Dear Families

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- How does collaboration improve leadership, teaching practice and staff motivation?
- Characteristics of collaboration in and across organisations.
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Have a great week.

Greg White
Principal

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**July**
- Tues 19th @ 1.15pm
  - 3 Way Conversations
- School Finishes @ 12.30pm
- Thurs 21st @ 3.25pm
  - Learning Circle
- Fri 22nd @ 2.40pm
  - Assembly - Preps
- Mon 25th @ 9am
  - Second Hand Uniform Shop
- Mon 25th @ 9.15am
  - Class Mass - 3/4 Hendy/Ono & 1/2 Canty
- Wed 27th - Fri 29th
  - Year 5/6 Camp
- Thurs 28th @ 3.25pm
  - Learning Circle
- Fri 29th @ 2.40pm
  - Assembly - 1/2 Anstis

**August**
- Mon 1st @ 9.15am
  - Class Mass - 3/4 Sliva/Blom & 1/2 Carter
- Tues 2nd
- 100 Days of Prep Celebration

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**FREE**
After School Sport-Extra Curricula Activities
Every Monday:
- Year Prep, 1, 2
Every Wednesday:
- Years 3 - 6
Begins next week

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Birthdays
- JULY
  - 22nd Rayaan
  - 22nd Nirujan

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Congratulations to Ryan from 5/6 Shepherdson, Prabashwara and Chanumi from 5/6 Walpole for their preparation and fantastic participation in the Annual Poetry Competition. The competition attracted participants from numerous schools across Melbourne, so this is a wonderful achievement.

Prabashwara received a special medal for his overall score and all the students received a Certificate for their recitation.

Well done to these participating students for enthusiastically taking on this challenge. Bravi!

Signora Mangone

**ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION 2016**

It was so exiting, and I was not afraid at all. We were the smallest group of all, but that was fine with me. When it was our turn I started to get butterflies. My friend did great! My favourite part was when we had pizza. It was yum! PRABASH

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**Help Us Reach Our Goal**

St Mary’s worked hard last year to raise money for our sister school, St Mary’s in Uganda. After an amazing effort we raised $7,100. With the money raised we want to purchase a water bore hole for the community.

We still need $3000.

We are doing this through a pozible campaign. We only receive the money if we reach our target of $3000.

We need your help so please watch the video and share it. The link below will direct you to the video. Thank you for your ongoing support.

http://www.pozible.com/project/kids-in-solidarity-1
Harold’s Heroes in 1/2 Prince

At the end of Term 2, 1/2 Prince went to visit Harold in the Life Ed Van. This is what we learnt.

I learnt to be healthy by eating healthy foods. - Wani

I learnt that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. - Chariis

I learnt that medicine can sometimes look like lollies, so we don't touch it. - Vivianna

I learnt that 000 means that 3 people can help you: the Police, the Ambulance and the Fire Brigade. - Prinsika

I learnt that when there is smoke you need keys to open the door, or you can open a window. - Azelle

I learnt that we can't have junk food all the time because we can get sick. - Mia

I learnt that to be healthy you need to eat healthy like fruits and vegetables. You also need to exercise. - Eshani

I learnt that smoking is very bad for your brain, your lungs and your whole body. - Nyanbol

I learnt about being healthy. I need to eat healthy foods and exercise. - Delorez

I learnt to stay safe by not crossing the road without an adult. - Adhel

I learnt about good and bad foods. Good foods are vegetables, some dairy and fruit. Bad foods are ice-cream, chocolate and chips. - Murray

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Leadership Photos

Order forms for group photos will be sent home today.

The photos are on display in the school foyer.

Please return orders by 29th July.

School Contacts
Principal: Mr Greg White  Deputy Principal: Mr Terry Gardiner
School Secretaries: Ms Sandra Higginbotham, Ms 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 Gottlieben  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: Ms Cathy Buchanan, Mr Victor Brillantes, Mr Chris Yugusuk

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 25th July
@ 9am

Come and try
Girl Guides

Fun activities and learning in an all girls environment.

Monday 1st August  Noble Park 5.30—7.30pm  6-10 years
Wednesday 10th August  Springvale 4.30—6pm  5-10 years
Wednesday 10th August  Noble Park 7-9pm  10-14 years

Noble Park Guide Hall—Ross Reserve
corner Costigan Rd and Memorial Drive,
Springvale Guide Hall—
55 Royal Ave Springvale

No charge for first session

To book in for sessions contact rcurfli@guidesvic.org.au  by 25th July  0409330347