NEWSLETTER
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Year 3M
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Year 5M
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Year 6B
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Paula Incretolli
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Daniela Borgese
Phys Ed (Junior)
Chris Kidman
Phys Ed (Senior)
Teaching Assistant
Anna Side

Parish Priest
Fr Barry Moran

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Term 3 commences
Monday 11th July
School Begins 8:55am

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk:
Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a great break.
Farewell
At the end of Term 1 we farewelled Shiny Pereira who finished working as Teaching Assistant, we wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her valuable contributions to St Mary’s.

Welcome
We welcome Susan Botta who commenced as Teaching Assistant in Year 1 last week. We hope that Susan enjoys her time here at St Mary’s.

Sad News
The St Mary’s community were all very sad to hear of the passing of Ron Lewis (Gerard Lewis’ father). We extend our sympathy to Gerard and his family.

Project Compassion
Thank you to all the generous children and parents who contributed to the Lenten Project Compassion boxes.

School Improvement Framework (School Review)
This week we will be undergoing the second step of School Improvement Framework (School Review). This review allows us to evaluate the progress the school has made over the last three years and establish clear direction for the next cycle of School Improvement. On Tuesday 19th April, groups of parents, students, leaders and teachers will be interviewed by the External Reviewer.

Parking at St Mary’s
Please make sure that when you are dropping the children off in the morning that you are doing so according to our parking procedures. Some parents have been taking short cuts and not parking in the appropriate spots or have been double parking. Only when you are parked in the allocated car spot, should the children leave the car. Vehicles that stop beside parked cars on Westbury Street are DOUBLE PARKING. This is against the law and very dangerous for the children. Double Parking interferes with the flow of traffic and can cause accidents.

Some tips to AVOID Double Parking:
✓ You CAN stop to give way to a vehicle leaving a parking spot
X You CANNOT park next to a stationary vehicle and wait for it to leave a parking spot
X You CANNOT Double Park to drop someone off or pick someone up
X You CANNOT leave the vehicle when Double Parked

If you are going to drop your child off and use the Parish driveway, please let your child disembark at the crossing near the Church, not at the top of the drive. As the school is getting bigger there are more cars on Westbury Street. Dropping your child at the crossing near the Church will ease the congestion on Westbury Street. On the Senior Campus, please do not drop the children near the Senior Campus building or near the Presbytery garage or roundabout. Please drop the children at the church crossing or park on the basketball court. Following these procedures will make it safer for the children and smoother for all drivers.

Instrumental Music program
The instrumental music program commenced this week. It is wonderful to see so many children participating in the program.

School Commences at 8:55am
A reminder that school commences at 8:55am and not 9.00am. Too many students are arriving at school after the bell has rung. It is important that students are here on time so that the day and the opening school prayer can begin without any disruptions. Please make sure that your children arrive on time between 8:40am and 8:55am.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.
Ben Fahey
Deputy Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
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.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking will be processed next Thursday 28th April; a minimum deposit of $10.00 is required.
WINTER UNIFORMS
All children are to be wearing winter uniform by Tuesday 26th April. Hats do not have to be worn then. The Winter Tunic (T005) and long grey pants are available from Primary School Wear at 1/159 North Road, Ormond 9768 0387. Note School Jumpers are purchased at the school on Thursdays between 8:40am – 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:20pm.

GIRLS
Navy Tunic – T005 col 9009
Skivvy (Sky)
Navy School Jumper
Navy tights or Navy knee-hi socks
Black shoes

BOYS
Grey Trousers
Skivvy (Sky)
Navy School Jumper
Grey socks
Black shoes

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
The Biggest Morning Tea is returning to St Mary’s again in 2016. We will be hosting the event on Friday 27th May in the Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity to show your support for people with cancer and raise money for the cause. You can help and get involved, by attending the event or by making a donation on the day. Donations can also be made from the St Mary’s official fundraising website at: http://vic.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/StMarysPrimarySchoolStKildaEast if you are unable to attend on the day. To make this event a success, parent support is requested in the form of morning tea food donations, and parent volunteers to assist with set-up, serving and cleaning up the hall after the event. A letter with further information and details requesting help will be sent home this week.

RE NEWS
Gospel Reading - John 10:27-30
Jesus describes his care for his sheep. Not only can we recognise family members' voices, we can also read the tone of their voices and know something about how they are feeling. In our relationship with Jesus, we know Jesus' voice and are called to follow. Jesus doesn’t just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father. Read with your family Sunday's Gospel, John 10:27-30. Ask your family members to talk about some ways that Jesus brings them closer to God and closer to one another.

LIBRARY NEWS
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is well under way. Congratulations to all our St Mary's readers who have registered and commenced reading. Here is the Premiers’ Leader Board for March.

