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NEWSLETTER
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Monday 4th May, 2015

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Teachers
- Year FF: Jacquie Fleming
- Year 1J: Therese John/Daniela Borgese
- Year 2B: Gabrielle Berends/Jane Davy
- Year 3F: Ben Fahey/Eleanor Colaneri
- Year 4M: Maureen McDonald/Catherine Le Hunt
- Year 5B: Claire Butson
- Year 6: Paula Incretolli/Daniela Borgese
- Library: Anna Borella
- Phys Ed (Junior): Chris Kidman
- Number Intervention: Anna Side
- Library Tech: Janelle Adams
- Teaching Assistance: Judith Dellar

Parish Priest: Freda Tahtouh/Catherine Le Hunt
- Year 10: Brigitte O'Shea
- Year 2M: Kate Morgan
- Year 3R: Simon Raines
- Year 4S: Stephanie Schultz
- Year 5M: Samantha Malin
- Reading Recovery: Clare Sabatino
- Italian: Carmela Vozzo
- Phys Ed (Senior): Matt Ottobre
- Artist in Residence: Robbie Bartlett
- Teaching Assistance: Shiny Pereira (Year FT)

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Term 2
- Monday 13th July: Term 3 Begins 8:55am

From the Principal’s Desk:

Foundation – Two Family Mass
Thank you to all the teachers and families who attended the recent Foundation to Year 2 Family Mass at St Mary's Church on Sunday 26th April. It was great that there was such a big attendance at the Mass.
Mother’s Day Stall
Our annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow and the Year 3 mothers have been busy organising the presents. Please allow your child to spend wisely at the stall. Last year some children brought excessive amounts of money. As this is the school’s second main emphasis on Mother’s Day, we hope that all children get a chance to enjoy their buying. We will be holding a Mother’s Day Liturgy next Monday at 2:45pm in the Church.

Faith Based Inquiry Learning
As part of our Faith Based Inquiry units, we will be using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to help deepen our focus on the Catholic Faith. At last week’s assembly I talked with the children on the first principle – Human Dignity. This principle is crucial for us at St Mary’s, as it is important that all of us as a community look out for others and treat everybody with respect. This principle also connects to our new school norm of being respectful for others.

As part of our work in Faith Based Inquiry we have developed our own Scope and Sequence for our Inquiry units. Each of the units is aligned closely with the Australian Curriculum. Our topics for 2015 are:

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National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Our Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests next week on Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. We wish them all the very best.

Pupil Free Day
On Friday 15th May we will be having a Pupil Free Day. On this day we will commence developing a new School Vision Statement. Patricia Bergin a Leadership Consultant will be leading the staff through a detailed process on School Vision Development.

ANZAC Day
I had the privilege to attend the 100th Celebration of Anzac Day, at Christian Brothers College on Friday 24th April. At the ceremony the students formed a guard of honour for past students who had fought in Wars. It was a wonderful way to remember all past students of CBC who have fought for their country.

The Parish Hall
The electrical works in the Parish Hall are completed. We will be having two Working Bees on Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 24th May. At these working bees we are hoping to clean and tidy the hall so that the children can start using the hall as soon as possible. After the working bees we will then look at resurfacing the floor. Hopefully after the floor has been resurfaced then the children will nearly be ready to use the hall. It will be used for assemblies and indoor sport when the weather is too hot or too wet and for before and after care.
**Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey**

Later this week every family will receive an invitation to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey. Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne aim for continuous school improvement. An essential element of this improvement is in understanding how teachers, parents and students (Years 5 & 6) perceive the Catholic Identity of our school and what they might like Catholic identity at St Mary's to look like in the years ahead. These surveys will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed. The results will contribute to a reliable picture of our school’s Catholic Identity, which we will use to inform our School Improvement Plan for the next four years. The surveys are detailed and take some time to answer, but the information that we will receive from them will be crucial for us to be able to provide a quality Catholic education for your children. I invite you to seriously participate in the survey, once you have received the invitation.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

*Gerard Lewis*

*Principal*

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**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

Pupil Fee Day – no school for students

*Friday 15th May*

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**ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

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 2016**

All Year 6 students have received an "Application Enrolment Form" for Secondary School at the end of last Term. This Form needs to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 22nd May. If you have any questions please see Erica at the office.

**RE NEWS**

*Mother’s Day Liturgy*

The Liturgy will take place on Monday 11th May in the Church at 2:45pm in place of school assembly.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

**Family Connection**

The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us. Our life of prayer and our union with Jesus will lead us to fruitful service to others.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Read Sunday's Gospel, *John 15:1-8*. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture and the Eucharist. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today.

