Dear Parents,

The flavour was definitely Italian last week on our Italian day: Italian food, activities and, of-course, costumes! It was great to see that so many made the effort to be really creative with their Italian costumes – some of the children I could not recognise as they were so transformed – especially the old nonni and nonne! Well done everyone and molti grazie to Signora Bartilotta for her organisation and to the parents who organised the food for the day.

On Thursday we are looking forward to the Christmas Fair and Carols. A band of enthusiastic parents have put lots of work into organising this to ensure that it is a great community event. As you know, the saying is, *The more, the merrier*, so please come along to ensure that we all have a merry old time!

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

PB: Tristan R  PF: Lachlan G

1/2F: Tyson W  1/2U: Jayden T
1/2H: Blake K  1/2R: Joshua V
3/4M: Dale C  3/4C: Chloe G
3/4N: Riley L  3/4T: Gemma W
5/6B: Danielle G  5/6L: Declan E
5/6F: Ethan S  5/6S: Keisha S

With my prayers and best wishes for the coming week,
Mrs Lynne O’Meara  Principal
Advent Begins

Advent is the first season of the Church year where we prepare ourselves to celebrate the wonderful feast of Christmas.

Lord, we are so often overwhelmed by the busyness of this time of year.
O come Emmanuel,
come into our hearts and show us by your light
the beauty of your way of love.
We are your people, Lord, and we are waiting for your return.
Come Lord Jesus. Amen
ST MARY’S NEWS

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

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Mount Evelyn Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 10.30am & 5.00pm

St Mary’s Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday 24th December 2015
Carols 4.45pm Mass - 5.00pm

Arrangements for Baptisms in 2016
Preparation sessions will continue as in previous years, but bookings to attend will be made with me at the weekend Masses. Of the 300+ baptisms I have presided over in these parishes, where the parents have promised God that they would bring them up in the practice of the faith, less than ten have kept that promise. Our parishes will not be used this way just to have them enrolled in our schools. The parishes’ service of these parish schools are provided by an ever ageing and thereby diminishing group of parishioners who are not being supported by those who utilise this gift.

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 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

2016 FEE INCREASE NOTICE

2016 annual family fee will stay the same at $990.00 the student levy will increase slightly to $245.00 per child.

School fees include course and subject levies, and the costs of all curriculum excursions and activities. School Fee Statements will be issued at the commencement of the school year on 3rd February 2016 with payment schedules and forms for direct debits. Reminder Statements will be issued at the beginning of each term for your information.

To pre pay fees or set up your own payment schedule through your internet banking, please include your eldest child’s name as the reference.

St Mary’s BSB/ACCOUNT Details
St Marys Primary School
BSB 083-347
Account Number 676054930
Dear Parents,

On behalf of Mt.Evelyn Primary School OSHC we would like to invite you to our Vacation Care Program open to your wonderful school. You can receive your Booking Form for January School Holidays from your school office. You may also email, phone or pop in and see Melissa at the School OSHC office at Mt.Evelyn Primary School 9736 2233 osh@mtevelynps.vic.edu.au Monday – Friday 7.00am – 3.00pm

Melissa will be very happy to assist you and organise an enrolment package for your child/children. It is a great opportunity for our local school community to support a wonderful program. Kind regards, Melissa Mc Donald

11th Jan High Tea
Vacation Care Daily
All Children

12th Jan Build a Bear
Incursion
All Children

13th Jan Melbourne Zoo
Excursion
(Max 50 Children)
Animal Craft
Day
Vacation Care Daily

14th Jan Multi Mod
Day
Vacation Care Daily
All Children

15th Jan Time Zone
Excursions
(Max 50 Children)
Game Zone
Activities
Vacation Care Daily

18th Jan ANZ Kidz First Basketball
Clinic
Incursion
All Children

19th Jan Jump Dock
Excursions
(Max 50 Children)
Jumping
Carding
Carnival Day
Vacation Care Daily

20th Jan Mine Craft
Day
Vacation Care Daily
All Children

21st Jan Hop to you
Day
Backyard disco
Incursion
All Children

22nd Jan Guide Dogs
Victoria Excursion
(Max 50 Children)
Use your senses
Vacation Care Daily

25th Jan Reading
Cinemas
Excurions
(Max 50 Children)
Artsy Craft
Day
Vacation Care Daily

26th Jan Closed
Australia Day

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ST MARY’S LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be available for collection Thursday afternoons outside the office.

All other times lost property is located in 5/6S.

