Welcome Back
Welcome to Term 3, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Fr Barry Moran Celebrates 55 Years as a Priest
On Friday 24th July, Fr Barry Moran celebrates 55 Years of service to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Students from Years 5 and 6 will be celebrating Mass with him this Thursday at the 9:15am morning Mass alongside students from Christian Brothers College (CBC) and Presentation College. All parents of St Mary's are invited to join us at this celebration in acknowledging the wonderful work that Fr Moran has contributed to the Parishes of Melbourne.

Confirmation Sunday 26th July
This Sunday the Year 6 students will be celebrating their Confirmation with Bishop Elliott at the 10:30am Mass. We hope that they have a wonderful celebration.
Netball Lightning Premiership
Good luck to the Senior Year girls who will be representing St Mary’s tomorrow at the Beachside Winter Team playoffs. These girls won the Holt Netball Championships in Term 2.

Piano Donation
Thank you to the Mercurio family (Joe, Sam, Benito and Lucetta) who have donated to the school the use of their piano whilst they are living in Spain. The piano has been placed in the Parish Hall and will be used at various times by Scott and the piano students. We hope that the Joe, Sam and family have a wonderful time in Spain.

Juno Fest Trivia Night
Thank you to the School Wide Events Group (SWEG) who organised this year’s Junofest Event. It was great to see so many people attend the night and enjoy the trivia. It was another successful night and we thank all families who donated or organised the items for the Silent Auction.

School Improvement Surveys
Some families will be receiving this week a hard copy parent survey to complete about their perceptions of the school of St Mary’s. This questionnaire is completely different to the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey which many parents completed before the end of Term 2. The School Improvement Survey is conducted each year and asks students, staff and parents a number of key questions about the culture and development of the school. Your participation in the survey helps shape the ongoing improvement of our school for the students in our care. The survey will be available from today Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August. The Catholic Education Melbourne coordinates this process to support us in the collection of useful staff, student and parent opinion data. Our School Improvement Survey Report is an invaluable resource in an ongoing pursuit of improvement. This helps us to identify what is going well and not so well and ways in which we can improve and further develop our school. We would therefore greatly appreciate your continued support by completing the survey this year.

St Mary’s Holiday Program from Spring 2015
In further communication with Extend Pty Ltd, it is pleasing to announce that they will be launching a Holiday Program at St Mary's from Spring 2015. Extend’s Holiday Programs incorporate a variety of activities and games, including arts and craft, sports, science, cooking, team games, dance, theme days, and more.

Operating Hours: 8.00am - 6.00pm
Fees: $65 (an additional fee applies for incursions and excursions)
Pay between $14.78 - $32.50* (*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.)

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis - Principal

VISUAL ART SHOW
Thursday 17th September

SCHOOL UNIFORM
On these cold mornings some children have been coming to school in jackets and head wear that does not form part of the colours of St Mary’s. Please note the following:

The children are allowed to wear a navy jacket and/or navy gloves and head wear (beanie). This forms part of the Winter School Uniform, but will be optional.

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Any attire that is different to this does not form part of the uniform. A note must be given to the class teacher as to why the child/ren is not wearing the correct uniform and when this will be rectified.
SCHOOL FEES
Statements were sent home last week, a reminder that all school fees must be finalised by Wednesday 26th August, 2015. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will be processed on Thursday 30th July a minimum deposit of $10.00.

RE NEWS
On Sunday 26th of July twenty students from Year 6 along with 4 students from our parish will be Confirmed at the 10:30am Parish Mass. These students began their journey of faith at Baptism and are now ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which is the final Sacrament of Initiation in our Church. We call on the Holy Spirit to strengthen them and fill them with his love, as they complete their initiation as members of the Catholic Church.

Gospel Reading
Mark 6:30-34. Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Family Connection
Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up. Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in today’s Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer.

When you gather together as a family this week, bring your family calendar. Together review your family calendar and spend some time reflecting on your family activities. In particular, ask if your family has an appropriate amount of time for rest and relaxation. If not, discuss ways in which this time for renewal might be included in the week ahead. Read together Sunday’s Gospel, Mark 6:30-34. Notice how Jesus tried to find time and space for his disciples to rest and relax after they returned from their mission. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help us find time to renew ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Jesus. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

Maureen McDonald – Education In Faith Leader

LITERACY NEWS
We are having a Spellathon!
As part of Literacy and Numeracy Week from 31st August - 6th September, we will be having a Spellathon. This will be an exciting event to raise money for Literacy resources. It will also be a fun way to raise awareness for the importance of correct spelling of words and promote spelling as a skill to improve writing.