*Maureen McDonald—Education In Faith Leader*

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**STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS**

**Restorative Practice**

We have introduced a new approach to discipline at St Mary's. Come and learn about what we do and the philosophy behind it. This will happen on Thursday 11th June in the library at 2.30pm. Further details will come out closer to the date but please mark it in your diaries.
I have attached an article about the messages we give our children when preparing for the NAPLAN tests. The focus on success and achievement doesn’t have to come at the expense of our children’s empathy and wellbeing. Michael Grose poses the question: ‘If you are pressed to choose between a successful child and a caring child what would you choose? This is worth reflecting on.

**NAPLAN**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

It is wonderful to see how many students have already logged on to the Challenge and added books. We have a few students who have already reached their quota and reading up to 100 books. Amazing! If you have lost your password or are having problems loading on the books please email me at annab@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au

**Book Fair**

Our May Book Fair commences on the Tuesday 26th May to Thursday 28th May. A note will be sent out next week for volunteers to run the Fair. I know we always have a great turn up so I am sure it will be the same this time. Our money this year will be going towards some much needed extra shelving in the Library.

**Simultaneous Reading Time**

On the Wednesday 27th May the Senior students will be reading "The Brothers Quibble" to the classes. This book was chosen to be read all around Australia at 11am on this day. This is to encourage reading and love of books and to make it fun for all who listen to it.

**Chess Club**

The Chess Club has started out very well with some very enthusiastic students using great tactics, moves and sportsmanship during the games

**ST MARY’S SCHOOL APP**

Have you got the school App yet?

Keep up to date with everything that is happening at St Mary's by downloading our free school app. The St Mary’s Primary School App keeps students, families and the broader school community connected and up to date with the latest information from St Mary's Primary School - St Kilda East.

App features include:

- News panel with a latest news feed direct from the school website
- Notifications system allowing you to subscribe to alerts and reminders from the school
- Events calendar providing a listing of upcoming events
- Documents library which contains newsletters, forms and policies
- Gallery which showcases school life through images and video
- Contact information and website link.

Free download can be found below:


**Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School**

**Our Recap**

This week was very environmentally themed with Earth day falling on Tuesday, we got back to nature with a good forage around the playground in our bug hunt during which we found many interesting little beasties in the undergrowth and in the trees. We also learned a great deal about plants, trees and ecosystems during our fact finding scavenger hunt in which groups of kids hunted for my cunningly hidden clues around the playground to answers tricky questions about nature.

Continuing the theme of nature the children were tasked to create their very own camouflage masks competed to see who could hide the best. Be sure to check out our photo journal in the OSHC room when signing out for photos of these activities in action.

**Our Extend Superstar** is..... Liam Fay for always being helpful and friendly with other students and Fergus Willoughby-Gough for helping at the end of the day with the sign out sheets.

**Activities for this week**;

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

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

Thank You to the *Foundation Years parents/guardians* for another fantastic delicious and well received P & F Cake Stall event. The Foundation Class reps Trinity Farrell and Leah Lloyd-Smith coordinated an awesome event with the assistance of the Foundation Years parents/guardians who enthusiastically volunteered or baked goodies for the day. Thank you once again to everyone who supported our community Cake Stall event. Your efforts were rewarded with smiles, laughs, community spirit and a great fundraising result.

*The Foundation Cake Stall raised a record breaking $1472!!!*

The *P&F Committee Meeting* was well attended for its second meeting of the year. We thank the Class Reps and parents/guardians for supporting our meetings. It is through your support that allows us to achieve the P&F Mission Statement. The next P&F Committee Meeting is a morning meeting scheduled for *Friday 5th June at 9.15am* in the Berchmans Centre kitchen.

**P & F Calendar of Events for Term 2 2015**

**Mother’s Day Stall**, organised by the Year 3 parents, is *this Tuesday 5 May***!

The Mother's Day Stall provides the children with an opportunity to buy a gift for their Mum, Grandma, Aunty (or anyone really) to give on Mother's Day. The P & F provide each child with a gift bag for them to decorate in class. On the day, parent helpers will be on hand to assist the younger children to make their choices and the Foundation Years will be accompanied by their Year 6 buddies. The gifts for sale will be priced either at $2, $5 or $10 each. There are also a small number of $15 gifts available.

The Year 3 Class Reps and their ‘Mother’s Day organising team’ coordinating this event have worked hard to ensure that there is a great range of gifts on offer and we are sure you will love whatever your child buys! Parents/guardians are reminded to be mindful of not giving their children (especially the younger ones) more money than they are allowed to spend as they often get carried away with the assortment of gifts available and may not always understand this and forget to pass on this detail to the Year 3 parent helpers!

