Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is School Photo day. All children are asked to come to school in their correct Summer uniform, including HAIR. If children have a PE class on Tuesday, we ask that they still wear their Summer uniform and just bring runners to change into for their lesson.

On Friday, we had a very tired, but happy group of Senior students after the Year 6 Camp and Year 5 Bike Ed course. There was so much learning that took place over the three days. During the camp, our Year 6 students discovered many rare sea creatures, challenged themselves with new physical activities, including surfing, and extended their friendship groups. Meanwhile, our Year 5 students were learning about bike maintenance and safe riding skills, culminating in a ride along the Warburton Trail. Thank you to the staff for all their time and wonderful work over these three days to ensure that the activities were such a great success.

We warmly welcome to St Mary’s community: Linken, Grade 3/4C; Ayda, Grade 3/4R and River, Grade 1/2F. We wish the children and their family a very happy and rewarding association with St Mary’s.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

PB: Tarsha F  
1/2P: Ned R  
1/2H: Chloe B  
3/4C: Mikayla W  
3/4N: Reagen A  
5/6B: Bella P  
5/6S: Brooke L

PR: Oliver W  
1/2R: Joshua V  
1/2F: Lachlan G  
3/4R: Brooklyn E  
3/4F: Olive K  
5/6L: Brooke L  
5/6F: Grace C/James McL

You should be proud as a peacock. Well done!

With my prayers and best wishes for the coming week,  Mrs Lynne O’Meara  Principal
Spend a couple of minutes reflecting on this painting of the Prodigal Son.

Loving God, your rich and abundant love is always there for us if we but look. Help us to open our minds and hearts so that your love may flow through us like a river. May this love help us to show love and compassion to all we meet.

What's Coming Up?

**Week Seven**
- **Monday, 7th March**
  - 8.45am
  - 3.30pm
  - School Assembly
  - Staff Meeting
- **Tuesday, 8th March**
  - 2.30pm
  - 11.30am
- **Thursday, 10th March**
  - School Assembly
  - Focus on Caritas
- **Friday, 11th March**

**Week Eight**
- **Monday, 14th March**
  - 2.30pm
  - 9.00-11.00
  - SCHOOL CLOSURE-LABOUR DAY
- **Wednesday 16th March**
- **Thursday 17th March**
- **Saturday 19th March**

What’s Coming Up?

**8th March** – School Photos – All children in correct Summer Uniform – including hair

- 16th March – First Reconciliation
- 22nd March – House Sports Day
- 23rd March – Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 24th March 2.30pm – End Term 1

School Closure Days for 2016
- Monday 14th March – Labour Day
- Thursday 5th & Friday 6th May – Staff Professional Development
- Monday, 13th June – Queen’s Birthday
- Monday, 30th October (Day before Cup Day) – Reporting
Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioral issues or is overly anxious?

OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings.

Services are performed on site at school, at NO COST to the school, student or parent, through Medicare bulk billing.

These services are also available to parents.

We now have an OnPsych psychologist, Arabella Mayne, working here at our school. The approaches that Arabella use include:

- CBT (cognitive behaviour therapy)
- Client centred and solution focussed therapy.
- Employs a collaborative approach.

Issues covered by a mental health plan include: Anxiety, Attention deficit, Alcohol/drug abuse, Adjustment disorders, Bereavement, Conduct disorder, Depression, Eating disorders, Enuresis (non organic), Neurasthenia, Obsessive compulsive disorder, Panic, Phobia, Psychosis, Post-traumatic, Stress, Sleep disorders, Mood disorders, Spectrum disorders, Interpersonal, learning or behavioural disorders, exam stress, harming and adjustment difficulties (social and situational).

If you believe that this service may benefit your child or yourselves, please contact Lynne O’Meara or Angela Glennie on 9736 2219 for further information on how to access Arabella’s services.

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**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 1**
Preps Only
Friday, 29th January – Thursday, 24th March

*Easter 25th – 28th March*

All other Students
Thursday 28th January – Thursday, 24th March

**Term 2**
Monday, 11th April – Friday, 24th June

**Term 3**
Monday, 11th July – Friday, 16th September

**Term 4**
Monday, 3rd October – Friday, 16th December

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**2016 FEES**

**HAVE SENT HOME**

Please contact the office if you did not get your fee statement for 2016.

School fees include course and subject levies, and the costs of all curriculum excursions and activities. School Fee Statements will be issued at the commencement of the school year on 3rd February 2016 with payment schedules and forms for direct debits. Reminder Statements will be issued at the beginning of each term for your information.

