Dear Parents,

What a busy and exciting start we are having to the term! Congratulations to everyone who participated in our House Sports Day on Tuesday. The day was a fantastic success with all children competing with enthusiasm, many parents coming along to offer support and the weather finishing up just perfectly! A special word of thanks goes to Mrs Melissa Primevera for her wonderful work in planning the day and thank you to all of the staff who helped out in so many ways ensuring that the day ran smoothly. The final awards were distributed as follows: Clegg House won the Sun Smart Award, MacKillop House won the Team Spirit Award, Valinda House won the Good Conduct Award and the Overall Points were won by Melba House; a terrific success!

Friday was of course Alleluia Day and what a very special day it was. We began with a whole school Mass, followed by lots of classroom activities; I even spotted coloured balloons in one of the classrooms! A highlight of the day was the Easter Reflection which was beautifully dramatised by the Year 5/6 Performing Arts students. They lead us through the major events of Jesus’ life culminating with the resurrection and showing us ways that we can be the “voice of the resurrection” in our thoughts, words and actions. It was a very prayerful and thought provoking presentation.

This week our thoughts are with our Year six students and staff as we head off to Mt Martha on camp. The campers will leave on Wednesday and return on Friday. During their absence the Year five students will participate in the Bike Ed Program. Thank you to Mrs Fraraccio who will step in on these days when I will be on camp.

With the change in weather it is time to move to Winter uniform. There are always a couple of weeks where both Summer and Winter uniform is acceptable, to allow for the transition of the weather, but it must be correctly one or the other, and not a combination of both. For example, Winter tights with a Summer dress is not the correct uniform. I have noted that many children have had a growth spurt during the intervening months, so please check the length of uniforms before children wear them, as dresses and tunics should not be above the knee. It is also necessary to check the condition of the uniforms to ensure that the colour and condition of them is still okay.

Another big reminder for everyone to return their raffle tickets, whether they are sold or unsold. This is a legal requirement of big raffles, so

Please return your Parish raffle tickets – sold or unsold – immediately.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for last week:

PB: Casey  PF: Sophie/Lachlan
1/2R: Allyssa  1/2F: Tahlia
1/2U: Chloe  1/2H: Noah
3/4M: Jessica  3/4C: Oliver
3/4T: Mitchell  3/4N: Reagen
5/6B: Conner  5/6L: Grace
5/6F: Charli  5/6S: Victoria

My prayers and best wishes for a wonderful week.
Mrs Angela Glennie
(Acting Principal)
Week Two

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School Closure Days

- Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May – Staff Professional Development
- Monday, 8th June – Queen’s Birthday
- Monday, 2nd November (Day before Cup Day) – Reporting

(One other day for Staff Professional Development to be confirmed)

Gather together your sheep, Lord, in all the places where they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. Lead them to good pasturage; let them rest in good grazing ground. Those who are lost, search out. Those who have strayed, bring back. Those who are wounded, bind their wounds. Those who are sick, tend with care. Those bearing young, watch over them. All of your sheep, keep them safe in your flock. Lord Jesus, because you are our Good Shepherd, guide us, your flock, in the ways of life and truth. Gather all people into the fold of your love so that there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

From Biblical Prayers by Fr Lucien Deiss
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 or cargo pants)
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy socks or tights
- Black polished shoes
- (no sneakers/runners)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional)

**Boys’ Winter Uniform**
- Navy Trousers
- (no jeans, jean style or cargo pants)
- St Mary’s polo shirt
- St Mary’s windcheater
- Navy socks
- Black polished shoes
- (no sneakers/runners)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional)

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

Please ensure that all items of uniform are well maintained, including sports uniform and hats.

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**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)
Car Park

For the safety of all our children we ask that driver courtesy, patience and the utmost care is practised at all times.

**No standing in the driveway or roundabout areas unless ALL parking spaces are taken.**

**When you have accessed a car park, do not leave it to join the queue.**

We need access for emergency and delivery vehicles and buses. Blocking the driveway also means that others are unable to access available parking spaces and causes a dangerous build up of traffic in Clegg Road.

