” at the German Club (the Tivoli), St Kilda East on Friday 20th June at 7.00pm.

Get yourselves ready for a fun night out!

2014 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
We are approaching the half way mark!

$7,289.30
Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

OUR RECAP
Unseasonably lovely weather has meant we’ve been able to play outside every day. ‘Octopus’, downball and skipping continue to be popular and we’ve seen some new personal bests - congrats to Sofia whose latest record is 22 jumps and Evelyn who only managed 2 jumps on her first day but is now helping teach others how to jump!

Moonlight Basketball keeps us toasty on those colder nights, and the kids are doing a great job of teaching the leaders what the rules are!

A big thanks to all the parents who have been in touch when there’s been a change to attendance - it's really made a difference in the last week or so - we’ve been allocated a fourth assistant on days when there have been upward of 40 bodies because you’ve let us know who to expect. Thanks - Sharn

Winter School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you! Monday 23 June to Tuesday 15 July 2014*. We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Winter 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 13 June – book now to avoid disappointment. *Dates vary according to program

Do you have any warm winter coats or clothing your children no longer need?

St Kilda Mums needs your help to find 1000 coats for babies and children in need.

St Kilda Mums is a not-for-profit organisation run and staffed by volunteers, operating from our own warehouse in St Kilda.

We collect donations of nursery equipment and recycle cots, prams, bassinets, clothes and other baby essentials by cleaning and repairing them, and making sure they meet safety requirements.

We receive requests from Maternal Health Nurses and local charities on behalf of families in need. We then try to match our stock with what each family needs.

As you might guess, demand always exceeds supply. For this coat drive we aim to warm 1000 babies & children.

Now that the weather has begun to get chilly, there are many families who are not able to keep their babies and children warm, or allow them to play outside, due to an inability to afford warm winter clothes.

We would particularly love coats, but will gladly accept all warm clothing, hats, gumboots, gloves, scarves, etc.

Please also ensure they are freshly--washed, with no holes, rips or bad staining. A good guide is to think “would I give this to a friend”.

We are holding a collection of coats & warm winter clothing for St Kilda Mums at this school... please give to your child to bring to class with them.

St Kilda Mums e donate@stkildamums.org w www.stkildamums.org
DROP OFF AND PARKING DIRECTIONS FOR ST MARY’S SCHOOL

- Please keep the **ROUND-ABOUT** near the presbytery **CLEAR AT ALL TIMES** there is to be **no parking** or **dropping off** or **picking up** from this area.

- We ask that you observe the **5KM** limit at all times while in the driveway.

- The drive way is **ONE WAY ONLY**.

- The painted **ARROWS** indicate the direction of the traffic flow.

- **ENTER ONLY** from Westbury Street.

- **EXIT ONLY** onto Dandenong Road.

- The **PAINTED CROSSING** is the point at which you stop. Your child is then able to cross safely in front of your stopped car on the crossing or alight from the right hand side of the car straight in the drop off section. (Marked on the map)

- Cars are asked not to stop after the **CROSSING**. There is to be **NO** dropping children off after the painted crossing.

- If you need to spend anytime at your car unloading bags, hugging etc please **PARK** on the basketball courts in front of the Community Centre and walk over to the school using the crossing and the garden path.

- The **GARDEN** area is the only passage for pedestrians. The drive way is no longer accessible for walkers.

- Please keep to the paths at all times.

**PLEASE DO NOT WALK ON THE GRASS AT ANY TIME.**

FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND GENERAL EFFICIENCY OF TRAFFIC FLOW WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS
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
SHINE Academy for Girls http://www.shineacademy.com.au
LONGFORD & FRASER Leadership Academy for Boys http://www.longfordandfraser.com.au
St Mary’s Parish
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Reverend Barry Moran PP
Tel: 9510 7744 Fax 9510 5607
Bernadette Milne Pastoral Worker
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au

Times of Services:
Website: http://www.stmarysestk.org.au/
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

25 May 2014

 Feastday
Mon. 26 May St Philip Neri
Sat 31 May Feast of Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Sunday
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Hymns 9.00am & 5.30pm
Entrance: 1
Gloria 8
Gospel Acclam GA 141
Presentation of the Gifts 7
Eucharistic Acclam Christ has Died
Communion 10
Recessional 9

Today we use Hymn Sheets. Kindly take a copy of The Bell and A Hymn Sheet and return Hymn Sheet at end of Mass.

Remember in prayer Fr Julian Slatterie SJ and William Taylor please who died recently and Greg Juka, Lubomir Tomic, Vida Topic, Ivan Tomic and Doris Samuels whose anniversaries we recall.

Thanksgiving Sundays 11 May $1515, 18 May $1250. Many thanks.

June 13-15 Marriage Encounter Weekend
Marianne & Marcel 9733 0997

Truth Justice and Healing Council eNewsletter - “Catholic Church is now between Hearings... are working with the Royal Commission on their research project on child protection programs in schools.” In-service Day Queensland about issues develop proactive approaches to student protection - Sexting, Reporting sex abuse, ensuring children are heard.
http://truthjusticeandhealingcouncil.cmail3.com

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

Parishioners are invited to join with St James the Great, Anglican Parish at 435 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East Sunday 8th June 12.30pm for Prayers and a Light Luncheon. Fr Roger Kelly.

See Board
May at Brigid’s Well Rear 39 Stanhope Street Malvern (Parking – only those spaces along Menzies Wall) - Ph 508 7906 Mon 26 11am -12.45 Contemplative prayer, Sunday’s Scripture

Parish Update - News of the Melb Archdiocese
A Christian Response to Asylum Seekers T@P 3 June Pumphouse Hotel 0409 171 459 / St Joseph’s Primary School Korumburra Centenary Mass Celebrations 22 June 9.30am Natalie 0438 502 325 / 50 Years St Andrews Church, Simpson 13 July. / Catholic Book Club Friday May 30 Caroline Chisholm Library, 358 Lonsdale St Melb 0406 486 531.

Finishing Year 12? CROSS ROADS 2014 26th Nov - 8th Dec. ..experience will combine independence and work as well as allowing time for you to reflect on who you are. cam.org.au/youth

Jobs - Archdiocese Website HR
www.cam.org.au
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading  Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.
When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Responsorial Psalm  Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
R.  Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
1.  Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
    O sing to the glory of his name.
    O render him glorious praise.
    Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!
2.  ‘Before you all the earth shall bow;
    shall sing to you, sing to your name!’
    Come and see the works of God,
    tremendous his deeds among men.
3.  He turned the sea into dry land,
    they passed through the river dry-shod.
    Let our joy then be in him;
    He rules for ever by his might.
4.  Come and hear, all who fear God.
    I will tell what he did for my soul:
    Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
    nor withhold his love from me.

Second Reading  1Peter 3:15-18
Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation  Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel  John 14:15-21
Jesus said to his disciples:
‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody you receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.