This is the way it will work:
1. Each student will be given a list of words to learn.
2. They will be asked to find sponsors who will promise to give them a certain amount of money for each word that is spelt correctly on the Spellathon Day.
3. On the day of the Spellathon the classroom teachers will test the students’ spelling words and record the number of words they got correct.
4. The money for each correct word will then be collected and brought to school.

There will be prizes for the student who raises the most amount of money from each class. A list of words, together with the sponsorship sheets, will be sent home in the next week or so. It will be up to the discretion of the sponsor as to how much they wish to donate for each correct word. We hope you will assist your child/children with the sponsorship forms and encourage them to learn their words so that they can participate in the Spellathon with a positive attitude. Thanks Everyone!

Paula Incretoli – Literacy Leader

LIBRARY NEWS
Chess Club
Our new Term has commenced and we again have many children participating. If you would like your child to join the club please go to the school office or come and see me.

Anna Borella – Librarian
ITALIAN NEWS - ITALIAN DAY
St. Mary's Community will celebrate the Italian language and culture through a variety of exciting activities.

Cardboard Boxes: In preparation for an activity, a number of large cardboard boxes are required for the children to make a racing car. If you have any large boxes, approximately 1 metre or more in length and 50-60cm in width, could you bring them to school for the children to use? Please leave them in the office.

Costume: The children are invited to create a costume with an Italian theme. They can dress as a Gondoliere, Sports player, Roman soldier, Swiss guard, Gelato, Pizza, Carnevale character, Baci chocolate, Formula One racing car driver, Musician, Monument, Scientist, Artist, Marco Polo, Pinocchio, Michelangelo, etc. Awards will be given for the children's creativity and initiative.

To begin the day, there will be performances by Year 5 and 6 students, a costume parade and singing in the School Hall from 9:05am until 10:00am. Parents are invited to attend. Later, the children will move into their groups and engage in a variety of activities with their teacher.

As a special treat, they will have the opportunity to savour a gelato, and/or a piece of pizza.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a great day! Signora Vozzo – Italian Teacher

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

Earn and Learn
Woolworths is once again offering the Earn and Learn Program. This program gives St Mary's the chance to earn new educational resources. We are not asking parents to change their shopping habits but if you do shop at Woolworths could you please collect the tokens and chart and when completed, please send them into school. We have been able to order some wonderful educational resources in past years.

Sex Education Sessions for Years 5 and 6 Families - Monday 31st August 7pm – 8:15pm
The Wonders of Living Family Enrichment Program has been booked for our Year 5 and 6 families. This is for both a parent and their child. You should have received a notice last week. Please fill out the attached form and send along $10.

Resilience
This Term we are concentrating on Resilience in the classroom. Please encourage your children to stay strong, bounce back and keep going through the tough times. It is so easy to give in when they are teary and feeling like their world is falling apart. If children work through a difficulty and face it, it makes them stronger and more able to deal with other tough times in the future.

Student Representative Council Members
This week the classes will be electing their new SRC representatives: a boy and girl. It is a very important role as these children represent their classes at regular meetings. They also co-ordinate special events. Please come along to the assembly on Monday 27th July at 3pm when we will present the new group with their badges.

Therese John – Student Wellbeing Leader

TERM 3 ART SHOW
In the last week of Term, we will be holding our exciting Art Show. All students are currently working in their classrooms to create an individual art piece that will be displayed during the show. Also, each class will create a collaborative piece for the show that will accompany the individual student works.

We invite all our families to join in by creating and submitting a family art piece for the upcoming show. The family piece may be a painting, drawing, sculpture, textile, print, collage or Papier Mache etc. Our Terms theme is 'Diversity', so you could discuss and explore diversity in the arts, cultures, landscapes, countries, ethnicities, plants, animals or environments. The choices are endless.

We look forward to seeing your diverse artistic contributions. Family art pieces can be delivered to the office on Friday the 4th of September. Please do not bring them in before this date. Thank you!

Ben Fahey – Community Leader
Parent & Friends Committee Update

Parents & Friends Mission Statement

Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fundraising events for additional educational resources for our children.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great break and are ready for another great Term.

Thank you to SWEG (School Wide Event Group) who co-ordinated and organised this year’s Junofest Event – the P & F’s main social and fundraising event.