Uniform Shop Assistants
Volunteers required for Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings
8.30 – 9.00am

If you can assist, please leave your name at the office.

Karla’s Creative Cakes

All Occasion Cakes

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Sacraments, Themed Cakes, Weddings, Engagements, Cupcakes and party food

GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE

Check out my Facebook page for photos ‘Karla’s Creative Cakes’ A Cake list and price list will be in the office.

Christmas list coming soon

Any type of Cake or decoration considered, call me to discuss,

On 59643291 or 0427 884 837 Or email karlazmegac@gmail.com

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 to maintain a complete picture of their strengths and learning needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to the classroom teacher.

FOR SALE MOUNT LILYDALE COLLEGE UNIFORM

- Medium Sports Spray Jacket $15.00
- 16-18 Blazer $80.00
- Size 12 Sports Shorts $10.00

Contact the office for details on 97362219

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

Term 1
Preps Only
Friday, 29th January – Thursday, 24th March

All other Students
Thursday 28th January – Thursday, 24th March
*Easter 25th – 28th March

Term 2
Monday, 11th April – Friday, 24th June

Term 3
Monday, 11th July – Friday, 16th September

Term 4
Monday, 3rd October – Friday, 16th December
Sunday, 29 Nov 2015: First Sunday of Advent - Year C

Advent means coming. This is the season that we wait for the coming of the Lord. And, as Jesus tells us today, not only do we sit and wait, but we get up and get ready. We must prepare ourselves by living and being the good Christian that Jesus showed us how to be. We don’t need to be doing extraordinary things. We just need to be doing the ordinary things well. Then we will be ready. Then we will be prepared.

Gospel
Lk 21:25-28. 34-36
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your redemption is near at hand.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’
The Gospel of the Lord

Class Masses this week: 5 / 6 F and Prep B will celebrate Mass in the church on Thursday at 9.00a.m. All welcome to attend.

Mini Vinnies: Mini Vinnies members have made tags for the “giving tree”. These are on a Christmas tree in the office and you are welcome to take one and buy a present for the person named on the star. Please place the unwrapped present under the tree. Many thanks for your generosity. Presents will be collected and distributed to local people in need by members of the St. Vincent de Paul society.

Upcoming Masses: The end of year whole school Mass will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 9.15am. Graduation Mass will take place on Thursday 17th December at 5.00pm.
St. Mary’s Christmas Eve Family Mass

Thursday 24th December 2015
Carols 4.45pm Mass - 5.00pm

If your child would like to participate in this special occasion, please fill out the form below and return to the office by the 29th November.

NEXT WEEKS REHERSALS FOR CHRISTMAS MASS ON
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER AT 3.15PM….

for all queries contact Ronnie Pritchard

Please tick which part you would like to be considered for:

Gospel Play:
Talking Parts available
- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- 3 Inn Keepers
- 3 Wise Men
- Shepard

Readings:
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Offertory
- Collection
- Entrance Procession
- Choir

Childs Name: ____________________________ Grade: _____________
Parent Contact Mobile: ___________________ Email Address: _____________
NOMINATIONS FOR THE INCOMING 2016 COMMITTEE

Please find the nomination forms in the newsletter and fill in which position you would be interested in helping with. All positions are available.
We have listed the positions below for you to consider.
Please return your completed form to the office as soon as possible.

President - Vice-president – Treasurer – Banking - Secretary of minutes - Tuckshop co-ordinators (4 people) - Tuckshop Rosters 
- Uniform shop co-ordinator - Uniform shop assistants (4 people) - Special Food Day (3 times a year) - Stalls (2 to 4 people) - Food Bank co-ordinator - Fundraising committees (disco, trivia night, field day chocolate drive etc) - Education Board Representative - General Committee Member

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I, _______________________________ wish to nominate
(Your name)

__________________________________________________________________
(Name of person you are nominating / self)

For the position of ____________________________________________.
(Position you are nominating them / self for)

Signature ________________________________ . Date: ___________.
(Of person agreeing to be nominated if unable to be present at the meeting)

Signature ________________________________ . Date: ___________.
(Your signature)

Please return this slip to the school office by 15TH February 2016
FOOD BANK - DONATIONS REQUIRED

We are still 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 or gift vouchers 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.

ST MARY’S CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAROLS
Thursday 3rd Dec 2015
5pm - 7.30pm

MARKET STALLS
FACE PAINTING
JUMPING CASTLE
BBQ & REFRESHMENTS
CAROLS ON THE OVAL

So bring your picnic rug (no chairs) and come and enjoy a fun evening!

