Dear Parents,

We have had some positive feedback about our new school website and so if you haven’t had a chance to have a look, please log onto www.smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au. As with all websites it is continuing to develop and I’d like to say a big thankyou to Miss Riddiford and Mrs Borrelli who continue to work tirelessly to improve it each week. One exciting development with the website is that we will be able to share some examples of good work from the children. We know they will be thrilled to see their efforts displayed on the web! It’s probably worthwhile letting you know that, in the interest of privacy, any work displayed or children acknowledged in the newsletter (online), will be by christian name only; no surnames will be used.

Thank you to those people who braved the chilly weather conditions last Wednesday night to attend our second Community Conversation. Once again this proved to be a terrific chance for parents, staff and students to meet as a community and have a general discussion about school life. I have published the comments from our two Community Conversations and I think you’ll find it interesting reading. These conversations follow a structured formula that enables everyone to express their thoughts around a set of questions. We will be holding other Community Conversations in the future, each with a different focus and I encourage you to look out for them.

This week the year 1/2s followed up their inquiry into the science behind forces with a wonderful day of construction. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents coming along to work alongside the children; a special thank you for your interest and attendance.

A reminder that the school disco is on this Friday; further details are on the next page.

I have also included a list of frequently asked questions that may be of benefit.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for last week:

PB: Tahlia /Mikayla  PF: Ruby  
1/2R: Samuela 1/2F: Allanah  
1/2U: Madison 1/2H: Madison  
3/4C: Isaac /Jordyn 3/4M:  
3/4T: Amber 3/4N: Kiara  
5/6B: Piper 5/6L: Karri  
5/6F: Elizabeth 5/6S:Natalie

My prayers and best wishes for a wonderful week.

Mrs Angela Glennie  
(Acting Principal)
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)

NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

Consciousness

In the presence of the One who Accepts, heals and renews
I can be honest about the ways I have fallen short of the love I experience.
How has the last day gone?
How do I feel about the way I have responded interacted, opened myself?
I share my feelings with the Lord.
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 shall 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)

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 Uniform

Navy Trousers
St Mary’s windcheater
Navy sox or tights
Black polished shoes (no sneakers/runners)
Navy gloves and scarf (optional)

Boys’ 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

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

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN’S UNIFORMS.
Any no name items will be resold as second hand uniform items at the uniform shop!

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)
This week’s FQA’s

Q: Can the girls in the senior grades wear a skirt only as the Winter uniform?
A: The girls in year six can remove the bib from the tunic if they wish and essentially wear a skirt only. Anyone seeking this opportunity in younger grades is invited to speak with the principal; all requests will be considered individually.

Q: Can the children wear beanies to school?
A: Yes, as long as the beanie is plain navy blue. (The uniform shop does also sell school beanies). Patterned beanies or beanies of another colour are not to be worn at school as part of the uniform.

Q: Can my child wear a coat to school?
A: Yes, coats can be worn to school and during recess times. These do not have to be navy blue; a coat from home is fine.

MONSTER TRUCKS!
Thank you to the group of students who spoke so well about their wish to use Monster trucks and other wheeled toys at recess. I explained to them that we prefer children to only bring toys from home to share at “Show and Tell” times because using them at recess can cause problems. We were able to have a good chat and together we decided that the school will provide two sharing boxes of trucks and vehicles, one each for the 1/2 and 3/4 levels to use at play times. We believe that not only will this provide a good learning opportunity for the children to develop the skills of sharing but that it will prevent children from ruining their own toys by playing with them at school (in the mud and the sand). The senior level students requested Lego earlier in the year and this has been successful, so I commend the students for discussing this idea with me and I look forward to them enjoying the results of their suggestion.

P.S. The school will purchase the toys for this purpose but we also welcome any donations of old toy cars, trucks etc.
Mrs Glennie.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS!
At the Community Conversations, we addressed two questions. Because the list of responses to the question is so long, I need to present the responses across two weeks! Yes, it seems we all had a lot to say! Here are the responses to the first question; enjoy!

**Question one: WHAT IS ONE THING YOU THINK WE DO REALLY WELL AT ST MARY’S?**

- Behaviour of students
- Teachers organisation of Performing Arts.
- Keeping children as children policy.
- Children are taught respect.
- Opportunities for children to engage in public speaking etc.
- Children’s standard of grooming is neat and tidy.
- Staff: friendly and on same page.
- Community base of parent initiatives. eg. tuckshop, craft club P & F.
- School productions, children and teachers work together.
- Teachers know students names.
- Children know each other across year levels.
- Everyone is welcoming.
- Everyone supporting Craft Club.
- Everyone shows respect.
- Teachers sort out problems well.
- Parents help out with activities.
- Everybody is caring.
- Everyone helps each other if hurt or injured.
- People listen to each other.
- Efficient car park.
- Friendly community.
- Dressing up for Italian day.
- Sports day.
- Teaching kids to be kind.
- Assemblies are run well.
- Manners are encouraged in children.
- Teach kids as individuals.
- Kids stay out of boundary areas.

