Dear Parents,

What a wonderful time was had by all at the disco! The children danced away the winter blues with a great sense of enthusiasm and fun! Thank you to our wonderful P & F for running the event and to our parent helpers and supervising teachers who ensured that it all ran smoothly.

As First Eucharist approaches, we continue to keep the students who are preparing in our prayers. Last Thursday evening saw families coming together to share their thoughts and learning around the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is always a lovely evening of activities and prayer which combines our parish families both from within and outside of the school community.

The Preps were full of excitement on Tuesday when they went on their first school bus trip. The excursion was to the RSPCA in East Burwood where they learnt about different types of animals and the care they need. Congratulations to the Preps!

And lastly a quick note about the pick up at the roundabout. I understand that often parents can be in a hurry at the end of the day, trying to get to an appointment or after school activity, however I do urge people to be mindful of our ultimate goal at pick up time and that is to get all children safely into their cars. There have been an increasing number of people who are trying to pull out and pass the car in front, especially if the car in front is delayed. I do ask that everyone is patient especially as we have Prep children who are beginning to use the pick-up area. These children can sometimes take a little longer to get into the car, juggling school bag etc. and once inside the car can take some extra time to put seatbelts on ready to drive. I know that you share our desire for “Safety First”.

And finally, with so many sick children and staff also, struggling with the wintry bugs, we encourage everyone to look after themselves and each other. Our thoughts are with all those who are absent from our school community at present, we hope you will soon return fit and healthy!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for last week:

PB:  Katie C  PF:  Tyson K
1/2R:  Samuel M  1/2F:  Jarrah W
1/2U:  James B  1/2H:  Alizah J/Alyssa T
3/4C:  Lily H S  3/4M:  Dale C
3/4T:  Bella P  3/4N:  Caleb H-N
5/6B:  Charlotte M  5/6L:  Caitlyn L
5/6F:  Alana Z  5/6S:  Lily C

My prayers and best wishes for a wonderful week.
Mrs Angela Glennie
School Closure

- Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May – Staff Professional Development

School Closure Days

Monday, 8th June – Queen’s Birthday
Monday, 2nd November (Day before Cup Day) – Reporting
(One other day for Staff Professional Development to be confirmed)

Teach Me to Listen

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me, my family, my friends, my co-workers.
Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is, ‘Accept the person I am. Listen to me.’
Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.
Teach me to listen, O God my Mother, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside – in the deepest part of me. listen, Holy Spirit, for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence.
Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen.
Sunday, 24 May 2015: Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the Day - Year B

Gospel
Jn 20:19-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.
‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
 ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’
The Gospel of the Lord

Don’t forget!! Parents, please remember we need your help to have as many “Enhancing Catholic School Identity” surveys completed as possible. Print out your “receipt” at the end of the survey, return it to the office for a ticket into the draw for a $100 gift voucher, at the retail outlet of your choice.

Class Masses
5/6 B and 1/2 F will celebrate Mass in the church this Thursday 28th May at 9.00a.m. All welcome to attend.

First Communion
Please keep all First Communion candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this very important sacrament. First Communion is this Sunday 31st May
ST MARY’S NEWS!

Don’t Forget!

We need your help to complete a Survey - Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey.

You have a chance to win a $100 voucher of your choice when you complete the survey and return the printed receipt.

If you have any questions, please make contact through the school office.

Mini Vinnies
The Mini Vinnie’s Group are now promoting the long life Milk and long life food collection. Bring items to your classroom.

We will be donating these items to the Mt. Evelyn St. Vincent de Paul group in June, to distribute to local people in need.

Thank you for your support!

Disco 2015

A huge thank you to Sindy Vitale for organising such a great disco on Friday night. More than 230 students came along to boogie the night away, what a great turn out!!

Thank you so much to the teachers who helped out on the night. We really appreciate you giving up your night to help supervise the students.

Thank you to the mum’s and dad’s who gave up their time to help get things organised beforehand and on the night: Sindy Vitale, Belinda Giblett, Shelley Holt, Kat Anderson, Karla Flynn, Amanda Pearse, Jane Ward, Natalie Tenace, Meagan McSween, Emma Finn, Rechelle Clay, Adele Clinch, Elise Schroeter, Jenny Hendrie, Liz Rhodes, Tarsh Barry, Viv Miller, Lauren Sands and Andrew Sands.