Located at St Mary’s Primary School
68 Clegg Rd, Mount Evelyn

In the case of inclement weather please note that Market Stalls and BBQ will be held in the St Mary’s hall, while the Carols will be performed in Assembly prior to the end of the School term.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP OUT WITH MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR ST MARY’S

ST MARY’S DRINKS STALL @ ‘THE WANDIN
CUSTOM CAR & BIKE SHOW

Wandin Recreation Reserve (Mel ref: 121 k9)

We need help on our St Mary’s drinks stall which is a massive annual fundraiser for our primary school......

Dates and times required are as follows:

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Name: ________________________________ Contact Phone: _________________________

Please contact Shelly on 0419 531 624 or Sam on 0408 562 282 for all enquiries or alternatively call the office on 9736 2219 to put your name on the roster or fill out the form above and return to the office.
**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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**Uniform Shop Assistants**

*Volunteers required for Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings 8.30 – 9.00am*

*If you can assist, please leave your name at the office.*
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 ☐ CO-ORDINATOR ☐ OTHER _________________________

**TERM 2**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐ EMERGENCY
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**TERM 3**

☐ WEEKLY ☐ FORTNIGHTLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐ EMERGENCY
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**TERM 4**

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**Thanks for your help!**
Developing your child’s social media scripts

It’s important to start conversations with children about using social media at a young age to prepare them to be savvy users when we’re not around.

“If a job’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well.”

This mantra always pops into mind whenever I’m about to cut some corners or do a rushed job in any endeavour. As a result I double-check every article I write for mistakes. I over prepare every talk I give. And I continually edit and re-edit my books. This message keeps me at the top of my game.

I can thank, or blame, my mother for inserting this mantra in my mind as she repeated it whenever I did a rushed job as a youngster making my bed, doing homework or cleaning up my bathroom mess.

Parents of every generation have always found ways to frame messages of safety and success for their children to remember. Parents of past generations who only had to contend with the offline or real world intuitively knew that they needed to teach child important lessons about safety and manners rather than assume they’ll be understood.

The same maxim holds true for the world of social media that children now inhabit from an increasingly young age. Even though our children are growing up with technology as a part of their everyday lives, they will still make plenty of mistakes while using it. This means we need to have direct conversations with our kids about the comments and posts that are okay to make using social media of all forms.

As parents we teach our kids to talk politely and clearly so that they know how to speak to others when we’re not around. In effect, we give our kids social scripts to fall back on when they talk to friends, teachers and relatives. There’s no guarantee they’ll look an adult in the eye when they speak to them, but our discussions, reminders and lessons about manners will hopefully hold up when we’re not around.

The same applies to social media. Our conversations and lessons will prepare them to be savvy users when we’re not around. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. “Is this worth posting?”

The relatively impersonal nature of social media means that we can post information and pictures with relative immunity. Also its immediacy means that we can do so without much thought. This means that kids need to be very critical about what they see online. “Is this accurate?” and “Is this worth posting?” are two valid questions children can ask when they read posts placed by others.

2. “Have you taken a big breath?”

A child who blurs out everything that comes into his mind without thinking is sure to put plenty of people offside. “Think before you speak” is the type of message that every child should have in mind.
... Developing your child’s social media scripts ...

The same applies to social media. Just because they think something doesn’t mean they post it. ‘Take a big breath’ may just about be the most important message to give your kids about social media.

3 “Do you want the principal to see this?!?”
An invitation to a teenage birthday party posted on social media is one way to get more attendees than you bargained for! The viral nature of social media means that kids should only post messages and photos that they want to be spread and read by a large audience.

4 “How does this post make you feel?”
We need to teach kids that not every post needs to be commented upon and not every thought needs to be shared, particularly when they are angry. Teaching them to walk away and then to step back in when they’ve calmed down is perhaps the most important communication lesson of all. It is very relevant to social media as emotions are often the last thing on many people’s minds when they haphazardly post a message.

5 “How will you fix this?”
Social media just like any social space requires kids to behave ethically and with kindness. When kids overstep the mark and post hurtful things then it’s fair that they fix their mistakes, and apologise. It’s reasonable that we teach our children to act with tolerance and with empathy online, and if mean things are posted then they should be expected to try to repair relationships through social media, just as they should offline.

I agree with Gail Breen author of Kindness Wins who says that parents should have conversations with children around social media before they reach the teenage years. Starting these conversations when they are younger means that they are more open to our parenting opinions, as well as being a little more amenable to the messages of tolerance, kindness and empathy that we need to encourage.

Michael Grose