Premiers’ Leader Board
Foundation - Year 2
Claudia Carbone - Year 2
Harper Schutt – Foundation
Blake Shurgold – Foundation
Ezrah Ellis-Robertson – Foundation
Xavier Navarrette – Foundation
Year 3 - Year 6
Maria Astaiza Ricon - Year 4
Helena Giglas - Year 3
Amelia Giglas - Year 3
Amelie Siruelo - Year 6
John Giglas - Year 5

Foundation students have commenced borrowing. Please make sure your child’s school library bag is clearly labelled and at school on a Wednesday. Happy Reading!

Parent & Friends Committee Update

P & F Mission Statement
Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fund raising events for additional educational resources for our children.

Term 2 - Upcoming events
- P & F Meeting (all welcome) – Thursday 28th April at 7:30pm
- Annual Mother’s Day Stall – Tuesday 3rd May
- Cake stall (Foundation) – Friday 13th May at 3:00pm – 3:45pm
- Save the date! Hollywood Trivia Night – Friday 17th June 2016
Second Hand Uniform Stall
Our Year 4 Representatives (Donna and Narelle) assisted by Year 4 parents held a successful Second Hand Uniform Stall on Friday 15th April.
Thank you to all families who supported the stall through donations and purchases. The stall is aimed at helping the environment by minimising landfill. All proceeds are contributed to the P & F fundraising goal for 2016.

Welcome Drinks
Thank you to our Year 6 Representatives for organising the Welcome Drinks at the Grosvenor Hotel on Friday 18th March. It was a really fun night out and was well attended by many of our new and old parents and St Mary’s teaching staff. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!

Easter egg raffle
Our Year 1 Representatives (Juliana, Bernie, Angela and Trinity) with help from Year 1 parents coordinated a fantastic Easter egg raffle at the end of Term 1.

Thank you also to all parents and families who donated prizes and purchased tickets. Congratulations to our happy winners, 42 students! The raffle raised $1808.

Mother’s Day Stall – Tuesday 3rd May
A lovely range of eco-friendly gifts will be available this year for children to buy, with items priced at $5 or $10 each. If you would like your child to purchase a gift from the Mother’s Day Stall, please provide them with money on the day. For the first time, a ‘Mother’s Day Pamper Gift Basket’, will be raffled after the Mother’s Day Stall. It is valued at over $200 and includes generous donations of a 1 hour massage voucher, a bottle of wine, bath salts, hand cream, scented soaps and candle, natural haircare products and premium tea. Raffle tickets are $3 each or 5 tickets for $10.
A flyer will be sent home with students this week with raffle tickets, which may be purchased and returned to your class teacher.

Call for donations – Hollywood Trivia Night
Each year St Mary’s families kindly donate prizes for the auction held at the annual trivia night. Suggestions for donated prizes include vouchers / tickets, non-perishable food items or wine and craft beer, beauty products, sporting goods, children’s toys or learning tools, or donations of your time e.g. cooking lessons, cake decorating and babysitting. All donations will be gratefully received.

The SWEG (coordinating committee) are also seeking volunteers to assist on the day of the event (Friday 17 June) including with lifting and carrying tables and other furniture early in the morning before school starts. If you are able to assist the SWEG on the day please advise Jane Leroi or email us at smp.parentsandfriends@gmail.com

Bakers Delight in Balaclava
If you shop at Bakers Delight in Balaclava don’t forget to let the staff know that you are from St Mary’s Primary School. Our fundraising partnership provides for 5% of what you spend to be donated to the P&F fundraising goal for 2016.

P & F Committee Fundraising Goals for 2016
This year, the P & F are aiming to raise $20,000 that will go towards new school play equipment.

Questions? Please contact the P&F Management Committee, Ben Merlin and Anoushka Bondar at: smp.parentsandfriends@gmail.com
Our recap
It's been a great start to Term 2 settling back into routine after a very successful Autumn Vacation Care Program, where we did a number of fantastic activities such as pottery, silk painting and hooping. We also explored the Melbourne zoo and jumped around at inflatable world!
Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on Science and Geography as our themes with activities such as making our own Volcanoes and Slime! As always we love to make the most of sunny afternoons, by running a range of sports activities in the playground such as rounders, octopus, netball and footy!  

Dilan, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstars are .....  
Cassandra Morales for always offering to lead craft activities and help out other students at the craft station.  
Sam Stephens for using his time to create intricate illustrations for us to hang on our wall!

This week's activities:
Monday 18 April: Making Slime  
Tuesday 19 April: Walking Lizards  
Wednesday 20 April: Chocolate Truffles  
Thursday 21 April: Volcanos  
Friday 22 April: Stained Glass windows  

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!  
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Talk & Tours of the CBC Westbury Campus are held once a month from March through to November. Please register for a visit as per dates shown overleaf, or call 9520 8589 to make a more mutually convenient time. We would love to meet you!

Places are available on the following tours:

- 19 May
- 23 June
- 21 July
- 18 August
- 15 September
- 13 October
- 17 November

Tours meet at Reception at 10.15am. Please register on 9520 8589 to attend.

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