Fee agreements and payment plans have been sent home and are due back immediately!

St Mary’s BSB/ACCOUNT Details
St Marys Primary School
BSB 083-347
Account Number 676054930

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(CSEF) CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS WITH A HEALTHCARE CARD**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

**IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT HEALTHCARE CARD**
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Uniforms

All St. Mary’s students are required to wear the full correct school uniform. We believe that the wearing of uniforms promotes the children’s pride in their school and self-discipline. Uniform items can be purchased or made at little cost. The uniform shop at St. Mary’s carries all uniform items, including school and library bags. There is a small amount of second hand uniforms available in the shop.

**Children are expected to have a school bag with the St Mary’s School logo.**

*Please ensure that your children bring their correct school bag.*

**Girls’ Summer Uniform**
- St Mary’s uniform school dress
- Length of dresses and tunics should not be above the knee
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy socks
- Black polished shoes
- (no sneakers/runners)
- School hat

**Boys’ Summer Uniform**
- Navy Shorts
- (no jeans, jean style or cargo pants)
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy socks
- Black polished shoes
- (no sneakers/runners)
- School hat

**Girls’ Summer Sports Uniform**
- Navy track suit pants
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy unisex sports shorts or navy skirt
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- White St. Mary’s sports socks or plain white socks and runners
- School hat

**Boys’ Summer Sports Uniform**
- Navy track suit pants
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy unisex sports shorts
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- White St. Mary’s sports socks or plain white socks and runners
- School hat

**NEW SPORTS POLO TOPS AVAILABLE**

- $26.00

**St Mary’s School logo school bag**
- No jewellery – plain studs, sleepers, watches excepted.
- No make-up
- No extremes of hairstyles
- Long hair to be tied back at all times with navy ties and ribbons
- No nail polish

**An important note on Uniforms.** Whilst it is not compulsory to purchase uniform items only from our uniform shop, we trust that parents will only purchase items that are of the same as sold in the shop. We would ask that you continue to support us as we strive to ensure a disciplined atmosphere in our school, by ensuring that your children do wear the standardised uniform.

*Your children may, at times, tell you that it is okay because, “others do it” or “have it”, but this is a good signal that it is NOT okay!*  

**A note about hair.** As we are a primary school, we feel that any change of colour is inappropriate for children. In the spirit of our practice at St Mary’s, to keep children as children, we ask that you cooperate with this and leave the hair colouring as something that they can look forward to in their older age. We also differentiate between “weekend hair” and “school hair”. The use of hair gel, etc., and styling, is considered to be a “weekend hair” practice. There is also the problem of styling hair so that it will fall over the child’s eyes or face when they lean forward, e.g., long fringes or strands being left out of ties. This then becomes a distraction when they are writing or reading. If we can all work together on this then not only does it assist in their learning and give a more disciplined and uniformed approach, but it will also save you time and money!
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

*The Gospel of the Lord*

*Other news in Religious Education:*

**Class Masses** - this week 5 / 6 S and 1 / 2 R will celebrate Mass in the church on Thursday at 9.00am. All welcome.

**Mini Vinnies** – Mini Vinnies have been working on the Caritas/Project Compassion drive that will see us “walking for water” this Friday. They are promoting this worthy cause and encourage everyone to give something to the Project Compassion boxes in classrooms. We have a large “ad” on another page of the newsletter with more details.
Help us put some money into the Project Compassion Boxes!
We are fundraising for Caritas through Project Compassion

We stand in solidarity with the world’s poor and want to make a lasting difference to help end poverty. Every day, 
thousands of women and children around the world need to cover many kilometres each day to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market, or simply to survive. “What can we do to help?”

On Friday 11th March the whole school will be “Walking for Water” at 11.30. We will all be walking around the fence line boundary of our school from the hall to the oval. Each class will have someone carrying a bucket of water. As they tire, the bucket will be passed onto someone else.

Please bring a donation for the Project Compassion box on this day if you haven’t already. Every dollar counts. Thank you!
ST MARY’S NEWS

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS
In addition to our existing forms of communication, which include blanket text messaging, we are also in the process of including ‘Skoolbag’ to our communication options. This is an app for iPhone and Android that will enhance communications with the Parent/Student community. Parents wishing to access this service will need to install the St Mary’s School ‘Skoolbag’ App. To install the app, search for our school name (St Marys Catholic Primary School Mount Evelyn) in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

We are still waiting for the Apple iPhone App to become available. We will advise once confirmation of availability occurs. For Windows Phone, and Windows 8.1 or 10 users, search for ‘Skoolbag’ in the Windows store, install the app and find your school.