There were lots of helpers and plenty of offers of help, much appreciated.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

SCORES for 22nd May 2015
St. Mary’s v. Mt. Evelyn
Soccer
St. Mary’s 3 defeated Mt. Evelyn 1
Football
St. Mary’s 14 goals 14 behinds 98 points defeated
Mt. Evelyn 3 goals 0 behinds 18 points.
One-Catch Volleyball
Mt. Evelyn 2 sets defeated St. Mary’s 0 sets
Netball A
Mt. Evelyn 33 goals defeated St. Mary’s 3 goals
Netball B
Mt. Evelyn 25 goals defeated St. Mary’s 5 goals
Kind regards
Peter B (St. Marys)

URGENT REQUEST:
Two or three parents are required to assist with the coaching and training of Netball. It would be ideal if parents could come of a lunch time recess to work through some strategies and then help to position girls in teams on days when Interschool Sport is played. Please see Miss Lewis if you can help out.

Our next match is an Away fixture against Rolling Hills on Friday 5th June. Please note that Football will be played at St. Mary’s on this day.

Peter Bekkers (Sport coordinator St. Mary’s).
COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS!

Here are the responses to the second question from our Community Conversation. Across the coming weeks I will look at common themes that can be drawn from the responses. I’m sure that further talk will be generated around many of the answers. As you read the responses, it is important to know that not all suggestions will “take flight”, however gathering feedback from the community is a wonderful way of getting us all talking about your dreams for your children. Thanks again for your honest feedback and suggestions; we can’t promise you a swimming pool but we can promise that we will continue to keep the children at the centre of all of our decisions!

Question two: WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN AT ST MARY’S THAT WOULD ENGAGE FAMILIES?

- Explanation/Demonstration evening on how teachers teach at St Mary’s.
- Christmas Carols
- Activities involving parents and children.
- Family fun day – play old fashioned games, etc.
- School/Parish car rally & picnic.
- School/Parish picnic.
- Picnic each term on the weekend.
- Twilight movie.
- Family day – art activities or workshops.
- Parents joining in on camp and bike ed.
- Funded Arts Teacher and Art Room.
- Better communication using technology eg. phones or app.
- Swimming carnival
- After School Programs
- Kids club for children who are lonely.
- Art class, more Performing Arts and a Swimming Pool!
- Changing the Newsletter more, updated, app for phones
- Swimming lessons at school
- Swimming together
- Having a pool!
- Community hub – weekends – using computers - not school related.
- Family day/grandparents day something during the day.
- Website – more info.
- Website – tabs for each grade. User friendly.
- More school camps.
- Movie nights.
- Sleepovers
- Dress up for school sports.
- Community/social events – treasure hunt – BBQ 1 per term.
- Christmas carols.
- More toilets.
- Family Sports night.
- Various sports activities ie. Basketball, Soccer, football, equestrian and netball.
- Community market to raise money for the school.
- Farmers and craft market.
- Sustainable living.
- Christmas carols
- Community discussions and goal setting.
- Fathers and son event.
- Website – Intranet.
- Youth mass
- Information folder for notes etc.
- Open day
- Promote parental involvement more effectively (child written invitations)
- Year level newsletter to outline learning (especially for working parents to keep updated)
- Include a family activity in the newsletter
- Craft club to grow and include more families
- Prep buddies to be paired up by the end of the year 5 year with a family night of “getting to know you” at the beginning of the year
- Open invitation for parents to join morning fitness
- Parents “driving” out of school hours family engagement activities
- Parent/child reading hour
- Parent handbook for beginning families (Survey parents to gain insight into this)
- “Nitty Gritty” information at beginning of the year information night
- Investigate “Learning Walks”
- School mural incorporating old and new families
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’ Winter Uniform**
- Navy tunic or tailored pants
- Length of dresses and tunics should not be above the knee
- (no jeans, jean style)
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- Navy socks or tights
- Black polished shoes (no sneakers/runners)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional – optional)

**Boys’ Winter Uniform**
- Navy trousers
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy socks or tights
- Black polished shoes (no sneakers/runners)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional – optional)

**Girls’ Winter 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

**Boys’ Winter 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

**In line with our school uniform policy, girls may CHOOSE to wear navy tights OR short navy socks with the winter tunic.**

**HEADBANDS FOR SALE**

- 3 STYLES IN SCHOOL COLOUR
- SAMPLES AND ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.
- $5 EACH.

