May

Wed 18th @ 7pm
Parish Education Board Meeting
Thurs 19th @ 3.25pm
Learning Circle
Fri 20th
District Cross Country
Fri 20th @ 2.40pm
Assembly 5/6 Shepherdson
Mon 23rd @ 9.15am
Mass - 1/2 Silva/Blom & 1/2 Carter
Thurs 26th
Year 5/6 Excursion to Dandenong Council
Thurs 26th @ 3.25pm
Learning Circle
Fri 27th @ 2.40pm
Assembly 3/4 Nevins
Fri 27th @ 7pm
Confirmation Mass

Principal’s Message

Dear Families

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 19th at 3.25pm in the Family Space.

Breakfast Club - Exciting News!! - Tuesday May 24th
We are starting up a Breakfast Club next week in the kitchen upstairs, opposite the Year 3/4 classrooms. The Breakfast Club is open to all St Mary’s children from 8.10am to 8.40am every Tuesday morning. We invite any interested child from across the school to come and enjoy a chat and a free breakfast to help start their day.

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 are available at the Office.

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

School Photos - Wednesday June 8th - Winter Uniform
School Photos are scheduled to take place on Wednesday June 8th. We will be sending home the booking envelopes very soon. All children are required to wear their full winter uniform on this day (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children who have sport on this day may bring a pair of runners in their bag to change into for their Physical Education lesson). Please note that all children should no longer be wearing their summer uniform.

Extra Curricular After School Sporting Activities
Just a reminder that we have terrific and engaging extra curricular, after school sporting activities on from 3.30pm to 4.30pm every:

- Monday for children in Year Prep,1 and 2
- Wednesday for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
All programs are free and support the ongoing physical, social and emotional growth of all children. It’s a great way to make friends as well!

Have a great week.
Greg White, Principal

Wanted: Egg cartons for our Art Room.
Please leave in the box in the foyer.

Birthdays:
May
16th Nemesia
17th Aluel
17th Elizabeth
22nd Aastha

FREE
After School Sport-Extra curricula activities
Every Monday:
Year Prep, 1, 2
Every Wednesday:
Years 3 - 6
The animal rescue centre is for helping animals. We go out in the wild and help animals survive. If they are hurt we give them bandages or an operation. By Serena

We've been helping the animals. If they're hurt we go to them. By Preston

We used telescopes and magnifying glasses to find the animals, then we have to feed the animals with care. By Ethan

We help the animals by putting bandages on them. By Lei

We have to look for animals to rescue and then we give them oxygen because they can't breathe. By Jordan

The kangaroo had a broken leg so we brought it to the animal rescue centre. The kangaroo had to have an x-ray and it had to have a plaster. By Sithmi

We made an animal rescue checklist. We put little squares next to the words and when we go to the animal rescue centre we have to put ticks next to the words. By Justin

If an animal is hurt, we tell them on the walkie talkies. By Doki

The rabbit broke his leg and it couldn't hop. Lynn gave me a clue to find the wombat, I found it next to the bookshelf. By Emma

First we have to take a photo of their home and then you put them in the animal rescue centre and when they're better, you put them back in their home. By Praharsha

Sometimes the sugar glider gets hurt and we take care of him. By Theresa

First someone hid the animals, then I found the penguin. The penguin was a bit cold so I wrapped the penguin in the blanket. By Christina

We have to save some animals and then the doctor says "Wear this bandage for 3 weeks." By Tobias

We made the animal footprints, we put them on the floor; we followed them to the animal and then we found the animals. By Mia

If animals are broken we give them a little bandage. Then we take the bandage off and put them in their home. By Prabhnoor

We're going to follow the footprints. When the footprints stop you can see the animal. By May

We wrote some signs. The signs say, "Please bring injured animals here" and ‘Shhh, the animals are sleeping.” By Lynn

We had to have a rescue search to find the echidna. By Aadi

We've been helping the animals. If they're hurt we go to them. By Preston

Learning in the Animal Rescue Centre

By 1/2 CANTY
**Student Wellbeing News**

This term our 2016 Student Wellbeing Leaders, Manchet, Cindy and Emmanuel, have started something new at assembly each Friday. They are reading out ‘The KidsMatter News’. ‘The KidsMatter News’ is a time for our Student Wellbeing Leaders to support other students and to inform them of any Wellbeing issues. It is also a time for our Student Leaders to promote our Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour and to promote KidsMatter.

St Mary’s is a Kidsmatter School, which means that we follow The KidsMatter Approach to Student Wellbeing and developing Community Partnerships. At home, parents and carers can connect to KidsMatter resources using the following link:

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

On this website you can find information about: Parenting, Social and Emotional Learning, Mindfulness, Anxiety, Mental Health Issues, ADHD, Bullying, School Refusal, Autism Spectrum Disorder and many other topics.

At St. Mary’s we are proud to be a KidsMatter School; a place where parents, carers and families can work in partnership with staff.

Kindest regards,  
Cathie Lynch - Student Wellbeing & Student Services Leader

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**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**

**MASS**

**FRIDAY June 3**

Dear Parents,

We are collecting non-perishable food items to present to St. Vincent De Paul at our upcoming Sacred Heart School Mass on Friday 3rd of June.

Please send along items such as canned food, packets of pasta etc.

Please send these items with your child (to their classroom) between now and Friday June 3rd.

Thanks for your support.

Yours in faith,

Amerall Blom - Religious Education Leader
**A visit from Jack Johnson!**

On Friday, the 6th of May, the Year 5/6 students received a visit from Jack Johnson who is an inspiring and kind hearted man.

Jack has spent his whole life in the Dandenong area. He is a published author, who has written a book "When the clock strikes", a memoir about his life in Dandenong. He shared with us his amazing, funny and interesting stories from his younger years.

Now he lives in the exact same place he used to live when he was younger, but in a different building. Jack was 86 years old when he visited us on Friday, but now he is currently 87 years old because his birthday was the very next day. We all sang Happy Birthday to Jack and he felt very appreciated and special.

The students enjoyed his visit very much.

By: Kisha & Lenn