Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all of our students who were confirmed on Friday evening. It was a beautiful celebration of the sacrament with many in attendance complimenting the students on the manner in which they conducted themselves through the mass. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Ronnie Pritchard (our Religious Education Leader) and the Senior School Teachers, whose preparation and dedication was evident through the understandings and participation of the candidates. Thank you also to all of the St Mary’s Staff who took time out of their weekends to support the students and their families by attending the Confirmation Mass. Thank you to the parents for supporting the required preparation and for helping to make it such a wonderfully warm family celebration of the Mass. And finally, a big word of thanks to Fr. Michel who assisted with the preparation by visiting the students and talking with them on several occasions and for concelebrating with Monsignor Ireland, whose attendance at both the Mass and Spirit Day helped to make this an extra special time for the children. We encourage all of the newly confirmed to continue their faith journey by attending weekly Mass with their families; continuing to be an inspirational example of youth in our parish family.


This week, being week three is planning week for classroom teachers:
- Monday 3/4 level
- Tuesday Preps & 5/6 level
- Thursday 1/2 level.

This means an interruption to regular specialist time tables. As always, we encourage your child not to stress if they forget their library bag or their runners this week, but encourage them to manage the change as best they can.

This week Mount Lilydale Mercy College present their annual musical: "Back To The Eighties". With performances this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings I encourage families to attend; it’s a lovely way to see what our past students are doing and another opportunity for those thinking about attending Mt Lilydale to build connections. The Year 5/6 students will attend the preview performance this Wednesday during the day, along with other senior classes from neighbouring Catholic Primary Schools.

Speaking of supporting past students; Callum Jones (past student), is supporting the efforts of fire fighters world-wide as he tackles the twenty eight floors of the Crown Metropol in Melbourne! If you would like to learn more or would like to support Callum’s efforts, please head to the following link: http://www.firefighterclimb.org.au/climber/callumjones/

Good luck Callum!

Thinking ahead to Term Four, the Mobile School Dentist will be visiting St Mary’s from the 5th of November 2018 to provide dental check-ups and treatment for students. This service is bulk billed with Medicare for eligible students under the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Once the school receives further information and Dental Consent Forms, we will send these home for those interested in accessing the service. Many schools utilise the Dental Van and we hope that you will find it worthwhile.
With Trivia Night just around the corner, classes are still collecting donations to go towards prizes for the night. We encourage everyone, if you’ve not done so already, to support the P&F; a big thank you to those who have already done so.

Congratulations to the following students of the week:
PB: Christian B  
PR: Sasha D  
1/2F: Hamish H  
1/2P: Samuel M  
1/2C: Smith J  
1/2H: Julian F  
3/4G: Cooper G  
3/4R: Alizah J  
3/4F: Liam W  
3/4M: Isabelle M  
5/6B: Sienna O  
5/6P: Jayden G  
5/6C: Olive K  
5/6F: Katie M

My best wishes for a lovely week.
Angela Glennie, Principal

**TERM DIARY – For your future planning**

*Also available at www.smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au*

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**NB** *TERM DIARY* - Please find the full term diary online at www.smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au Please note updates and changes will be made to the term diary during the term. Please check on the website for updates.

**Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday 13th September**

School Production Grade 3-6 Wednesday 19th September & Thursday 20th September  
Rehearsals every Wednesday afternoon 1.00-3.00pm

St Mary’s families – interest for prep 2020  
If you have a prep to start in 2020 please contact the office to let us know on 9736 2219
Dear St Mary’s OSHC families,

We hope that this letter finds you well.

Following on from the letter you received on 4th July 2018 from CIRE Services Inc, bestchance child family care will be providers of the Before and After School Care program at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School effective from the 1st August 2018. Both Sally and Joy will also be transitioning to bestchance and continuing to provide care for both sessions.

Bestchance is a not-for-profit organisation that has a long history of providing Early Years services to the community, currently with 80 kindergartens, 3 long day care centres, 85 Family Day Care educators, a small school, Early Invention Services, including NDIS, an Registered Training Organisation, Parent and Family Support and a large volunteers program. We look forward to working within the St Mary’s community.

As part of the transition from CIRE, bestchance requires all current families to complete our enrolment form. While this may seem a duplication of information already held by the service it is a requirement under the Education and Care National Law and Regulations that new information/forms are completed when the approved Service Provider changes.

