CAFE- 20th November

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Students delinquent behaviour was reported at the school as a whole. Staff have been reminding students of the school policies and procedures. The students have been engaging in their learning and finding innovative ways to solve problems and engage with others. We have had a few notable achievements in the area of reading and maths. The students have been engaging in more active learning and applying what they have learnt to real life situations.

The school has been working on a number of initiatives to improve the learning outcomes for all students. We have been focusing on the areas of literacy and numeracy. The students have been engaged in a range of activities to improve their understanding of these areas. The teachers have been working closely with the students to identify areas of improvement and provide targeted support.

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St Mary’s Parish Primary School

School Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:45pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2016 Term 1 Commences

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Parking on the Basketball Courts at the Senior Campus on Tuesday and Thursday mornings
On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Kick a Football - Soccer clinics is now operating on the Basketball Courts at the Senior Campus before school. They will finish each morning just before the traffic starts to come in. I ask that you drive carefully on these mornings as there are more children in that area before school.

Foundation to Year 6 Swimming Program
Thank you to the parents who have been helping with the swimming program. It is certainly a great help to the teachers to have your assistance.

Pupil Free Day
A reminder that Friday 4th December is a Pupil Free Day.

End Of Year Events
The following activities have been organised:

Thursday 3rd December CBC, PCW and St Mary's joint Christmas Carols from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm on the front lawn of PCW Melbourne.
Thursday 10th December St Mary’s whole School Carols and disco/picnic night has been organised to commence at 6.00pm.
Monday 14th December A whole school celebration of the Year 6 Graduation Mass commencing at 6.00 pm.

Christmas Eve Parish Mass (Wednesday 24th December)
Our next Parish Mass will be on Wednesday 24th December (time still yet to be finalised). All families are invited to attend.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.
Gerard Lewis

PUPIL FREE DAYS – Term 4
FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER
No school for students

END OF YEAR EVENT

Thursday 10th December Whole School Carols & Disco Night 6pm
Monday 14th December End of School Year Mass 6pm
Our Mass is a celebration of the end of the year and Year 6 Graduation. All students must attend.

STUDENT BREAK-UP 2015

Thursday 17th December 1pm
Aftercare will be available from 1pm to 6pm, please do book you child in.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all school fees must be finalised as soon as possible. If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to contact Erica in the office.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the basket for any lost items of clothing by Friday 28th November. Please check that your child is wearing their own school jumper as we have had lots of jumper go missing.
RE NEWS

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 12:41-44

Jesus notices a poor widow’s offering and commends her great sacrifice.

Sunday’s Gospel leads us to think about our family’s contributions to our parish community, and other charitable organisations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. As you gather as a family, talk together about why it is important for us to share our resources with these organisations. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 12:41-44. Talk about what Jesus observes about the generosity of the poor widow. Discuss ways in which your family might reach out to support others. Conclude in prayer together asking God to help your family be generous like the poor widow in today’s Gospel. Pray together the prayer of Saint Francis.

**Maureen McDonald – Education In Faith Leader**

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**Library News**

** Helpers 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)*

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**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.

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**Year 3 - 6 Children Participated in First Aid Program**

*St. John’s First Aid Training* – (Written by Sasha -3R & Shayne -3F)

On Friday the 30th October, the students in Year 3 to 6 participated in a St. John’s First Aid program. We learnt all about safety, emergency procedures and who to call when in danger. We enjoyed doing role-plays and watching a power point about doing first aid. We are all now prepared if an emergency was to happen.
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 6 Class Rep Fil Litsas who with the support of the Year 6 parents/guardians hosted the Sports Carnival BBQ last Thursday evening. The new BBQ donated by the P & F Committee was well manned by the various Year 6 parents/guardian volunteers. There were many happy children and families who enjoyed the delicious sausages and other snacks on sale.

A great afternoon was had by all after a tremendous amount of effort was put in by Matt Ottobre, Chris Kidman and all the staff in organising the Twilight Sports event. All monies raised by the BBQ go directly towards funding the Year 6 Graduation. The final amount raised from the BBQ as well as the overall P & F fundraising amount that goes toward the Year 6 Graduation will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Year 1 Cake Stall Update
We can confirm that the Year 1 Cake Stall raised $1048. We would like to thank all the parents/guardians involved in making this such a successful fundraising event.

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:

- 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 done is 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 six 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: November 2015

SWEG Planning Meeting will now take place on Friday 13th 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. Come join us for our final P & F Committee meeting for the year which will be held in the Berchmans centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

Second Hand Uniform stall Monday 30th November at 2pm

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

The sky is our limit!

$18,404.58

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Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Activities for this week:

Monday 9th November - **Paddle pop boxes**
Wednesday 11th November - **Bubble mixture making**
Friday 13th November - **Jewellery making**

Tuesday 10th November - **Treasure hunt**
Thursday 12th November - **No bake cookies**

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!
Booking deadlines:
Book for December by Friday 27th November
Book for January by Monday 21st December

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

**PARENT PORTAL:** extend.com.au

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**METRO MUSIC RECITAL - AT ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL ST KILDA EAST**

This year’s Metro Music Recital will be held as follows:

**MONDAY 23rd November 2015 at 2.00pm**

All are welcome to attend and see these eager music students perform.

New Enrolments for 2016 are currently being accepted for LESSONS held at SCHOOL. Prep to Gr 6!

**Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 or Visit our website:** [www.metromusic.net.au](http://www.metromusic.net.au)
Christmas Carols on the Lawn

Thursday 3rd December, 2015
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
PCW Melbourne Front Gardens
BYO Picnic or purchase food from BBQ
BYO Chairs & Rugs
All Welcome