**Seeking Working Bee Volunteers**

To prepare the Parish Hall for the Biggest Morning Tea we are seeking volunteers to assist with a range of tasks. Working Bees are on Saturday 23rd May & Sunday 24th May from 10am-2pm. All hands will be on deck so if you can spare even an hour on these days we’d love to have you on board to prepare for the inaugural Parish Hall event – Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea!! To register your interest, please email Ben Fahey *bfahey@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au*.

**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

St Mary’s is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea to help raise vital funds for cancer research and support services.

**When:** Friday 29 May 2015  
**Time:** 10am – 11am  
**Where:** St Mary’s Parish Hall

**Invitees:** All children, staff, families and carers of StMary’s Primary School (St Kilda East)  
**Entry:** to the morning tea is by gold coin (or more!) donation. Further donations can also be made by our own St Mary’s fundraising website, if you are unable to attend on the day: [http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/stmarysbiggestmorningtea](http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/stmarysbiggestmorningtea)

You can help, and get involved, by attending or making a donation! Let's come together as a school community and support this valuable cause. Please return the form that was sent home on Friday indicating your attendance for catering purposes and if you are able to assist in any capacity for this inaugural fundraising event.
The St Mary’s P&F main social and fundraising event of the year is coming!
Mark your diaries, organise baby sisters and get ready for “Junofest Fundraising Trivia Night” to be held again at the German Club (the Tivoli) on **Friday 19th June**. You can [purchase your tickets online](http://www.trybooking.com/HDNA) using the try booking ticketing system. Please use this link to secure your tickets today. Seats are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000
We are all most half way!
$7,281.05

St Mary’s Parents & Friends presents…..

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

TUESDAY 5th MAY

A LOVELY RANGE OF GIFTS WILL BE ON SALE FOR CHILDREN TO BUY FOR MUM AND GRANDMA.

ITEMS PRICED AT EITHER $2, $5 or $10.

Your support is appreciated
ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARISH HALL WORKING BEE

Saturday 23rd May & Sunday 24th May 2015
10am to 2pm

Our fabulous new hall has now been considered safe and ready for occupancy, but it needs some spit and polish first before the children can gain access.

How can you help get our children into the hall ASAP? By lending a hand in the WORKING BEE (clean up).

No specific skills required just your goodwill, energy and as little or as much of your time as you can spare. All efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Working Bee Coordinators on the day:**
- **Saturday 23rd of May (10am – 2pm)** - Pat O’Mahony
- **Sunday 24th of May (10am – 2pm)** - Pam Newton-Brown

A sausage sizzle will be provided to all the hard working volunteers on both days of the Working Bee. Cleaning solution will be supplied and some equipment, so if you happen to have bucket(s), cleaning rags, rubber gloves or a step ladder then bring them along as this will help with the clean-up.

If you have any further questions please contact Ben Fahey (Community Leader).

Please return the completed slip to the office by Friday 15th May if you are able to help at the Working Bee.

☐ Saturday 23rd of May
☐ Sunday 24th of May

Parent Name: ________________________________  Contact Number:________________________

Eldest Child’s Name: _________________________________________________ Year Level:_________
Be careful what you wish for as a parent

The focus on success and achievement doesn’t have to come at the expense of our children’s empathy and wellbeing.

What would you wish for? A caring child or a successful child?
If pressed to choose, which would you prefer?
If you were like the parents of kids in a recent study you’d go for successful rather than caring.

In a fascinating Harvard study referred to in a recent Age article, 10,000 kids were asked whether achievement and success, rather than caring for others, were their parents’ main priorities. The kids overwhelmingly said their parents opted for success rather than caring.

I suspect Australian kids would come up with a similar response if asked. In my work with parents and schools over nearly 40 years I’ve never seen the educational and parenting landscape so competitive as it is today. The standard belief of ‘Everyone can get ahead and be successful’ has been replaced by ‘my child needs to get ahead and be successful.’

Parents rightfully will go to great lengths to make sure their kids don’t get left behind, but now academic success increasingly means achieving at any cost. Even at the expense of a child’s well-being, and in extreme cases, at the expense of other children’s success.

A sign of the times
This is very different from even a generation ago when caring and respect for others were drummed into kids. “Do the right thing by others”; “Respect your elders”; “Take good care of each other” were common mantras that many of today’s parents grew up hearing.

Now that these kids have become parents themselves they use achievement mantras rather than the empathetic statements they were raised on. “Always do your best”; “Think confident thoughts”; “Set your goals and work hard to achieve them” are typical of the comments that kids hear in today’s more competitive environment.