If you have not already received, please collect a bestchance Complying Written Arrangement (CWA) form (enrolment form), and a Direct debit form from St Mary’s Primary School office. This will need to be completed and handed back to the service prior to the 1st August 2018, along with any other information required including Medical Management Plans etc.

As of 1st August 2018, sessions and fees will be set as follows:

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If you have any concerns or would like any more information regarding the above please feel free to contact either Kerryn Bennett or Kim McConville on 9132 6000.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McKay
General Manager
Early Years Services
TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS

In your child's classroom there is a black crate for donations for the trivia night.

Grade Prep- fun things for kids & grown-ups!
Grade 1/2 - bathroom and beauty items
Grade 3/4 - homewares
Grade 5/6 - outdoor items

The class with the most items in their crate will receive a special treat!
This will be announced in the newsletter.

All items need to be in the crate by the morning of Wednesday 8th of August please.

2018 FEES

Term 2 statements have been sent home last week of term 2. Please check your statement carefully and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

St Mary's BSB/ACCOUNT Details
St Marys Primary School BSB 083-347 Account Number 676054930

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2018
Term 1, Monday 29th January – Thursday 29th March 2018
Term 2, Tuesday 17th April – Friday 29th June
Term 3, Monday 16th July – Friday 21st September
Term 4, Monday 8th October – Wednesday 19th December

The annual St Maria Annunziata Festa

The annual St Maria Annunziata Festa will be held on September 23rd. The organising committee are calling for people to volunteer their time to help out on the day. Please contact Carmel on 0407 002 529 if you are willing to help.

ABSENTEES - WHAT YOU MUST DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

You must contact the school when your child is absent. There are a few ways to do this.

- You can email the teacher directly explaining why your child is away that day.
- You can call reception and leave a message on either the ‘sick day answering machine or speak directly to the receptionist.
- Skoolbag has an absentee facility that emails office staff advising them of absentee’s.

Once your child returns to school you must send them with a hand written note to their teacher explaining the reason why

We need you to contact us so we know your child is safe! Very soon, we will be required to contact you if your child is absent and we haven’t been notified. It’s going to be important that we continue to work together on this, ensuring that our children are safe

Platinum Tennis Coaching strives to provide a fun, positive and challenging environment for your child to learn and enjoy tennis. Lessons are now being offered at St Mary’s at a convenient time before school, which means a positive start to the day for your child by engaging them in physical activity before they head into class. Also every student who signs up for a Term of Coaching receives a free racquet!! Tennis is a fantastic sporting activity and our coaching reflects the passion we have for everyone to learn and participate in it.

We feel very privileged to be able to conduct these lessons on the outdoor courts at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School. I look forward to seeing you out on the court! Matt O’Toole - Head Coach

www.platinumtenniscoaching.com.au  E: matt@platinumtenniscoaching.com.au

Before School Tennis Lessons at St Mary’s Contact Matt O’Toole on 0425 711 879 for further information
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Unexplained Absence forms have been sent home. Please complete them and return ASAP so they can be processed. If you did not receive one, please contact the office on 9736 2219.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR PARENTS

In addition to our existing forms of communication, which include blanket text messaging, we also now have the ‘Skoolbag’ app added to our communication options. This is an app for iPhone and Android that enhances communications with the Parent/Student community. Parents wishing to access this service will need to install the St Mary’s School ‘Skoolbag’ App. To install the app, search for our school name (St Marys Catholic Primary School Mount Evelyn) in either the Apple App Store, Windows Store or Google Play Store. Download the app and install it on to your device to start receiving notifications.

Father’s Day Stall will be on Friday 31st August. One day only. More information to follow.

Child Safety Code of Conduct

St Mary’s endeavours to create and maintain an environment where child safety is paramount and there is zero tolerance of any form of child abuse. What is the purpose of a child safety code of conduct? A child safety code of conduct is intended to promote child safety in the school environment. A child safety code of conduct spells out professional boundaries and acceptable and unacceptable adult/child relationships and behaviour. It should be unambiguous, widely disseminated and supported by supervision, professional development and training. A child safety code of conduct helps schools, staff and volunteers to raise behavioural issues. It provides a reference point for discussion when there may otherwise be confusion, uncertainty, or a lack of confidence about boundaries for appropriate behaviour with children. The code specifies behaviour unacceptable for a professional relationship between a teacher and a student. All parents, relatives and caregivers attending St Mary’s Primary School to help within the classroom must hold a current Working with Children Check and must have read and signed the Code of Conduct. Please go to our website for more information.

