Dear Parents,

This week brings a very important day for many of our Year 6 students as they take the final step of initiation into the Catholic Church and become Confirmed on Friday evening. They have spent a long time preparing for this day, including participating in Spirit Day, which was held at St Joseph’s, Yarra Junction, last Wednesday, where they met with Bishop Mark Edwards. Our prayers and thoughts are very much with Ella A, Maddison M, Alec G, Ella H, Charlotte S, Ethan R, Olivia R, Brianna M, Samuel M, Joe P, Shayla A, Hannah E, Piper C, Sebastian R, Isabella E, Tess F, Lachlan R, Madeline T, Ebony D, Danielle G, Madeleine R, Shannae L, Shae P, James R, Kelly W, Nicholas P, Stacey M, Grace W, Talissa T, Keisha S, Aleesa K, Marcus S, Ryan W, Bailey T, Victoria C, Isabella P, Nathan B, Elijah F, Nicholas C and Madison J for both their final preparations and ongoing formation.

The rest of the school was also excited to meet Bishop Mark, when he came back to our school to meet everyone. Being our new Bishop, I am sure that we will have many more opportunities to spend time with him in the coming years.

Last week our Preps celebrated 100 Days of Prep, with all kinds of fun 100 activities, including making 100 crowns! As you can see from our photos, much fun was had by all. Congratulations to all our Preps on completing their first 100 days of school, only many more 100s to go!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for last two weeks:

PB: Charlotte K/Bridget B
PF: Catarina Orl/Amelia H-S
1/2R: Charli O/Riley G 1/2F: Chloe D/Teneal W/Noah H
1/2U: Sienna C/Liam E 1/2H:
3/4M: PJ/ Stella B 3/4C: Matthew V S/Samuel C
3/4T: Katie M/ Sam R 3/4N: Charlie B/ Taylah C
5/6B: Max B/ Ella A 5/6L: Hannah E
5/6F: Patrice D/Olivia R 5/6S: Tarin C/ Madeleine T

With my prayers and best wishes for the coming week,

Mrs Lynne O’Meara
Principal
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### School Closure Days
**Monday, 2nd November (Day before Cup Day) – Reporting**

In the midst of our work  
Let us meet you, O Jesus Christ  
In the faces of our colleagues  
Let us see your face  
In our cooperation with one another  
Let us share your spirit  
In our moments of prayer and reflection  
Let us know your presence within  
According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3: 10-11).

Shed your light, O Christ, upon the pilgrim paths we travel. Be our wisdom and guide. May we help others find a way to you, that they may experience you as an answer that is convincing and accept your message, even when it is demanding.
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

HEADBANDS FOR SALE

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

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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)
SAFETY ON THE ROUNDBOUGHT

Please do not “overtake” another car on the roundabout. It is not safe for the children and it is unfair to the teacher on duty who is trying their best to keep the cars moving.

Please be patient!

CLEGG ROAD PARKING WARNING:

Parking Inspectors will be on Clegg Road next week at school drop off between 8.15am – 9.00am and pick – up from 3.00pm – 3.30pm

It is illegal to park on the nature strip and we have been warned that infringement notices will be issued.

ST MARY’S MASS TIMES MOUNT EVELYN
Saturday 6.00 pm & Sunday 10.30am & 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

Split Firewood Sale

For $120.00 delivered to your door a generous 1 cubic metre of split hardwood firewood and 2 large bags of kindling ready for your fireplace or slow combustion heater.

Contact Andrew on 5964 3291
or
0427 887 329

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
LIBRARY NEWS - Book Fair coming soon!
From August 12th – 18th we will be holding a Book Fair. Viewing days will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th with the children given the opportunity to create a ‘wish list’. Families/parents can visit for viewing both days: 8:30 – 9:00 am and 3:15 – 3:45.
Selling of books will only be on Monday 17th from 8:15am until 3:15pm and Tuesday 18th from 8:15 until 7:00pm.
This will coincide with a family event for Reading Hour at 6:00pm. Any queries please visit Janine Meades in the library.

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
All welcome…. Meet new friends, bring someone along…..
An informal friendly get together…….