CREATIVE GARDENING
Calling all garden lovers! As you may know we have a thriving art and craft club (the Community Craft Club) that is run by a group of parent volunteers, and we were wondering if you would help us start a Creative Gardening Club? This could include doing activities such as growing plants in decorated pots, looking after our school veggie patch, helping kids learn to grow and care for plants and many other things. We are seeking interest from Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles anybody to come and help us with this.

If you have any ideas or are interested please contact Mrs Glennie, via the school office or email aglennie@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

Thanks from the SAT team (Student Action Team)

ST MARY’S MASS TIMES MOUNT EVELYN
Saturday 5.00pm & Sunday 10.30am & 5.00pm

Uniform Shop Assistants
Volunteers required for Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings 8.30 – 9.00am and Tuesday afternoons 3.00pm - 3.30pm
If you can assist, please leave your name at the office.

COFFEE INVITATION
FOR ALL ST MARY’S PARENTS EVERY MONDAY MORNING
AT ST MARY’S FROM 9.00am until 10.00am
A great way to meet new families
ALL WELCOME!

SCHOOL PHOTOS
‘Aussie School photos’ order online options
Tuesday 8th March
Correct summer uniform and hair to be worn!!!

Annual School Production
dates for 2016
Week 7 of term 3
August 24th & 25th

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Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Mt.Evelyn Primary School OSHC – SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
On behalf of Mt.Evelyn Primary School OSHC we would like to invite you to our Vacation Care Program. You can receive your Booking Form for Easter School Holidays from your school office. You may also email, phone or pop in and see Melissa at Mt.Evelyn Primary School. Mt.Evelyn Primary School OSHC is an accredited child care. Families can apply for CCB and CCR rebates. Monday – Friday 6.00am – 2.00pm
9736 2233 osh@mt Evelynps.vic.edu.au

28th Mon March Closed Easter Monday
29th Tues March – “Mini Golf” Excursion “Easter Activity Day”
30th Wed March – “Tennis” Incursion
31st Thurs March – “Drawing with different mediums”
1st Fri April – “Ace Space” Excursion “Messy Day”
(2nd Program if Excursion is at capacity)
4th Mon April – “Healesville Sanctuary” Excursion “Use your senses”
(2nd Program if Excursion is at capacity)
5th Tues April – “Letter “ C” Day”
6th Wed April – “Wheels Day”
7th Thurs April – “Reading Cinemas” Excursion “Cupcake Day”
(2nd Program if Excursion is at capacity)
8th Fri April – “Multi Media Day” Vacation Care Daily

It is a great opportunity for our local school community to support a wonderful program. Kind regards, Melissa Mc Donald

LONG SLEEVE POLOS - Order Form - Winter 2016

All orders with full payment must be in by Wednesday 16th March
Due to these not being a stock item, NO late orders will be accepted.

Name ___________________________________________________________
Childs Grade ____________________________________________________

Circle size and select number of ‘Long Sleeved Polo Shirts’ required:

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(Payments made by cash or cheque only, cheques made payable to St Marys Parents and Friends Committee)
WORKING BEES 2016

We believe that having a safe and pleasant school environment is important. Thank you to all families who have helped with school maintenance during last year.

To assist planning for this year we are asking each family to attend ONE Working Bee and to indicate which session (listed below) suits best.

In an effort to cater for everyone, we will hold Working Bees across a range of days and times.

The alternative to attending a Working Bee is to complete the payment details below which are for a $60.00 contribution toward hiring maintenance help as required.

Please complete and return the form below as soon as possible (families who have not replied by Feb 26th will be contacted).

Yours faithfully,

THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.
EDUCATION BOARD.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BEFORE MONDAY FEBRUARY 26TH 2016

NAME: _______________________________ ELDEST CHILD’S GRADE: ____________.

