**Principal's Message**

**Dear Families**

**Confirmation Meeting - Tonight @ 7pm**
Just a reminder there is a Confirmation Meeting and Family Workshop this evening beginning at 7pm in the School Auditorium. All children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday May 27th together with their parents are expected to attend this evenings meeting.

**NAPLAN**
Throughout Australia this week over one million students are sitting the NAPLAN tests. Good luck to our Year 3 and Year 5 children as they sit the tests over the next few days.

**Learning Circle - Thursday @ 3.25pm**
Just a reminder that we invite parents and their children to attend the next Learning Circle activity this Thursday May 12th at 3.25pm in the Family Space. The topic being covered this week is Place Value and Terry Gardiner, our school's Deputy Principal and Teaching and Learning Leader, will share some interesting and fun mathematical games with children and parents.

**Mother’s Day Breakfast**
We held our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast last Friday morning in the School Auditorium. More than 280 mothers, children and staff attended. It was once again a great success and a wonderful community gathering. The school choir, conducted by Doris, sang beautifully. We also had a special “Storytime with the Principal” where I had the privilege and opportunity to read the picture storybook “Bedtime Baby” written by Mem Fox. All mums got to take a copy of the book home too!! Thanks to the Mother’s Day breakfast committee, school staff and students for their preparation and assistance in the organisation and for their attendance. Everyone helped to celebrate the important role mothers play in our families. I hope all mums had a well deserved, great Mother’s Day on Sunday.

**Volunteers Needed for the Canteen**
We are looking for some volunteers to assist Amelia in the Canteen. You don’t need to be available for the whole day, just an hour or two to help serve and prepare food. It’s a great way to get involved in your school and your child will love seeing you there!

**2017 Prep Enrolments**
Enrolments for Prep 2017 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns 5 years old by April 30th, 2017, they are eligible to enrol their child. Enrolment forms available at the Office.

**In-Service Day - June 14th**
The school will be closed on Tuesday June 14th as all staff will be involved in a professional development day at school.

Have a great week.
Greg White, Principal

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**May**

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**Birthdays:**

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**Wanted:** Egg cartons for our Art Room. Please leave in the box in the foyer.
3/4 Hendy Ono reflected on what makes their Mum special for Mother’s day. Here is our work:

**MY MUM IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE...**

“...she created me.” Matthew
“...she cooks for me.” Kirill
“...she cares for me, she gives me food and she always tucks me into bed.” Emma

“...she will do whatever it takes to look after me.” Lochie
“...she cooks for us and she takes care of us.” Abi
“...she helps me get through life and buys food for us to eat.” Nelson

“...she looks after my family and she cooks food.” Hannah
“...she feeds me, she looks after me and she created me.” Cruz
“...she cares for me and she loves me.” Harish

“...she takes care of me and she loves me no matter what I do.” Deng
“...she keeps me away from danger.” Rebecca
“...she looks after me.” Marnath

“...she cooks for me, looks after me and helps me get ready for school.” Vanessa
“...she cooks and takes care of me.” Bibianna
“...she buys stuff for me and she takes care of me.” Angelo

“...she takes care of me when I’m hurt, she loves me and she is special to me” Abigail
“...she makes me dinner so I can eat.” Jonathan
“...she cooks for my family every day and she dedicates her time to us.” Stevie

“...she cooks for us and she looks after us when we get sick.” Nirbhay
“...when I am sick she looks after me.” Rachelle
“...she cooks food for me and takes care of me all the time.” Suyash

“...she takes me to school, she looks after me and she feeds me.” Xavier
Mother’s Day Breakfast 2016
Reminder for Students Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Information Night is **Tonight** -
At St Mary's School Auditorium 7pm

*This is an important session for you and your child to attend.*

During the Information Night your child will participate in a Community Penitential Service and individual reconciliation. It is also encouraged that your child’s sponsor attends this night and receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

*During this night, you and your child will be designing and gluing a symbol of Confirmation on your child’s stole and you will receive further information about the Confirmation night.*

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**Thank You**

Thank you to all families and classrooms for your generosity in raising $380.35 for Caritas. What an amazing effort by the community of St Mary’s Primary School! All of the money raised will be handed over to Caritas to be used for their Project Compassion appeal. If you still have any more Project Compassion boxes at home, please return these to the Office.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**Enrolments**

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