On Tuesday 28th of July our St. Marys netball team went to Knox Regional Netball Centre where we went to compete. Our team was Piper, Talissa, Tess, Charlotte, Alex, Tianna, Stacey, Bianca and myself. Our last game was our best game, which we won bringing the total score to 1 tie and 2 wins and 4 losses. I would like to say thank you to our mums, who came to watch, Mrs Mc Cormick who organised the day and our wonderful coach Rachel Whelan who guided us through the day. Great game girls!
By Grace W 5/6 L

Also a very big thankyou to Rachel Whelan for coaching and Sheelagh Kleverkamp for umpiring...

Congratulations to Ryan W in May this year Ryan won the Victorian WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organisation) State Championship 12 year old point sparing division and qualified for the National Championships. He travelled to Sydney last week and competed against all State Champions and won the National Title. Ryan now holds three Karate State Titles and one National Title.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Cast for production will be announced this week and published in next week’s newsletter. Rehearsals will be held Thursday afternoons.
Please make sure your child is attending school these days.

Full Dress Rehearsal Dates
Monday 7th September & Tuesday 8th September

Production Dates
Wednesday 9th September
12.00pm and 6.00pm & Thursday 10th September
12.00pm and 6.00pm
Further updates will be available in the newsletter.
St Mary’s Soccer Team  
Futsal Indoor Soccer

Please let us know if your child is interested in playing for a St Mary’s Indoor Soccer Team at Futsal Oz, Hereford Road Mt Evelyn.

Season starts this Friday 31st July.

We are registering a team initially in Under 8’s (players can be eight years old or younger).

Coach: Paul Dorian  
Manager: Ilona Dorian (0408 558 630)

Cost per game (first season): $25 per team  
Games played on Friday evening at 5:00 pm or 5:35pm  
Age: 8 years old and younger

- Other teams/age groups can be registered, we will need managers and coaches  
- Uniforms will be arranged, costs to be determined

If your child is interested, please come along to Futsal Oz, 19 – 23 Hereford Road Mt. Evelyn, this Wednesday 29th July at 3:30 (after school) until 4:30 pm for an initial training session. Please wear runners (or non-marking shoes – not school shoes) and bring a drink bottle.

Please call Ilona Dorian for any further information or questions – 0408 558 630

Feast Day Celebrations - You're Invited!

Andrew Chinn Concert: On Friday 14th August, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Rainbow” and “An African Blessing” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in the hall at 2.05pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Chinn: Biography

- Was a teacher for 20 years in Catholic schools in Sydney, taught all grades from kindergarten to Year 6 (was a kindergarten teacher for two years)  
- Song writing since 1993  
- His music is used in schools across Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada  
- His best-known songs are These Hands, Together As One, Rainbow, In the Beginning, Shine Among Them, An African Blessing and Gotta Sing Gotta Pray.  
- Has his own website: www.butterflymusic.com.au, where you can listen to some songs, watch some video clips, and find out a bit more about his music.
Sunday, 2 Aug 2015: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Gospel - John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

In the gospel, Jesus is telling us that we must think about more than just material things like food and clothes. Those things are important, but having lots of those things – more than we need – will not be enough to satisfy us for long. It is only through belief in God through Jesus that we can really be satisfied. With the life of Jesus inside us to nourish, we will be happy, and we believe that we will live forever.

Last Wednesday the Year 6 Confirmation candidates travelled to St. Joseph’s school in Yarra Junction for Spirit Day. We celebrated Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards and Father Ashkar and then took part in a range of activities. Bishop Mark emphasised the three main parts of Confirmation; renewing our Baptismal promises, the laying on of hands, and, being anointed with the oil of Chrism. He brought some oil of chrism for us to experience. It was very smooth and many thought it smelt strongly of roses and lavender. We ask that you keep all the candidates in your prayers as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this Friday evening.
ST. MARY’S TUCKSHOP
Term 3, 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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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!
Dear Sir/Madam/Business Owner

On the 15th of June 2015, our beloved Father Kyoshi Andrew Roberts was told he had a large tumour on the left hand side of his brain. After a successful surgery removing majority of the tumour, he now faces further treatment involving radiation and chemotherapy. In honour of Kyoshi’s bravery and many others faced with the long journey of Brain Cancer, we will be holding a Push-up-a-thon CureBrainCancer Fundraiser on the 30th of August 2015.