Monday Feb 29th
(8:45-10:45am) ________ Saturday March 19th
(9:00-11:30 am) ________

Saturday April 30th
(9:00-11:30 am) ________

Wednesday June 8th
(1:10-3:15pm) ________

Monday July 25th
(8:45-10:45 am) ________

Saturday August 20 (Production set up)
(9:00-11:30am) ________

Wednesday Oct 12th
(Twilight 3.30pm-6.00pm) ________

Monday Nov 28th
(8:45-10:45am) ________

Please debit my credit card for $60.00:

(Please circle)  Visa  /  Mastercard

Name on the card ____________________________________________________________

Credit Card Number: [ __ ][ __ ][ __ ][ __ ][ __ ][ __ ][ __ ][ __ ]

Expiry Date: [ __ ][ __ ][ __ ]
Help Urgently Required

We need to roster 6 people per week to run the St Mary’s tuckshop. We have not received enough volunteers to be able to effectively do this, this year.

If you have not put your form in, please do so ASAP.

If we do not receive more responses, we will not be able to run tuckshop in term 2. If we don’t get the volunteers required we will be unable to offer tuckshop in the future. Please commit by filling out the below form.

The St Mary’s Primary School Canteen operates every Friday between 9.00am – 1.00pm. Volunteers are needed to help run the canteen. If you are able to help, please fill out the attached form and return to school office ASAP.

NAME __________________________________________ PHONE __________________ EMAIL _____________________

ELDEST CHILD AND GRADE _________________________________________________________________

Availability (please tick)

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY

☐ EMERGENCY ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER ________________________________

Thankyou Parents & Friends Committee

Craft Club Volunteers Required

We have loads of activities planned for this term, but for us to be able to run these sessions properly we are desperate for some volunteers.

If you can help on any Tuesday days please fill out the form below and return to the office.

Craft Club is run every Tuesday during first recess. Volunteers are required from 10.00am until 12.00pm (2 hours duration approximately)....

We are still taking donations of any craft type items......Drop them off at the office if you have anything we can use.

Name __________________________________________ Contact Phone Number ______________________________

I am available on the following Tuesday/s ____________________________________________________________
from 10.00am – 12.00pm
ST. MARY’S TUCKSHOP
Term 1, 2016

ORDERING: Please put your child’s Name, Grade, Order and Amount (and change) clearly on a paper bag. Correct change if possible (wrap money in paper) For Families paying together, please write on each bag name and grade of each child.

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Lunch Order Tags for Sticky Beak Lunch Bags

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Social skills for children

School brings different types of learning, including social interactions and how to make friends. Parents can lay the foundations at home by teaching their kids these 7 important social skills.

Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better.

More significantly, positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

Friendships skills are generally developmental, but they don’t develop in isolation. Kids acquire these skills when they play with their siblings and interact with children and adults outside their family.

Today’s children grow up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured play and less freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.

Parents can help kids develop important social competencies by teaching them sociable behaviours at home, being good role models and providing opportunities for kids to play with each other in a variety of situations.

Here are 7 important social skills to help children to develop:

1. **Ask for what you want**
   Help children ask for what they want. It means they don’t throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what’s on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

2. **Good manners**
   Teach kids good manners, in particular the three ‘power words’. These words are very persuasive because they have a way of breaking down barriers and people’s defences. These three words are: your name; please; thanks. These terms are the basis of good manners, and, when used, will increase the likelihood of getting what you want.

3. **Sharing**
   Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people’s feelings.

4. **Holding a conversation**
   Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

   Children within conversations need to learn to ask good or interesting questions; to take turns when speaking and to show you are listening by making eye contact and not interrupting.

5. **Winning and losing well**
   Kids need to learn to win without rubbing others noses in it, and lose gracefully without throwing tantrums and making excuses.

[more on page 2]
... Social skills for children ...

Wanting to win is natural, but they need to do so in a way that they maintain a relationship with other players so they will play again. Losing may make kids feel bad, but kids need to control their negative feelings so that others will play with them again.

6 Approaching and joining a group
The ability to approach strangers in social situations is a valuable skill that opens up many doors, both friendship-wise and business-wise. These skills can be learned and practised during childhood, so that it becomes second nature in adulthood.

7 Handling fights and disagreements
Disagreements happen in families and among friends. The key is to make sure disagreements don’t lead to the breakdown of friendships. It’s important to get across to kids that having an argument or disagreement doesn’t mean that a friendship is over. Strong friendships, like strong family relationships, withstand disagreements. In fact, they only serve to strengthen friendships.

The results of a number of studies indicate that children can be taught friendships skills. The strategies are simple and revolve around teaching children a range of friendly behaviours such as: talking with others while playing, showing an interest in others, smiling, offering help and encouragement when needed, a willingness to share and learning how to enter a game or social situation.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and quite easily neglect the development of important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and wellbeing.

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