The price of success at all costs
Washington Post parenting writer Ashley Trexler argues that putting happiness and success before caring and empathy is raising a generation of bullies. She claims that parents unknowingly encourage bullying through their focus on success at all costs, as kids are being encouraged to pursue power at the expense of empathetic behaviour.

We can have both
This is a controversial view based on the assumption that you can have either successful kids or caring kids. I believe you can have both. Parents and teachers can encourage kids to achieve, but also emphasise the importance of looking out for your mates, and taking care of others. Individual success doesn’t have to come at the expense of well-being and the success of others. It does mean that we need to put caring for others firmly on our parenting agendas.

Here are five ways to do this:

1. Develop a language for caring
Parents invariably develop a deep language around the things they value. If caring is important then you need to develop language for caring (look after your brother; do the right thing; do unto others) just as you have probably developed a language around success (persist, work hard, do your best).

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... Be careful what you wish for as a parent ...

1. **Model caring behaviours**
   Parents need to model caring, relational behaviours if they want children to develop these behaviours. Positive displays of intimacy such as a kiss and a hug for every family member as they walk out the door each day is a great way to teach healthy caring behaviours. It’s the small acts of kindness and caring that happen on a consistent basis that has the most lasting impact on kids.

2. **Focus on co-operation rather than competition**
   It’s easy to develop competition between kids. As a parent all you need to do is praise one child and criticise another and you’ve established the conditions for competition. It’s far harder to develop cooperative behaviours, but it’s worth the effort. Encourage kids to help each other; ask them to do jobs in pairs so they learn to work together; and teach older children to give way to younger children rather than always have their own way. Caring kids learn that not everything goes their way and that they need to compromise and give way to others in the name of being social and getting on.

3. **Encourage nurturing behaviours**
   In the past families were larger than today and they had a natural advantage in developing caring and empathy. Elder kids would invariably have to look out for, or look after younger siblings, often at the expense of their own interests. In an era of small families kids have fewer natural opportunities to look after each other. However parents can develop nurturance by encouraging children to look out for younger friends and relatives; to care for pets and also to be respectful of older relatives and friends.

4. **Pay attention to children’s emotions**
   Now more than ever it’s important for parents to be attentive to children’s emotional lives, and also to develop an awareness of their own feelings and the feelings of others. Empathetic kids rarely use power and bullying to get their own way. Empathy always starts with an awareness of a child’s own emotional state.

As parents we want our kids to grow up to be successful and achieve their full potential. It’s the default position for most parents. But that doesn’t have to come at the expense of caring for others. In these times of small families and a more competitive landscape parents need to work harder than ever to develop nurturance, caring and respect for others in kids.

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St Mary’s Parish
Parish Priest - Father Barry Moran
Pastoral Worker - Bernadette Milne
Secretaries - Antonia Attard, Catherine Caroian
Parish Manager - Julie Purdey
Parish Office Hours: 9.00am-5.00pm Mon.–Fri.
Times of Masses:
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

Readings Next Sunday
1 John 4: 7-10;
John 15: 9-17;

Hymns
Entrance: 5
Presentation of the Gifts 4
Holy, Holy, Holy Eucharistic Acclam.  Christ Has Died
Lamb of God
Communion 11
Recessional: 1

Diary
St Vincent de Paul - 2nd Tuesday of the Month –
7.30 p.m. – Lounge
Sunday Cuppa in the Pottery Room
following 9.00am Mass – All welcome
St Vincent de Paul Society - there is a collection box
for monetary donations
at rear of Church (inside main Entrance).

Thanksgiving $799.20 Many thanks
We pray in faith for Magdalena Frontczyk who
died recently and for Charles and Jane Vella,
Ilija and Lucia Tomic, whose anniversaries are
at this time

Marriage Encounter Weekend
Invest in your most precious asset…. Your
Marriage!
19-21 June. Starts 7pm Friday. Ends 5pm
Sunday
Accommodation and all meals provided.
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and
rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and
romance that brought you together. Recharge
your relationship batteries and explore the
precious nature of your marriage, allowing you
each other in ways that normal, daily living
tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is
based around Catholic values but couples of all
faiths are welcome. www.wme.org.au

Readers/Commentators

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Current Jobs: Nandi Adams (See Board)
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  (Year B)

First Reading  Acts 9:26-31
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord has appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm  Ps 21:26-28, 30-32
R.  I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
1.  My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2.  All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
befo me shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3.  And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
Declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second Reading  1John 3:18-24
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he
know everything.
My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The, Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Jn 15:4-5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel  John 15:1-8
Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear
much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.

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