In order to make this CureBrainCancer Fundraiser a success, we will be relying on the generosity of our friends, family, the community coming together or anyone who has been affected by Brain Cancer and wanting to make a difference. We are seeking for donations/services for our silent auctions and raffles. Donations from businesses will be thanked and any advertising will be welcomed on the day, or you may wish to hold a stall. 100% of profits will be donated to curebraincancer.

Did you know? Brain cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia. It kills more people under 40 in Australia than any other cancer. Yet very little is known about brain cancer, what causes it or how to treat it. Brain cancer survival rates are low and have hardly changed for 30 years, despite significant increases of survival for Australians diagnosed with other types of cancer, such as prostate and breast cancer. Treatment is challenging because it affects our most vital organ. Brain cancer costs more per person than any other cancer, yet only receives a small fraction of federal government cancer research funding. Only two in ten people diagnosed with brain cancer will survive for at least five years. The mission is to increase five year survival to 50% within 10 years. Together we will succeed.

For more information visit curebraincancer.org.au

Please, if you are able to or know someone who can help out or donate, contact Sensei Amy Gardam, Katharine Anderson or Jennifer Mifsud. His three loving daughters who are praying for a miracle.

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sensei Amy Gardam 0403 898 896 sensei@edgemartialarts.com.au
Katharine Anderson 0417 111 270 kat.ben@bigpond.com
Jennifer Mifsud 0403 040 754 rjmifsud@bigpond.com

‘Fight for a Cure’ Beanie Order Form

100% of profits go to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation.

Name: _______________________________ Phone: _______________________________
Address: _______________________________  Eldest Child’s Grade: ______________________

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Please include correct money with your order. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.

Contact Katharine Anderson ph:0417111270 or at kat.ben@bigpond.com for any further details or questions.
Responsible decision making
Making good choices about personal and social behaviour

- I can identify what will happen if I behave in a certain way
- I know how to behave safely for myself and others
- I learn how to behave differently next time if I don’t make a good decision
- I know the difference between good and bad decisions

Social and Emotional Learning

Start collecting for your school now

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school
- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent*
- Stick the Woolworths Sticker onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet inside.

Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend

The Woolworths Earn & Learn Sheet

Start collecting for your school today

*Excludes Produce, Liquor, Milk, qry, etc.

Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program. Boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gyms and science labs.

It’s easy to earn valuable rewards for your local school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today.

Go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for more information, terms and conditions and answers to frequently asked questions.

The fresh food people}
Woolworths

Start collecting for your school today
WORKING BEES 2015.

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 16th will be contacted).

Yours faithfully,

THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.
EDUCATION BOARD.

NAME: _________________________ ELDEST CHILD’S GRADE: ____________.

☐ Saturday Sept 5th (Production set up)
   (9:00-11:30am)

☐ Wednesday Oct 21st
   (Twilight 3.30pm-6.00pm)

☐ Wednesday Dec 2nd
   (8:45-10:45am)

Or

Please indicate another date that is more convenient to you ____________________________

Or

Please debit my credit card for $60.00:

Name on the card __________________________________________

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AFTER SCHOOL BASKET BALL

Are you interested in playing After School Basketball in Season 2 – 2015?

Name______________________________________________ Age _________ Grade _________

Are you currently playing After School Basketball? Yes No (please circle)

Have you played competition basketball before? Yes No (please circle)

Parents Name________________________________________________

Home No________________________ Mobile________________________

Email Address__________________________________________________________

Are you able to help as: Coach Yes/No Team Manager Yes/No

NOTE: If you are currently playing After School Basketball and do not want to continue in 2015, could you please return your washed basketball singlet top to the office in a bag, clearly marked with your name and class on it. You will then be eligible for your refund.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to call Liz Rhodes on 0414 761 088

