NEWSLETTER
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From the Principal’s Desk:

Mid-Year Reports
All teachers have been busily writing the first reports for this year. Thank you to them for the many hours that they have spent writing these detailed reports. The Term 2 School Reports will be sent out on Monday 22nd June in time for the Parent/Teacher Meetings on Thursday 25th June. On Thursday 25th June school will finish at 1:00pm, to enable the Parent/Teacher Meetings to start at 1:30pm.

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey (only 20 families have responded)
Recently every family received an invitation to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey. Thank you to the twenty families who have responded so far to the survey. There are many more families who can still respond. Please go to the web address www.schoolidentity.net and type in the password Ghj654. Then click on To the Survey button and then click new user and then enter the group entry code, E1014 when prompted. You will be given a password and prompted to save it, or email it to yourself. Then start answering the questions. You have until the 19th of June to complete this survey. An essential element of this survey is for participants to communicate their Catholic Identity. These surveys will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity at St Mary's is expressed. The results will be used 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. The school computer laboratory will be open from 8:15 each morning if you wish to use these facilities to complete the survey.
Possible School Holiday Program at St Mary's
Extend Pty Ltd, have sent out a survey regarding the use of a Holiday Program at St Mary’s.

School Photos
I have asked Arthur Reed Photos to retake the School Photos. This will be taken on Wednesday 15th July (first Wednesday back). These will be taken at no extra cost to the school. Please have your child wearing their Winter Uniform on that day.

I hope you have an enjoyable week and a safe and restful holiday.

Gerard Lewis - Principal

STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL
Thursday 25th June – 1pm
Parent/Teacher Teachers 1:30pm – 8:00pm

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Thursday 25th June (1:30pm – 8:00pm)
Information will be sent home today. 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. 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 18th 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.

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.

RE NEWS
On Sunday 14th June, students and families from Years 5 and 6 gathered to celebrate the Eucharist at the 10:30am Parish Mass. During the Mass our 24 Confirmation candidates were presented to the Parish Community. We ask all our families to keep these students in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the next important step in their faith journey. They will be confirmed on Sunday July 26th at the 10:30am Mass.

Gospel Reading
Mark 4:26–34
The reign of God is like a mustard seed

Family Connection
Church documents call the Christian family the “domestic church.” This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26–34. Consider how your family's concerns reflect the Church's concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighborhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord’s Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the importance of the words “thy kingdom come.” Each evening this week as you gather for dinner, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.

Maureen McDonald – Education in Faith Leader
LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
The time is passing very quickly. August will be upon us before we know it. Make sure you are adding books regularly. Let me know if there are any problems at annab@smstkildaeast.catholic.edu.au.

Book Fair
What an amazing result. $5,743.00!!! This is our best effort over all the years of our Book Fairs. The response to the Fair by the entire school community was wonderful. Thanks to the many volunteers, who came each day and ran the Fair. They were so willing, friendly and capable. It made my work so much easier. To Dani and Primrose, thanks for taking on the main organisation of the Fair. Well done.

CHESS CLUB
Term 2 classes are finishing in two weeks. It has been a fun, learning time for all students. Notes have been sent out to participate next Term, so please fill them in and send them back quickly, so you have a place in the club.  
Anna Borella – Librarian

ITALIAN NEWS
Italian Day
In preparation for Italian Day activities, 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. Thank you for your support and assistance.

Signora Vozzo – Italian Teacher

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS
Restorative Practice
Thank you to the parents who attended the Restorative Practice Information session on Thursday. This meeting helped explain our new discipline approach at St Mary’s. If you would like the brochure that was given out, please pick one up at the office. I hope you find it helpful. If there is enough interest I will run another session next Term. Please let your class teacher know if you would prefer a night session or another day time session after drop off or just before pick up at 2.30pm.

Ride to School Award
Congratulations to Jack Dormer from Year 4 who was the lucky recipient of the bike from The City of Port Philip. A raffle was held for those who decorated their bike or scooter back in first Term. At assembly yesterday Councillor Huxley presented the bike to Jack. He was very excited. Congratulations Jack! I hope we all remember that walking or riding to school is good for our health and keeps cars off the roads, which makes coming to school safer.

Therese John – Student Wellbeing Leader

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Netball Lightning Premiership
Year 5 & 6 students will compete in the Netball Lightning Premiership on Thursday 18th June.

Football Lightning Premiership
Years 5 & 6 students will compete in the Football Lightning Premiership on Friday 19th June.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TRAINING – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)
Information was sent home last week regarding CSEF provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. Applications close by 26th June 2015.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will be processed on Thursday 25th June a minimum deposit of $10.00.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Forms can be collected at the office foyer.

SCHOOL BREAK-UP Friday 26th June
Students break-up at 1pm
Aftercare is available; however places need to be booked in advance.

Term 3 begins on Monday 13th July at 8:55am
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 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.

Thank You to the St Mary’s Primary School Community for the generous gifts being donated so far for St Mary’s main fund raising event for 2015 – the Junofest Trivia Night.

Tickets are still available to purchase online at http://www.trybooking.com/HDNA. If you haven’t already purchased your tickets, please do so today as trybooking will stop accepting online purchases this Tuesday. We don’t want you to miss out on what’s lining up to be a very fun social fundraiser, so get on line today 😊

What does your ticket include? A fun night of trivia hosted by Funky Bunch Trivia, an awesome venue at the Tivoli (the German club) to have a fun social night out with a German twist, German inspired light snacks/finger food, drinks available at bar prices, a chance to win a great door prize and fundraising for our school.

A reminder for the Junofest silent auction: We will be accepting either cash or cheque on the night, so please be prepared. We are looking forward to a great evening. See you there!

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 2 May/June 2015

Junofest Fundraising Trivia Night: Friday 19th June at 7pm till 11pm

School Holidays! Friday 26th June. Have a great winter break and we looking forward to another Term of exciting P & F events in Term 3.

2015 FUND RAISING GOAL $15,000

We are over the half way mark!

$8,933.42
Our Recap
Last week we explored the world of books, reading and writing with our children encouraged to bring along their favourite books to read together, alone or however they enjoyed engaging with books. I learned a great deal from some very enthusiastic fact-obsessed children with trivia books. Students were equally encouraged to be creative with their writing, creating small stories, delving into the joy of comic book creation and getting distinctly lyrical with poetry writing. Currently we are exploring space and all things planetary as we create our own little solar system within the OHSC classroom. Our little astronauts will be getting very creative (and possibly messy) as we create and explore new worlds of our own creation too, hopefully not feeling too small as we start to see the scale of the larger universe around us…

Getting distinctly back to down to earth next week by popular demand we will be exploring what it takes to be an Olympic athlete as we conduct our very own mini-Olympics over five days. 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 are….. Nefeli Papodopolous for always being passionate to engage in all activities and being especially helpful. Richard Ovakimyan for displaying a creative flair in his writing skills

Activities for this week:
Monday 15 June: Races and Relays
Tuesday 16 June: Long Jump
Wednesday 17 June: Shot Putt
Thursday 18 June: Soccer / Basketball
Friday 19 June: Awards ceremony

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

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au