- Pick up and drop off on the roundabout only at the designated place. Please ensure that your child can do up their own seat belt if you are using this area, as this will ensure an uninterrupted flow.
- Maximum speed anywhere in the school grounds is walking pace – our school grounds begin at the Clegg Rd entrance.
- The driveway in front of the church, in front of the Presbytery carport and the driveway to the rear of the presbytery is to be kept clear at all times to allow 24 hour access.
- Please keep the access to the staff car park clear.
- When backing into allocated car parking spaces please indicate & avoid backing over two lanes from an opposite bay and ensure that your car is not overhanging the walkway.
- Please depart from the car park as soon as possible after collecting your children, so that others may park in the designated areas.
- The school property begins at the green gates at Clegg Rd. When departing from the school grounds, it is necessary to give way to traffic coming from the right of the roundabout at Clegg Rd. Traffic, other than school traffic, use this roundabout.
- Please avoid parking on the nature strips at the front of the school or blocking the driveways of our neighbours. You may incur a fine from a visiting parking inspector.
- Please be polite and respectful of everyone (including our neighbours) at ALL times.

*If we all cooperate the car park does work. We find that generally, the car park is virtually cleared by 3.30pm so it may be beneficial to come a little later, rather than earlier.*

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**To avoid fines and to ensure the safety of everyone by avoiding a build-up in the driveway and then Clegg Road,** please ensure that:

- There is no standing in the driveway and that all available parking spaces are used.
- When you have accessed a car park, do not leave it to join the queue. If you absolutely must do the driveway pick up, come later.
- Do not park on the road shoulders. This means that cars are unable to go past the right hand turning vehicles.
- Leave a clearway so that others may come out of the driveway.
- Avoid causing the queue for right turning vehicles into the school to overflow beyond the dedicated right turn lane as this blocks eastbound through traffic on Clegg Road.
- Clear the car park as quickly as possible so that others may have your parking space.
- Be prepared to go around the roundabout again if your child is not ready to be picked up. The traffic MUST keep moving.
Enrolment forms are now available from the office for St Mary’s siblings starting Prep in 2016. If you are a St Mary’s family and have a child due to start school in 2016, please contact the office immediately.

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

ST MARY’S NEWS

SCHOOL FEES
STATEMENTS WERE SENT OUT END OF TERM 1, PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE CORRECT
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

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
All money due back.....NOW.....

MEDICAL FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT THIS WEEK - THEY ARE TO BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE MAKE ANY CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY AND SIGN TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.....

GRADE 6 CAMP MONEY DUE NOW!

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.

PREP 2016 ENROLMENT
Enrolment forms are now available from the office for St Mary’s siblings starting Prep in 2016.

If you are a St Mary’s family and have a child due to start school in 2016, please contact the office immediately.
Parish Raffle

DUE BACK NOW!

Tickets were distributed last week.
All tickets sold and un-sold are due back on Friday 24th April.
Tickets sell at $2.00 each, each book is valued at $20.00.
Prizes this year are 3 cars Toyota Corolla and two Toyota Yaris 2 x $1,000.00 vouchers and 9 x $500.00 gift vouchers.
Good Luck Everyone!

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

Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!

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 both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with 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.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

You’re INVITED to our first ever COMMUNITY CONVERSATION!

What is this? A chance to gather with other parents, children and teachers to chat about the things that are important to you and your family regarding what we do at school. It’s a chance to make suggestions, share ideas, be heard and chat!

When? Tuesday April 28th 2:15-3:00pm
Where? St Mary’s School Hall

RSVP? Yes please! Either ring the office or add your name to the list of attendees (in the office foyer)

We ALL really hope to see you there!
Sunday, 19 Apr 2015: Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

Gospel
Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Are you a convincing witness to others?

That is this Gospel’s challenge. Your faith might be the only “Gospel” some people read. They’ll read it in how you treat friends, family, and even enemies. They’ll read it in your attitude towards poor people. They’ll read it in how you use money and choose goals.

We aren’t perfect, and we make mistakes. But don’t worry. More than anything else, people will see the Gospel alive when you apologise, admit your failings, and start over.