Garden Club News

School Vegetable Garden News

The weather is cold but our winter veggies are growing well and we have some very enthusiastic gardeners! Thank-you to Liz, Matt and Alan for organising the shed for our gardening equipment. If anyone could please provide a concrete slab for our garden shed, we would love to hear from you.

New helpers are always welcome

Pictured on the right is some of the produce that is sold on Wednesdays for a gold coin donation. Proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul to assist local families.

Garden club runs on Wednesdays, from 10.45 till 11.30am. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please bring gloves and garden tools. All helpers are required to have a working with children’s check. Also, if you would like to assist, please complete the form below. Or email pritchard@smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au. Thank-you

VEGETABLE GARDEN VOLUNTEER AVAILABILITY

Name: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Availability: Helping in the garden □ Wednesday 10.45am. Thank-you
Any families or friends of St Marys that come and book at Flight Centre LILYDALE and mention St Marys we will give back 1% of the booking to the school to go towards fundraising in the form of a voucher or store credit. To be eligible booking must contain air and land with no minimum spend.

At Flight Centre Lilydale we can book Domestic and International - Airfares, Accommodation, Tours, Transfers, Cruises, Insurance, Car hire, Airport parking and lots more.

Also be assured with Flight Centres new Price Drop Protection - If your airfare drops before you fly you’ll get the difference back. We also have payment plans and interest free holidays. There’s never been an easier time to book.

Support your school and mention St Marys @ Flightcentre Lilydale

Any queries can be directed to Sarah Walpole 1300723138 Book with me online http://www.flightcentre.com.au/consultant/sarah-walpole/606447

Would you like to learn to play soccer with your school friends?

We play at Futsal Oz, Mt Evelyn, on Friday nights. We train on Monday, after school.

Come along and learn to play a great team sport, make new friends, and have a ball!

If you are interested, get in touch with us by

(SMSC) or
Rachel Hoiles
0427 119 549 or
Paul Dorian 0407 833 151
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
All Parents and Friends visiting St Marys must have a ‘Working With Children Check’. These are available FREE to volunteers on line…

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL
We have children attending our school with severe (life threatening) peanut allergies. As always, we are concerned for the safety of our children, and ask everyone to avoid bringing any items that may contain peanuts to school, as the smallest amount of peanut or proteins of peanuts on benches, etc., can affect an allergic child. Whilst I can appreciate that there may be children who just love to have their peanut butter sandwiches or bars, I am sure that if it was your child with the allergy, you would also appreciate people helping out in this way.

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.

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

St Mary’s School logo school bag
No jewellery – single sets of plain studs or sleepers, and watches excepted.
No make-up No extremes of hairstyles
Long hair to be fully tied back at all times with navy ties and ribbons
No nail polish

An important note on Uniforms. Whilst it is not compulsory to purchase uniform items only from our uniform shop, we trust that parents will only purchase items that are of the same as sold in the shop. We would ask that you continue to support us as we strive to ensure a disciplined atmosphere in our school, by ensuring that your children do wear the standardised uniform.

Your children may, at times, tell you that it is okay because, “others do it” or “have it”, but this is a good signal that it is NOT okay!

A note about hair. As we are a primary school, we feel that any change of colour is inappropriate for children. In the spirit of our practice at St Mary’s, to keep children as children, we ask that you cooperate with this and leave the hair colouring as something that they can look forward to in their older age. We also differentiate between “weekend hair” and “school hair”. The use of hair gel, gels and spikey styling is considered to be a “weekend hair” practice. Not only does this give a more disciplined and uniformed approach, but also saves you time and money!
Jesus fed the hungry crowd

What do you think these people would have said when they saw Jesus feed the large crowd with just five loaves and two fish?

Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.

