Dear Families

Welcome Back
Welcome back to 3rd Term. I hope you enjoyed the extra time with your children over the holiday period. The term ahead will be busy with many exciting learnings and events happening, some of which include:

- 3 Way Conversations
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation for many of our Year 5 children
- A Special Father’s Day Celebration
- Excursions and Incursions at different levels
- 100 Days of Prep Celebration
- “Storytime with the Principal”
- Weekly Active After School Sports Program,
and of course the Olympics!! I look forward to another term of working collaboratively in partnership with our whole school community.

School Closure Day - Monday July 18th
Just a reminder that the school will be closed next Monday July 18th for a Curriculum day. On this day we will be focusing on collaboration and working with our SMAG schools (St Gerard’s Dandenong North and St Anthony’s Noble Park).

3 Way Conversations - Tuesday & Wednesday Next Week
Also an important reminder that our mid year 3 Way Conversations occur next Tuesday 19th July 1.15pm to 8.00pm & Wednesday 20th July 3.45pm to 5.00pm. School finishes at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th July for 3 Way Conversations to begin at 1.15pm.
This time we are running the event over 2 days and we have extended the interview time to 15 minutes to enable the children to showcase their work. If you haven’t already done so you need to book online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the school event code x64he
Please refer to the flyer sent home last term for more details.

Flag Raising Weekly Assembly - Wednesday Next Week
The normal beginning of week flag raising assembly has been moved to Wednesday July 20th at 8.40am.

Feedback on our Curriculum Day
St Mary’s staff yesterday participated in a fantastic curriculum day at St John’s College with all St John’s staff and staff from St Thomas More in Mt Eliza. The focus of the day was around “Visible Learning” which explores how evidence can be used to create innovation in the classroom learning environment.
Learning Circle - Thursday 14th @ 3.25pm
The topic for our Learning Circle this week is Study ladder. Mrs Tessa Anstis will lead all interested parents and children on the use of this excellent resource.
Have a good week.
Greg White, Principal

3 WAY CONVERSATIONS
Well it is that time again! The middle of the year is when we have our second round of 3 Way Conversations.

The purpose of the 3 Way Conversations is to:
• give you the opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with them and their class teacher
• give your child an opportunity to talk about their learning and lead you through some of the learning that they have focussed on in class
• give your child an opportunity to discuss their goals and future learning intentions as they move forward
• see some of the amazing work your child has completed
• clarify any queries you have about the school report

This Semester, we are trialling 15 minute time slots. The Year 5/6 Children will be having their 3 Way Conversations in the Community so they have the opportunity to show their work on the Interactive Whiteboards. All other 3 Way Conversations will occur in the Auditorium as usual. This is a change to the way in which we normally do things and we look forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

Some good questions to ask the classroom teacher are:
• Is my child settled in the classroom?
• Does my child play well with other children?
• Does my child learn well in a group?
• Is there anything I can do to help my child at home?
• What are some good books I can read with my child?

If you haven’t made an appointment through the School Interviews website, make sure you do while there are still times available. If you are unsure of how to book an interview, please see either Jane in the Office or listen out for announcements at the end of the day where either Anna Hendy or one of our friendly staff can help you make a booking.