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Tuesday, 19th April 2016

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

“Storytime with the Principal” - Thursday April 21st

The next “Storytime with the Principal” will be held this week on Thursday April 21st at 8.50am in the Italian/ICT Room in the Junior Corridor and
3.25pm in the Family Space. This is a special ANZAC “Storytime with
the Principal” where I will be reading a beautiful and reflective Australian
children’s picture story book called “Gallipoli”.

Remember parents or other adult family members attending will take home a
free copy of the book to share with the whole family. I hope to see you there
on Thursday.

Mothers Day Breakfast - Friday May 6th

All mums are invited to our annual Mothers Day Breakfast to be held on
Friday, May 6th at 7.45am in the School Auditorium. We invite all mothers
and their children to share a breakfast together with the Staff of St Mary’s.
An invitation was sent home yesterday. Please return this form to your
child’s teacher by Friday April 29th.

Welcome

We welcome Othow Chaliker to our school as a Learning Support Officer.
Othow will be working Friday’s to support our teachers and students.

2016 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2017 school year have now opened. If you or a friend
has a child who turns five years old by April 30th, 2017, they are eligible to
enrol their child at St Mary’s School. Please collect an enrolment form from
the School Office by June, 19th.

Parent and Friends Association

We had our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting yesterday.
Congratulations and thanks to the newly elected:
• President - Cathy Buchanan
• Secretary/Vice President - Tina Congues
• Treasurer - Michael Jada
• Committee members - Irina Fletcher and Maria Cano.

A big thanks to the outgoing executive for their work for St Mary’s school
community over the last 12 months: Tina Congues - President,
Cathy Buchanan - Secretary, Irena Fletcher - Treasurer, Natasha Vithanage,
Maria Cano and Marie Broker - Committee Members.

The next meeting will be on May 4th in the Family Space. All welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mawith (3/4 Silva/Blom) and Nyanbol (1/2 Prince) who
recently welcomed a baby sister, Angelina.

Have a good week.

Greg White
Principal

Wanted: Egg cartons for our Art Room.
The 5/6 Community is Full Of Historians!

This term the 5/6 Community Inquiry Unit is based around Australian History. The 5/6’s have been listening, researching, analysing and questioning different information they have been learning about Australian History from the 1760’s to present time. Here are some of the interesting facts the students’ have learned!

The most interesting fact I learned was that the Aboriginals used a Boomerang for hunting and as a weapon. This is interesting because I thought Boomerangs were only used for entertainment. By Ryan

I learned that the Great Depression lasted until WW2. The Great Depression was when people did not have jobs. This is interesting because I never knew there was a Great Depression and how long it lasted. By Anthony

Over 60 million people died during World War 2. By Jennifer

In Beaconsfield, Tasmania the small land had 53 companies digging for gold. Most of the companies did not find gold. I find this fact interesting because companies were so desperate to find gold. By Frank

In 1967 the Aboriginal people were finally granted the right to vote in Australia. This is interesting because the Aboriginals are the original owners of the land and they should have had the right to vote straight away. By Aaron

In 1788 the First Fleet landed, Captained by Arthur Phillip and Australia became a British Colony. By Jylisa

In 2001 Australia celebrated 100 years after Federation. Federation is when the 6 separate colonies of Australia became one. By Ethan

The first Australian Prime Minister was Sir Edmund Barton. I already knew about different Prime Ministers, but never about the first one. By Coralie

The Sydney Olympic games were viewed by 3.7 Billion People. This is interesting because I never knew the Olympics were so popular. By Alek

Gold was discovered in 1851, in Summerville Creek, New South Wales by Edward Hargraves. By Ruwindi

PHOTOS:

Cindy looking at the board
Sky researching on the Chromebook
Nimrod thinking
Anthony working
Nyidriani smiling
Our Premier Daniel Andrews, has continued the tradition of the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge once more for 2016. We have now been involved in this for a few years and we are continuing to build in numbers! Well done to all who have taken on the challenge, a whopping 75 of you!

We are now also taking up the challenge put to us by Premier Daniel Andrews to be part of Active April. This involves signing up to the website and tracking our physical activity. It’s a great way to keep fit and to do some activities as a family too! To register, see Mrs Bateson or one of our Sports Captains.
School Contacts
Principal: Mr Greg White  Deputy Principal: Mr Terry Gardiner
School Secretaries: Mrs Sandra Higginbotham, Mrs Jane Merchant
School Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.15pm  Phone: 9791-7650  Fax: 9792-4827
Email: principal@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au  Website: www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au
Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday 8.30am – 10.00am.

St Mary’s Parish Education Board
Chairperson: Father Declan O’Brien  Parish Pastoral Associate: Mrs Kathy Gottliebsen  Principal: Mr Greg White
Deputy Principal: Mr Terry Gardiner  Religious Education Coordinator: Miss Amerall Blom
St Mary’s Teacher Rep: Miss Stephanie Meade  Parent Reps: Cathy Buchanan, Victor Brillantes, Chris Yugusuk

Fees
Term 2 fees are due on the 17th June 2016. Fee statements were sent home last Friday 15th April. If you have not received yours please check your child’s school bag.

Enrolments
Enrolments for the Prep 2017 school year are open. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by April 30th, 2017, they are eligible to be considered for enrolment at St Mary’s.

After School Sport-Extra curricula activities
Every Monday:
Year Prep, 1, 2
Every Wednesday:
Years 3 - 6
This Term the children will be playing basketball and soccer. Come along and join in the fun.

Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge
Enrol Now!