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NEWSLETTER
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**Teachers**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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<td>Thursday 17th December</td>
<td>End of Term – Student's breakup at 1pm</td>
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After Care is available until 6pm, booking is essential

2016 Term 1 Commences
Thursday 28th January 2016 School Begins 8:55am

**From the Duty Principal’s Desk:**

**Eucharist**

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday: Zaki Angel, Sam Dormer, Pablo Williams, Liam Fay, Ava Juste, Lulu Lie-Olsen-Phillips, James Lloyd-Smith, Brandon McMahon, Matt Weisz, George Pantozopoulos and Nicolo Nardar. We hope that they had a wonderful day. Thank you to Fr Barry Moran who celebrated Eucharist with them.

**Leave – Gerard Lewis**

Mr Lewis is currently on Study Leave from Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October. I will be replacing him during that time.
Google Apps for Education @ St Mary's
Thank you to all the families who have returned their forms. If you haven’t returned your form please do, as soon as possible. The students and teachers will have their accounts created in the coming weeks. The learning benefits and collaborative tools that this platform presents will enhance student learning and the way we use technology. Exciting times ahead.

The Year 4 children enjoying their first look at a Chromebook.

Twilight Sports – Thursday 29th October
Our Annual Sports Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 29th October from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at Alma Oval. The school will not close at 1:00pm like last year. However if you wish to pick your children up earlier on that day and give them a rest before the carnival, you are more than welcome to do so. To help us plan for the afternoon learning sessions could you please complete the attached form if you wish to pick your child/ren up earlier on this day and return to their classroom teacher by as soon as possible.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Ben Fahey – Deputy Principal

PUPIL FREE DAYS – Term 4
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
&
FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER
No school for students

SUNSMART POLICY – SUMMER UNIFORM
All children should now be wearing their Summer Uniform. HATS are compulsory this Term, only the school hat is to be worn. Sunscreen is provided in the classrooms.

SCHOOL FEES
A friendly reminder if you currently have outstanding school fees please finalise as soon as possible. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

RE NEWS
Congratulations to the eleven students who received the sacrament of First Eucharist for the first time on Sunday. Thank you to Ben Fahey, Simon Raines, Eleanor Colaneri and Bernadette Milne for their generosity of time and for their thorough sacramental preparation of the students: Zaki Angel, Sam Dormer, Pablo Williams, Liam Fay, Ava Juste, Lulu Lie-Olsen-Phillips, Brandon McMahon, Matt Weisz, George Pantozopoulos, Leo Dinelli, Nicolo Nardari.

Gospel Reading - Mark 10:46-52
Sunday’s Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer.

As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. Then read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:46-52. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don’t permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God. Pray prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers. Respond to each petition, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on us.”

Maureen McDonald – Education In Faith Leader
Well Done on all the children who have walked throughout the month of October. I am sure you feel healthier. This is an interesting article to reflect upon.

Intelligence or persistence- which would you choose?
Submitted by: 23 April

Imagine at the birth of your child you are given a choice between bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your baby which would you choose? Take your time and think about it! Your choice will make a profound difference. It will impact heavily on your child’s success at school, their future levels of achievement levels and eventually income levels as an adult. Smarts or persistence? What would you choose? If you chose persistence then you are on the money. You are giving your child a significant leg-up for future success. This is the finding of the ground-breaking research into factors determining children's achievement levels by Professor Charles Desforges from the University of Exeter in the UK. Desforges found that the greatest individual characteristic that determined children's success at school was persistence. It was number one by far. In fact, persistence was a staggering seven times more significant than intelligence as a determinant of a child’s achievement.

SEVEN TIMES!! THAT'S HUGE!!
Now the good news is that as I wrote in my book Thriving! Persistence is not merely an inborn trait. It is the one aspect of a child's temperament that can be impacted by people. Desforges found that parents, rather than teachers, are the people most likely to impact on a child’s persistence. This is consistent with many other studies in the area. What does a persistent child do?

Persistent kids do the some or all of the following:
- They stick at task until the end.
- They set goals and work toward them.
- They generally focus on tasks and are not easily distracted.
- They don't let failure stop them.
- They are more likely to take risks as learners.
- They can be seen as stubborn or unwilling to bend.

There are heaps of ways you can encourage your child to persist. But the BIG strategies all revolve around MODELLING, ENCOURAGEMENT and VOCABULARY.

As a parent think how you:
1. Model persistence on a daily basis so your child sees what persistence is
2. Actively foster and promote persistence so your child sees it is possible
3. Develop a vocabulary about persistence that your child hears routinely so that persistence becomes part of your child’s frame of reference.
4. Catch your kids being persistent. Make a fuss when your child sticks at a task regardless of their success so they know that it is something you value.

For more ideas to help you build resilience and persistence in your kids visit www.parentingideas.com.au

Therese John - Student Wellbeing Leader

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
Our last fair for the year is to be held this week. It will be a great time to buy Christmas gifts as well as supporting the school.

Dates: Tuesday 27th October - before and after school
       Wednesday 28th October - before and after school
       Thursday 29th October - before school only.

Thank you to all who have offered to help. More helpers welcome! See you there.

Helper Wanted
Anyone who can assist with covering books, please come and see me. You can take them home or cover them in the Library. Thanks.

Happy Reading Anna Borella (Librarian)
MASS TO CELEBRATE ST MARY’S PARISH FEAST DAY, SUNDAY 6th DEC

St Mary's Parish's patron is Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and so we celebrate our feast day each year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday, 8 Dec).