**HEADBAND ORDER FORM:**

Name _____________________________________________ Class __________

**Style A.** (select quantity) ___ **Style B.** (select quantity) ___ **Style C.** (select quantity) ___

$ 5.00 each

Amount Enclosed $ __________(Exact money only/Cash Only/No change given)
ST MARY’S MASS TIMES MOUNT EVELYN
Saturday 6.00 pm & Sunday 10.30 am & 5.00 pm

SCHOOL FEES
All families have been sent a statement for 2015 and fee agreement forms. If you have not received yours please check your child’s bag or contact the office.

Forms must be return signed by the fee payer/s

St Mary’s BSB/ACCOUNT Details
PLEASE SEE BELOW OUR BSB DETAILS FOR ONLINE TRANSFERS
St Marys Primary School
BSB 083-347
Account Number 676054930

Please clearly state your eldest child name and surname when processing your payment

ST MARY’S NEW WEBSITE
Check out our new website.... The newsletter and other items are uploaded every week for your convenience. (Weekly newsletters will no longer be emailed)

Also including this week, Uniform Order Form
Tuckshop Menu & Car Park Rules & Student Work.
www.smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP - NEW OPENING TIMES
Opening hours
Tuesday Afternoon 3.00pm - 3.30pm &
Thursday Morning 8.30am – 9.00am
Order forms available at the office. Payment of cash or cheque MUST be included with your order.

St. Mary’s Coffee Morning
Every Monday Morning At The Church

St Mary’s Recess
Footy Rules:

These rules are aimed at providing the best opportunity for safe and fair play.

Year 1/2 students:
1. Play takes place on the front half of oval.
2. Play takes the form of “Kick to kick” only.
3. No tackling.

Year 3/4 students:
1. Play takes place on the front half of oval.
2. Play takes the form of “Kick to kick” or “Marks up” only.
3. No tackling.

Year 5/6 students:
1. Modified matches can be played.
2. Play takes place on the back half of oval.
3. No tackling.
4. 3 “taps” for holding the ball.
### ST. MARY’S TUCKSHOP

**Term 2, 2015**

**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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| **SPECIAL TREATS**                |                                |
|                                  | Limit 1 per order              |
| **Red Skins**                    | .30                             |
| **Milko Sticks**                 | .30                             |
| **Ovalteenies**                  | .90                             |
| **Sunfruit Lollie Bag**          | .90                             |

When ordering please write child's name grade and order with total cost and if change is to be given the amount of the change this makes it much easier for the ladies volunteering in the tuck shop. Also if paying for one or more children the name grade and total for the other child/children. Thanks
Coaching kids in social situations

"Kids are born with L plates when it comes to social skills. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids."

A mum approached me after a recent seminar with an interesting question about her son’s behaviour amongst his peers. She said her son is lovely but loud. He was a little too enthusiastic with his friends. So much so, that his buddies felt downright uncomfortable around him and sometimes gave him the cold shoulder. He also liked to be the boss, and didn’t like being a follower in social situations.

Here was a perfect opportunity for this mum to do some coaching to help her son negotiate social situations.

Sure, it’s great to get excited but kids from 2 to twenty-two need to learn that they have to tone their enthusiasm down around certain people and in certain situations. That’s what the socialization process requires. Besides, popular children generally know when to follow the lead of others, how to share their possessions and that they won’t always have their own way. This ability to share comes with maturity, but sometimes children need some gentle parental help in this area.

Here are three techniques to use to help your child to behave well around others, and maintain friendships as well.

- **Remind:** Be pre-emptive with your teaching. Before they visit their friends give them a couple of pointers that are relevant to them about their behaviour. “Remember, to say hello quietly and ask them if they’d like to play with you.”

- **Rehearse:** It’s useful to practise with kids how they should act in social situations. “Okay, Jeremy tell me what you will say when you go to Grandma’s. Let’s practice saying hello.”

- **Revisit:** Give kids feedback after the event but keep it positive and upbeat. “That was great the way you let the other kids lead the way. Your friends love it when you let them be boss.” Kids benefit from being told what works well in terms of their social behaviours, even if their attempts at being good only approximate what you are after. **It takes a little time for some kids to get things right!**

**Effective parents** are teaching parents. A lot of the lessons kids pick up from their parents are through mimicry. That’s why modeling is one of your greatest allies. They need to spend some time with you so they can pick up good manners, the importance of sharing and other social niceties. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids.

There are times when parents need to make sure their lessons hit home and that includes when you coach kids how to be social and consider the needs of others.