Dear Parents,
Welcome back to our final term of the year. It certainly is a warm start to the term and so is even more important to remind everyone that it is a No Hat, No Play term.

We had quite a sporty week in our last week of Term 3. On our Footy Colours Day, we enjoyed the footy clinics run by Rick Smith and Michael Kloshe from the Coldstream Football Club. Rick is also the dad of Cooper and Ethan Smith and we thank him for organising the clinics along with Michael.

Our school also competed in the District Athletics Carnival and we were very proud of our team of students who represented our school so well by the manner in which they competed, their excellent behaviour and their sportsmanship, cheering on not only our competitors, but the efforts of others as well. Thank you to the Athletics Team for their wonderful efforts, to all those who assisted on the day and to Mrs McCormick, our PE teacher, for her organisation and training.

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with the Rhodes family on the loss of James (5/6S) and Kathleen’s (3/4M) grandfather during the holiday period. Our sympathies are also with to Liz’s extended family at this sad time.

We extend a warm welcome to Violet (1/2R) and Lilli (3/4N) who are joining St Mary’s this term. We wish the girls and their family a very happy and rewarding time with the St Mary’s Community.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for the last week of Term 3:
PB: Jett PF: Emelia 1/2F: Max
1/2U: Brandon /Chloe 1/2H: Alyssa
3/4C: Mikayla 3/4N: Taleesha 5/6B: Lachlan
5/6L: Madelyn 5/6F: Stacey 5/6S: Sam

Congratulations to our Students of the Term for Term 3:
Prep F: Tyson Prep B: Oliver 1/2R: Allyssa
1/2H: Noah w 1/2F: Jarrah 3/4N: Kayla
3/4M: Billy 3/4T: Yasmin
3/4C: Primrose 5/6L: Talissa 5/6B: Madeleine
5/6F: Tom 5/6S: Charlotte

With my prayers and best wishes for the coming week,
Mrs Lynne O’Meara Principal
What's Coming Up!

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**School Closure Days**

*Monday, 2nd November (Day before Cup Day) – Reporting*

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The Unescapable God

> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
> you discern my thoughts from far away.  
> You search out my path and my lying down,  
> and are acquainted with all my ways.  
> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
> O Lord, you know it completely.  
> You hem me in, behind and before,  
> and lay your hand upon me.  
> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
> it is so high that I cannot attain it.  

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night’;  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.  

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes behold my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.
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

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
- Navy socks or tights
- Black polished shoes (no sneakers/runners)
- Navy gloves and scarf (optional)

Boys' Winter Uniform
- Navy Trousers
- 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
- St Mary’s 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
- 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.

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)

The Naplan test results for Grades 3 & 5 are available for collection. We ask that when reading your children’s results that you remember that they are based on one test, on one occasion, back in May of this year. We monitor and assess your child’s progress on an ongoing basis through our normal day-to-day work of their progress and learning needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to the classroom teacher.

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Bucket hats are available to purchase for $10.00 each.
Sizes small, medium and large. Send exact money in and envelope with your child’s name/grade and hat size clearly marked

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ST MARY’S NEWS

NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

CAR PARK RULES....... CAR PARK RULES....... CAR PARK RULES.......  
PARKING IN THE DRIVEWAY BEFORE 3.15pm IS PROHIBITED 
UNLESS ALL CAR PARKING SPACES ARE TAKEN.....  

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

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

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.

MASS TIMES
Sunday 11th October
No 10.30am Mass at St Mary’s
Instead Mass will be held at Lilydale

School Bus Applications 2016
Families living more than 4.8km from school, St Mary’s being the closest to their family residence, could be eligible to travel on the ‘Martyrs’ or ‘Invicta’ Bus for 2016. Application forms are available at the office and are needed to be filled in and returned by Wednesday October 7th for processing
Religious Education News

Sunday, 4 Oct 2015: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

The Gospel today focus on the primacy of love in human life. As a result of this God-given gift, we form friendships and families, and nurture life in our children. God’s own love for us is mirrored in the love of husband and wife: God’s providence toward every human being is reflected in parents’ care for their children.

Jesus used children – the most dependent of human beings – to model the trust and love that should mark our personal relationship with God.

Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.

Fr. Ashkar is away for the next three weeks, so there will not be any class Masses during this time.

Mini Vinnies/ Social Justice – The Mini Vinnies Group would like to thank everyone for wearing their footy colours and bringing a coin on Monday 14th September, in the last week of Term 3. We raised $300.00 which is enough to assist 4 children with their education for one year.

Fantastic result- Thank you everyone!

Assist a Student is a program of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia.

Donations from Australia are used to provide education funds for students across partner countries in Asia and the Pacific.
NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK

Found
Found on the roundabout on the last day of term 3.
Car FM Transmitter phone adapter.
Contact the office.

SCHOOL FEES
Statements were sent out the last week of term 3.
School fees are to be paid in full by the 20th of November unless other arrangements have been made with the office.

FOOD BANK - DONATIONS REQUIRED

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 Mary’s Primary School Community last year.

We are asking for donations of, lasagne sheets, pasta sauce, tomato paste, cheese, stock and anything else we can use to make up trays of yummy lasagne and Bolognese sauce. We would also appreciate monetary donations so we can purchase food stuffs to try some new recipes.

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.

NEXT COOK-UP - TBA
AT ST MARY’S TUCKSHOP.
HELPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL Karla 0418 271 755

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FIELD DAY
Volunteers Urgently Required
Wednesday 14th – Saturday 17th of October
Volunteers required for field day.

Please fill out volunteer form on following page.
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!