It is a special day for our parish so we celebrate the day with Mass (Sunday 6th December at 10.30am) followed by a picnic lunch under the magnolia trees in front of the Presbytery.

Everyone is invited to come along.

After Mass everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch to share. Tea and coffee, tables and chairs supplied.

Parent & Friends Committee Update

Parents & Friends 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 1 Class Rep Emma Wilson who with the support of the Year 1 parents/guardians hosted the first Cake Stall for Term 4. There was another great turn out on the day with a delicious range of baking from the Year 1 families. We appreciate the efforts of all involved which not only satisfied the taste buds but also resulted in a successful fundraising event.

What was different about this Cake Stall? You may have noticed, and for those parents/guardians who were not present, that the Cake Stall was divided into two parts; one section for the Foundation, Year 1 &Year 2 students, and another section for the Year 3 to Year 6 students. In order to avoid congestion and the younger students from getting overwhelmed with the crowds of people, it has been decided to create these two sections, which appeared to work well.

We would like to say thank you to Emma Wilson’s husband for creating and donating the signs for the cake stall so students and parents/guardians can clearly see where they need to line up, in an orderly fashion. Moving forward, we will continue to run the Cake Stalls in this way. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please let the P & F Management Committee know.

The Year 1 Cake Stall raised around $1000. We will, however, publish the exact amount in the next newsletter.

WE NEED YOU – P & F Committee Vacancies Update

We are still seeking expressions of interest for two parents/guardians to fill the two positions on the P & F Management Committee, which become available at the end of this year. If you are considering getting involved and are wondering what is involved with these conjoint roles below is a list of exciting and fulfilling things that you will be involved in:

This exciting and fulfilling conjoint role involves:

- Establishing the P & F calendar of events in consultation with the Principal
- Overseeing the P & F Committee and act as a go to for the Class Reps
- Convening the six P & F meetings that are scheduled over the four school terms
- Establishing P & F meetings agendas and draw up minutes for distribution
- Preparing the fortnightly P & F update for the school newsletter (all templates for this have been created – so it is easy to make them current for the school year it relates to)
- Liaise with the P &F Treasurer to ensure all invoices are paid and expenditure is minimised.
- Maintain and distribute Event Checklists to each Class Rep for their Year’s P & F event (which have all been written now)

Now that the P & F Management Committee has been established for the past two years, all the necessary templates, timelines and procedures are now in place to make it easy for these very important roles to be filled. The present P & F Management Committee will ensure that a smooth transition occurs for anyone who will support us in taking over these roles. We have worked tirelessly behind the scenes so that everything is in place for the handover so that all that needs
to co-ordinate and steer the P & F Committee through the designated timeline of events and offering support to the Class Reps where needed.

If you are interested in taking up one of these two roles and helping support the school in raising funds for our children please contact either Bernie Curtis (Bernie@curtis.org.au) or George Dellas (george@in-focus.com.au). With only about eight weeks left to the end of Term 4 please don’t hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.

**P & F Class Reps for 2016**

Now is the time to consider being a Class Rep for 2016. If you would like to be involved in this important role, please inform your intention to your current Class Rep, Ben Fahey or to the current P & F Management Committee, George Dellas or Bernie Curtis.

**Second Hand Uniform Stall for Foundation Families 2016 – A call for uniform donations:**

To welcome the new Foundation families for 2016 the P & F will be hosting another Second Hand Uniform Stall as part of the Orientation program for 2016 on Monday 30th November.

This stall is focussed on offering and selling the smaller sizes to new families. To ensure we have enough stock to sell could you kindly please forward any small sizes you have to the school for placement in the donation bins on junior and senior campuses. Thanking you all in advance for your support. We are accepting donations up until the 27th November so as to give us time to collate all donations.

**P & F Calendar of Events for Term 4: October & November 2015**

- **Twilight Sports Carnival & Year 6 BBQ** is organised for this **Thursday 29 October from 4pm**.

- **SWEG Planning Meeting Friday 20th November** at 9am to begin planning for 2016. All interested people are invited. Please RSVP SWEG – Co-ordinator, Jane Leroi on: marcel_leroi@hotmail.com

- **Year 4 hosted Cake Stall Friday 20th November** at 3.00pm

- **P&F Committee Meeting Thursday 26th November** at 7.30pm

**2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000**

The sky is our limit!

$18,356.58

**St Mary’s Slammers Basketball Team**

Congratulations to St Mary’s Slammers Basketball Team who won their Grand Final 21 to 18. Well done!
Tuesday 20th October 2015

St Mary’s Twilight Sports
Thursday 29th October
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Our Annual Sports Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 29th October from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at Alma Oval. We were concerned that we wouldn’t be able to have the sports then due to the closure of the oval for resurfacing. However we received notification last week from the City of Port Phillip that we can use the oval. We are very fortunate to be able to use the oval as it is still closed for public use at the moment.

Due to the late notice, school will not close at 1:00pm like last year. However if you wish to pick your children up earlier on that day and give them a rest before the carnival, you are more than welcome to do so.

To help us plan for the afternoon learning sessions could you please complete the attached form if you wish to pick your child/ren up earlier on this day and return to their classroom teacher by Monday 26th October?

Gerard Lewis
Principal

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St Mary’s Twilight Sports - Thursday 29th October
Early Pick-up

☐ Yes, I will be collecting my child/ren up earlier on the Sports Athletics Carnival held Thursday 29th October

Name Child: ___________________________ Year Level: ______

Name Child: ___________________________ Year Level: ______

Parent Signature: ________________________