Gospel

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee— or of Tiberias— and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip, he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world’. Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Other news in Religious Education

- Congratulations to the Grade 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday night. Thank-you to the parent, parish and school community for preparing the children and coming to celebrate this very special occasion.
- Class Mass this week is on Thursday 2 Aug, 9am, Grade 3/4 R All welcome.
- Mini Vinnies will be organising “Backpacks for the needy” in Term 3. Please donate NEW items including: backpacks, small blankets, & stationary. More information to follow.

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Step up to the Buddy Run and say no to bullying!

Introducing the Buddy Run, the first kids Fun Run from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. The Buddy Run promotes inclusion, respect and encourages kids to say no to bullying.

Sunday 21 October 2018
Alexandra Gardens from 10am

Breakfast will be provided on the day, plus loads of fun activities for the kids.

Please share this event with your community – this poster can be included on your noticeboard, in your newsletter, or simply forward this email or share via social media.

All funds raised will go towards our work keeping children safe from violence, bullying and cyber bullying.

Visit www.buddyrun.org.au for more information.
POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2019

Limited vacancies are available in the 3-4 year old groups and 4-5 year old groups.
All enrolment enquiries should be directed to Yarra Ranges Kindergartens at lisa.rich@yrkinders.com. Please contact the Preschool on 9736 1954 if you would like to speak to the teachers or make a time for a tour.

Yarrah Hills Community Art Show

Artist: Codie Shade

14th-16th September 2018
Yarra Hills Secondary College
15 Burdap Drive, Mount Evelyn 3796

Opening Times:
Friday 14th* 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 15th 10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 16th 10.00am - 3.00pm
*Refreshments served on Opening Night

Prize categories and awards for Secondary and Primary school students
For more information please visit the YHSC website or Yarra Hills Secondary College Art Show Facebook page
(Door entry via a gold coin donation)

Yarra Hills Secondary College
15 Burdap Drive, Mount Evelyn, 3796
9736 3650 | 9839 8800
www.yarrahills.vic.edu.au
Helping kids deal with rejection

A bit of rejection and disappointment is good for kids, as long as they learn how to cope with it......

One of the keys to functioning socially and emotionally is the ability to deal with disappointment and rejection.

Most children experience some type of rejection from their peers throughout childhood. One study found that even popular children were rejected about one quarter of the time when they approached children in school.

Paradoxically, children’s experience of rejection and disappointment at school is good for them, as long as it’s balanced with successful experiences too. They learn that they can cope and solve problems in their own way and that bad experiences don’t last forever.

And they learn that sadness and disappointment can be managed too, which is an important lesson to learn to take into adolescence and beyond, when life is full of ups and downs.

Helping them move on

Most children recover from such rejection. They move on and form constructive, worthwhile relationships but some children need help. They often take rejection personally, blaming themselves. As a parent it is useful to challenge children’s unhelpful thinking and encourage them to look for new friendship opportunities. Parents can help children understand that rejection may happen for any number of reasons that are unrelated to them.

In the course of a school day children will meet with a number of challenges and even setbacks. They may struggle with some schoolwork. They may not do well in a test and they may not be picked for a game that they wanted to play. Children grow stronger when they overcome their difficulties. The challenge for parents is to build and maintain children’s confidence levels to help them get through the rough times.

One way to help children deal with rejection and disappointment is to talk through problems or difficulties, recognising and accepting their feelings. Talk about various scenarios, discussing possible outcomes. The age of your child will determine the amount of detail. Keep things simple and avoid burdening a younger child with concepts he or she doesn’t understand.

Your attitude as a parent can make a huge difference to how a child reacts. If you see rejection or disappointments as problems then your child will be hamstrung by this view. See them as challenges then your child, in all likelihood, will pick up your upbeat view and deal with disappointments easily. After all, confidence is catching!

To help children handle rejection and disappointment try the following four strategies:

1. **Model** optimism. Watch how you present the world to children, as they will pick up your view.

2. **Tell** children how you handle disappointment and rejection. Not only is it reassuring for children to know that their parents understand how they feel but they can learn a great deal by how their parents handle situations.

3. **Help** children recognise times in the past when they bounced back from disappointment. Help them recognise those same strategies can be used again.

4. **Laugh** together. Humour is a great coping mechanism. It helps put disappointment in perspective. It helps them understand that things will get better. They always do.

The stronger the wind the stronger the trees is the notion here. Supporting kids to handle life’s hurdles helps them to develop a lasting sense of resilience, which is essential for good mental and emotional health.

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