St Mary's Basketball Singlet Tops

Children playing in the after school basketball competition are to wear navy blue shorts (the shorts you wear for PE at school are perfect), runners and the St Mary's Basketball Singlet Top. Tops are $25.00 to hire, however, once your child returns the top back to school they will receive a $20.00 refund. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Cheques need to be made out to "St Mary's Parents and Friends Committee"

Could all payments for the singlet tops and this form please be given to the office ASAP, in an envelope, clearly marked "Basketball Singlet Top Money". If you still have your top from last season, you DO NOT need to pay any more money, just hang onto the one you have and use that again. If you have any queries about the tops please call Liz Rhodes 0414 761 088

St Mary's Basketball Singlet Tops

Players name: ________________________________ Year Level: __________ Class:_____

Mum's name: ____________________ Dad's name: __________________________

Mum's mobile: ____________________ Dad's mobile: ______________________

Amount enclosed: ____________________________

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Office use:
Top number given: ________ Amount enclosed: ________ Cash/Cheque

Date top given: ______ Date top returned: ______ Date refund of $20.00_______
Oh, so serious!

When Malcolm Dix found himself taking life too quickly and too seriously, he decided to take a dose of his own medicine.

Everywhere I go I hear from parents that they are too busy, too stressed, and have too much to do and not enough time. Many social observers say parents seeing themselves as ‘time poor’ is at epidemic levels, a belief that is only compounded by technology that enables us to be connected 24/7.

At one point I personally had to take some time to stop and honestly reflect upon my own life and that of my family. It didn’t take long for me to see that I too had become caught up in the ‘busyness’ of life.

I knew that for the sake of my kids and my family, I had to make a change but it requires a day-in day-out conscious level of commitment – a commitment to practise joy, fun, patience, forgiveness, silliness, bad dancing and reflection.

Currently I’m doing seven things to calm my life down and that of my family while trying to create more space for my children to simply enjoy their childhood. (Some of the following I’m sure you already do but it’s taken me a while to figure them out).

My strategies to slow down and not be so busy are as follows:

1. **Eat together as a family at the table at least four nights a week**
   There has been more and more written about the importance of families eating together and the positive effect it has on children and adults alike. I have to say I’m enjoying it.

2. **Avoid watching the nightly news**
   I’ve stopped watching the news and to my surprise the sky never collapsed as I had feared. I’m a much happier man not watching the oh-so-depressing news.

3. **Turn off the TV and sit around an open fire**
   I’ve constructed a simple fire pit in our inner-city backyard and every second weekend my partner, the kids and I toast marshmallows, listen to funny songs, talk and look up at the stars. Who needs to go camping to enjoy the outdoors! My eldest boy (13 years old) is also learning to set a fire and his younger brothers are learning a lot about flames, hot coals and what happens to marshmallows when they are left in the fire for too long. Meanwhile my 16-year-old daughter will stare at the flames for an hour thinking about who knows what … but for me this is better than seeing her staring at social media or watching mindless television.

4. **Dance together**
   I’ve made the conscious decision to start dancing in the kitchen with my kids at least three times a week. I can’t dance to save myself, however I have three boys and if they are ever going to learn to dance and be comfortable with moving their bodies, I suddenly realized I have to lead the way. This parenting caper sure can be humiliating at times, but we wouldn’t have it any other way.

5. **Exercise together**
   I exercise with my kids at least four times a week, usually at the local park kicking the footy, throwing a frisbee, running with our dog and so on. I have realised that the best way to get them all moving is by moving myself too.

6. **Explore nature together**
   I’ve started spending more time in nature with my kids by taking them to the river, the hills, lakes, nature parks. I keep it local, with the occasional longer drive on weekends. I contacted my local council and found so many fun things to do as a family in my local area that I never knew existed … who would have thunk it!

7. **Limit your own social networking**
   I have severely reduced my time spent on social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. My personality type could disappear into social media and never come back so I knew I had to significantly change my ways and, once again, it’s all about positive role modelling for my kids.

So there you have it, my strategies for simplifying and calming my family life. As a result I’m happier, less stressed and far more ‘present’ for everyone which, in turn, is having a positive effect on my kids.

**Malcolm Dix**