The SWEG team members – Jane Leroi, Liz Varney, Lenka Vanderboom, Carolina Horky, Jessica Wall and Caroline McInroe; all pulled together to create this event. We congratulate them on a great team effort in making Junofest a great success.

We would also like to acknowledge some of SWEG supporters who played a major part in co-ordinating the event. To Cathy Kostolias for seeking donations from business, Narelle Ryan; Janelle Adams and their helpers for leading the hamper creation team; Dani Bauman for her fantastic art work in creating the Junofest flyer and vouchers; Sharyn Clarke and her team for managing the finances and the Silent Auction and to Trinity Farrell for her all round support.

This year we saw Funky Bunch Trivia returning to host the night. I think you would agree that the host – Ed Sheeran lookalike; was very entertaining and created a really fun night. We must also acknowledge and thank the Tivoli for welcoming St Mary’s back and incorporating our event into their busy member’s calendar.

Some of the feedback received:

"You guys did a great job on the decorations. It looks fabulous!!"
"Trivia Host is a lot better than last year"
"Had such a fun night and we went out later, which was great to do"
"Food was so good...really loved the cheese platters"
"What a success! Congratulations"

We sold 150 tickets and we had 96 donations from parents/guardians and friends of St Marys and the P & F committee proudly sponsored the teachers and staff for this event.

We would like to sincerely thank all following sponsors and parents/guardians who generously donated the amazing items for the Silent Auction.

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Everyone had a fantastic night! We are looking forward to next year’s event.

**The Junofest Trivia Night raised net profit of around $6353.46**

**The Year 6 Cake Stall Update** – This raised $1231.70, which will be held in trust by the P & F Committee and will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. Thank you again to the school community for their ongoing support.

**My School Raffle** - After last year’s successful involvement with the “My School Raffle” Fundraiser organised by Scouts Victoria, the Year 5 will be organising this year’s raffle tickets. Watch this space for more information. This year’s first prize is a Toyota Prius C Hybrid valued at $29,033!

**Call for expression of interest**: The P & F Management Committee (two positions) and the P & F Treasurer position will become available at the end of this year. If you are interested in coming on board please contact either Bernie Curtis (Bernie@curtis.org.au) or George Dellas (george@in-focus.com.au) for more information. Ideally we would like those interested in filling one of these positions to raise their interest as soon as possible so we can transition you into the role over the next 6 months.

**P & F Calendar of Events for Term 3: July/August 2015**

**The Year 5 Cake Stall is organised for Friday 31st July at 3.00pm.** Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year 5 parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day!
P & F Committee Meeting: The fourth P & F Committee Meeting for 2015 will be held on Thursday 6th August at 7.30pm at the Berchman Centre. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Footy Day is organised by the Foundation parents/guardians for Friday 14th August. Watch this space for more detail.

2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000

We reached our target 😊
Let's see how far we can go!

$15,286.88

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Our Recap
A big welcome back to all the parents and students that use after care! We’re looking forward to the new term, and its set to be an interesting one, as plans to move our after school care room across the road to the newly refurbished hall are moving steadily forward. More news to come on this in future newsletters.

The term has only just started, and unfortunately the weather has not been in our favour, but this has not stopped us exploring some of the science of propulsion with our home made balloon rockets and balloon powered hovercraft. Taking inspiration from the bad weather we have had a good chance to look at the weather and ask our students to answer the question “why does it rain anyway?”

Next week is set to be a lot more favourable weather-wise (fingers crossed) hopefully we will be able to get outside and get involved in some team games to keep us warm through the cold afternoons. Craft activities with a rainforest theme should allow us an opportunity to escape some of the Melbourne weather in our minds at least.

Josef, Team Leader

Important Note
Can I also remind parents to cancel bookings when the child is booked to come, but is instead being picked up or is unwell on the day. Feel free to call the service mobile phone on 0405 268 126 to let me know by leaving a message. Thank you.

Our Extend Superstar .... Elisa Leyva-McEnroe Still coming to aftercare and getting involved despite having an injured leg.

Activities for this week:
Monday 20 July: Stuffed Snakes
Wednesday 22 July: Rainforest scavenger hunt
Friday 24 July: Making clouds

Tuesday 21 July: Basketball / Soccer
Thursday 23 July: Trees and Vines

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

ENROL NOW FOR GUITAR LESSONS AT ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST MARYS Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Guitar Lessons to students who are interested in learning this instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School).

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office. You can also enrol online from the above website address.