**URGENT HELP NEEDED**

**FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS**

Each year the St Mary’s P & F Committee runs a food stall at the Wandin-Silvan Field Days. The Field Days are an opportunity for Horticultural and Farm Machinery exhibitors to showcase their products and services to the local community. This year the event will be held Friday October 16th and Saturday October 17th.

We are seeking volunteers to help us run our food tent. You might be taking food orders, flipping burgers on the bbq or making up orders. It’s a fun day out for the volunteers and a great way to meet some other parents from the school. We also need help loading and unloading our equipment at the start and end of the event.

Please consider putting your name down and helping out the school with this fantastic fundraiser. Just fill in the slip below and return to the office. We will contact you with more information the week prior to the event. Thank you! 😊

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Name: ________________________________________________________________

Eldest Child’s name: ________________________________________________ Class: ______________

Phone: Home: _________________________ Mobile: _________________________

**URGENT HELP REQUIRED- URGENT HELP REQUIRED- URGENT HELP REQUIRED- URGENT HELP REQUIRED**

*Please circle shift availability*

**Wednesday (14th Oct):** Pack and Load truck after school, transport to Field Day venue, unload

**Thursday (15th Oct):**
Food Preparation
09:30am – 12:00pm
12:00pm – 02:30pm
(at school, approx. 9:00am – 12:00pm)

**Friday (16th Oct):**
07:15am – 10:30am
11:30am – 02:30pm
02:30pm – 06:00pm

**Saturday (17th Oct):**
07:15am – 10:30am
11:30am – 02:30pm
04:00pm – 06:00pm
approx (pack up)
WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

Year 7 2017
Applications for Year 7 2017
are now DUE!

If you wish to enrol please forward
applications to:
The Registrar
133 Anderson Street
Lilydale VIC 3140

No later than Friday 9 October 2015
Ph: 03 9736 4022

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Mt Evelyn Fire Brigade
Annual Garage Sale 2015

Saturday 10th October

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10.30am Boogie Boogie (Kinder to 7s)

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12.30pm Doin’ Dumb (7s to 11s)

Fridays
12.30pm The All Star Kids’ Dance Troupe

Session times: 30 min (Kinder to 5s)
60 min (5s to 11s)

No booking required

For more information contact
Cara or Elaine

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Mt Evelyn Fire Brigade
Annual Garage Sale 2015

Saturday 10th October

Major Raffle, BBQ and much more!

For further details or to arrange a drop off
or pick up of items contact:
0419 125 428
Email:
garagesale@mtevelynca.org.au

Where: Mt Evelyn Fire Station
When: 7.00am to 3.00pm

Please donate your unwanted goods
to support your local CFA and community.
The many faces of independence

Here are 5 ways for parents to give their children skills, encouragement and support in their quest for independence.

It's been well documented in recent years that children/young people are dependent on adults for longer. In Australia one in four 18-30 year olds still lives at home and those numbers are on the increase. There are many reasons for this including lack of housing, affordability, working and partnering later, and simple convenience.

The propensity for many parents to do too much for children is a massive contributor to this increased dependency. Oddly, this is the exact opposite of what parents have always done, which is to develop their children's independence, and in doing so effectively become redundant from their children.

There are a number of reasons for the current high level of dependency parenting including family shrinkage (parents are able to do a great deal for kids in small families), older parents (often over-concerned), busyness of life (it's easier to do than delegate) and a heightened fear that the world is a dangerous place for children and young people.

**Independence is the point**

When independence becomes your priority then suddenly you've found a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children including the key four – confidence that comes from facing fears; competence that's built through mastery; creativity that's encouraged when kids must resolve their own problems; and character that is forged under the duress of challenge and hardship.

Adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence. And of course, independence takes many guises including:

1. **Self-help skills**
   - The starting point for independence building is giving kids the skills, know-how and confidence to look after their own wellbeing and welfare. This is shown in the many everyday situations where parents model, teach and provide opportunities for children to look after themselves. Including toddlers undressing themselves, primary-aged children preparing their own snacks, and teenagers organising their own transport to school and after school activities. Kids develop real confidence from being able to look after themselves and others.

2. **Autonomy to make choices and mistakes**
   - Without realising it, as parents we frequently make choices on our children's behalf. We choose the food they eat; the games they play; their leisure activities and often the clothes they wear. When families are large (four or more children) parents usually give their children more space to make their own decisions as well as opportunities to learn from their poor choices.

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The many faces of independence ...

This may mean that children choose healthy interests and pursuits that parents are unfamiliar with, or even swim against the tide of their parents’ wishes. In small families parents often know so much about minutiae of children’s lives that inevitably we tend to impose greater well-intentioned control over children’s decisions.

3 Freedom to explore the neighbourhood
On a recent trip to Italy I was struck by how much freedom to wander their neighbourhoods Italian children had. It was a throwback to the type of childhood that many of today’s parents experienced, where we had the opportunity to navigate our neighbourhoods on our own without having to check in with our parents all the time.

4 Freedom to explore unpredictable and potentially risky environments
Independence is also built when children spend time in unpredictable, potentially risky environments such as the bush or new environments beyond their neighbourhood. There may be some risk involved but this is where real learning lies for children and young people. Eliminate the risk and you eliminate the learning.

5 Taking responsibility for your own problems and actions
There’s no doubt many kids are adept at shifting their problems and responsibilities to adults. One of my children would always blame me when they were late for school. Even though the child in question had an alarm clock and was more than capable of using it, any lack of punctuality was somehow shifted to me. Go figure! Independence comes when children take ownership of their responsibilities rather than using someone else as a scapegoat.

In order to grant children and young people the type of independence outlined parents need to be brave rather than fearful; work hard to develop the skills and know-how kids’ independence requires; and be willing to give kids the encouragement and support they need to step out of their comfort zones when independence seems to hard.

Michael Grose