You’re a sinner. So am I. But we’re still called to witness to the Resurrection by passing the Gospel with our generation down to the next generation. The Apostles took Jesus up on that. And the word has spread from generation to generation for two thousand years. It’s now partly on your shoulders. But God put it there because God has so much faith in you.

Social Justice: Please return any Project Compassion boxes you may still have at home.

Many thanks for your donations and support of this worthy cause.

Community Prayer

- We celebrated Alleluia Day last Friday. This is a very special day for our school because we stop and think about the importance and meaning of Easter. We had a whole school Mass in the church to begin with, we did special Easter activities in our classrooms, we went to the hall to watch an Easter Arts Reflection presented by Year 5/6’s and we had our Assembly after last play to share what we had done.
- NO class masses this week. They will start next week, week 3.
WAGZ CAFE has joined the team at Top of the Town Pet Supplies & Shannon’s Dog Grooming so pop in to redeem this coupon and receive $0.50 off every cup of coffee purchased.

*One cup per coupon.
3 York Road, Mt Evelyn (next to Subway) - 9736 1677

DON’T LOSE THIS NOTICE
2015 ENROL NOW
KEYBOARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL IN-SCHOOL TIME

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE
THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY
Enrol NOW in ............
PIANO ON KEYBOARD LESSONS
$16.50 HALF HOUR lesson

* Convenient – in school time
* Kangaroo V
* Learn with Friends
* All equipment provided
* INDIVIDUAL tuition

ONE FREE LESSON
IF YOU ENROL NOW
Phone 9761 9058

HAVE FUN, GET FIT!!
Womens Fitness and Boxing.
$20 p/w for up to 6 classes.
Morning Classes.
Call NOW!!
www.edgemartialarts.com.au
17 Hereford Rd Mt Evelyn
(03) 9736 2919
FACEBOOK  A reminder that there is a St Mary’s parent Facebook group (St Marys Mt Evelyn - parents). This group is run by the parents for the parents not by the school. It’s very handy if you need to ask for lost spelling words or find out which days uniform shop is open if you forget!

ST MARY’S FOOD BANK

Once again we are collecting donations for our Food Bank. Every year a team of ladies set aside a couple of days from their own busy lives, to cook and prepare meals to freeze for families that may be going through a difficult time. This has helped many members of our St Marys Primary School Community last year.

Donations required for 2015 Food Bank.
Please send cash donations in a sealed envelope to the office for us to purchase fresh produce for the next Food Bank Cook-up - date to be advised.
If you know of anyone from St Mary’s Primary school that may need some help with a meal for their family, please contact the office.
HELPERS REQUIRED AND FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL Karla 0418 271 755

2015 ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
- MT EVELYN -

Saturday April 25th @ 5.45am
'Mt Evelyn War Memorial Park'
Car Wray Cres & Berrimah Rd
• Dawn Service
• March from War Memorial Park to RSL Hall
• Free community breakfast at the RSL Hall

This year the Mt Evelyn RSL is inviting anyone who had a family member who served at Gallipoli to head the march. However in order to march you will need to either wear their medals or carry their photo.

Groups wanting to lay a floral tribute at the Dawn Service please contact RSL secretary (Anthony) on 9756 4584

Look for our facebook page
WANDIN/SILVAN AUSKICK
Registrations open
Starts April 17th 4.30-5.30 @ Wandin East Oval
Register @ www.aflauskick.com.au
Or contact
Sarah Walpole 0438 385 655
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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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

Friday 25th April

Co-ordinator:
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.

Thankyou,

NAME _______________________________ PHONE ________________________________

Permission to give your phone number to other parents if required  YES / NO

EMAIL ____________________________________________________________________________

ELDEST CHILD AND GRADE ____________________________________________________________________________

Availability (please tick)

**TERM 1**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY

☐ EMERGENCY ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER _____________

**TERM 2**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY

☐ EMERGENCY ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER _____________

**TERM 3**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY

☐ EMERGENCY ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER _____________

**TERM 4**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY

☐ EMERGENCY ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER _____________

Thanks for your help!
Resilience is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand.

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

Building Resilience

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.