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

- Keeping children as children.
- Variety of books in library is good.
- School is good at getting across the golden rule.
- School is kept clean and in good condition.
- Student welfare is well attended to.
- School Production.
- Sports Day/Italian/Special Events.
- Rules, eg clear expectations.
- Prepares children for sacraments.
- Behaviour/discipline
- Organise Friday Assemblies
- Good Sportmanship.
- Resilience building.
- Every decision made has the child at the centre.
- Bullying is followed up and monitored
- School improvements/buildings are great
- Children are valued and looked after
- Focus on Golden rule and other wellbeing rules
- Morning fitness
- Structured learning blocks (maths & literacy)
- Door is always open
- Continually building relationships with parents and children
- Deb & Bec in the office are amazing!
- Really live out the motto “Love Above All”
- Empower children to be St Mary’s People.

Watch this space next week, when I’ll present the responses to:
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
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.

NOOOOOO!
TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

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.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT SCORES
Friday 15th May 2015

Football
Ruskin Park 6 goals 8 behinds 44 points
Defeated St. Mary’s 5 goals 4 behinds 34 points

Netball A
Ruskin Park 14 defeated St. Mary’s 6

Netball B
Ruskin Park 16 Defeated St. Mary’s 4

Soccer DRAW
One-Catch DRAW One Set Each

Next week (22nd May) St. Mary’s and Mt. Evelyn Primary School
Play each other. At this stage Football and Netball are likely to be played at St. Mary’s while Soccer and Volley ball are likely to be played at Mt. Evelyn.

Peter Bekkers
SCHOOL DISCO ORDER FORM
FRIDAY MAY 22\textsuperscript{nd} 2015

Junior Disco (Prep’s, grade 1 & grade 2) - 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Senior Disco (Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6) - 5:45pm to 7:00pm

Entry per child $5.00
(Includes: entry, 1 glow product and cordial drink)
Extra glow products can be ordered for $4.00 each

Hot Dogs can be ordered for $2.00 each

ORDER FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 18\textsuperscript{th} MAY 2015

SCHOOL DISCO ORDER FORM
(ONE FORM PER CHILD PLEASE)

Child’s Name: …………………………….. Class: ………………….

Free Glow Product $0.00 = $ 0.00
Extra Glow Product $4.00 x ...... = $
Entry Fee: $5.00 = $ 5.00
Hot Dog: $2.00 x ...... = $ ___

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT

$ ……………
Total enclosed
Sunday, 17 May 2015: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

Gospel
Mk 16:15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.
Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, ‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.’
And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it. The Gospel of the Lord

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Social Justice
Last term we raised money for Caritas through the Project Compassion boxes. A total of $817.55 was raised, a fantastic effort.

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion    1800 024 413

$817.55 raised, well done everyone!

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.

This Thursday 21st May, anyone who would like to use the computers in the library to complete the survey, is most welcome to come in any time from 8.45a.m. until 3.15 p.m. Assistance will be provided if needed!

Community Prayer
5 / 6 S and 1 / 2 H will celebrate Mass in the church this Thursday 21st May at 9.00a.m. All welcome to attend.

Important news for First Communion children and their families
This Thursday 21st May we are having a First Communion family night at 6:00pm in the hall. All first Communion candidates and their families need to attend.
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
MONEY DONATIONS REQUIRED FOR NEXT FOOD BANK COOK-UP
Donations of any amounts will be greatly appreciated.  Please send your donation to office in a sealed labelled envelope.

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

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(ONE FORM PER CHILD PLEASE)

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Saturday May 23rd
Mount Evelyn Community BUSHDANCE
Featuring Blackberry Jam Bush Band
Mt Evelyn Public Hall - Mt Evelyn
Miss your chance to be part of the Miracle Children Choir?

Saturday May 30th
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Cross Country Open Day
www.penangathletics.org.au

SATURDAY MAY 23RD
MOUNT EVELYN COMMUNITY
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Mt Evelyn Public Hall - Mt Evelyn
Miss your chance to be part of the Miracle Children Choir?

Wednesday May 27th
Mt Evelyn Community BUSHDANCE
Featuring Blackberry Jam Bush Band
Mt Evelyn Public Hall - Mt Evelyn
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SATERDAY MAY 30TH
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BUSHDANCE
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Mt Evelyn Public Hall - Mt Evelyn
Miss your chance to be part of the Miracle Children Choir?

WAGS 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 $50 of every cup of coffee purchased.

2 York Road, Mt Evelyn Street to Railway 03 9736 8777

This event has been organised by the Penang Community Association of Vic

BUSHDANCE
Featuring Blackberry Jam Bush Band
Mt Evelyn Public Hall - Mt Evelyn
Miss your chance to be part of the Miracle Children Choir?
Teach children to persist

"Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

John Quincy Adams

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn’t understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the ‘stickability’ to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn’t allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

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Parents can be a sounding board for children’s gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. “You can do it” is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than “If it is a little too hard then try something else.”

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Here are four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence.
   Words like “Hang tough”, “Work Hard” and “Hang in there” can become part of their every day vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task.
   Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children.
   They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

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