Dear Families

**Literacy and Numeracy Family Fun Night - this Wednesday**

Come and celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week by being part of our Literacy and Numeracy Family Fun Night tomorrow evening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Explore how to create different Literacy and Numeracy activities at home.

- Preps in the Prep Classrooms,
- Year 1/2 in the 1/2 Classrooms,
- Year 3/4 in the Reading Room/Family Space and
- Year 5/6 in the 5/6 Community

**Year 5/6 School Camp**

Our Year 5/6 students spent last Wednesday to Friday at the Mt Evelyn YMCA School Camp. The children were involved in many outdoor fun activities. All children were fantastic and worked together in a spirit of cooperation. The Mt Evelyn YMCA School Camp is designed to promote friendship through specially designed adventure activity courses. The many activities the children participated in assisted in building their self-confidence, problem solving skills, teamwork skills and above all, allowed them to have fun. A big thank you to the school staff who attended and organised the camp: Neesha Bateson, Terry Gardiner, Margaret Shepherdson, Rose Stapleton, Michael Walpole, Cristina Gostimir, Michelle Grenfell, Amelia Burnie and Lauren Davies. Thanks for all their dedication, care and hard work to ensure the success of the camp. Many positive comments were passed onto us by the staff and owners of the camp about how beautiful and respectful our children were. This is certainly a wonderful reflection on you as parents, and our staff who work closely in partnership with you.

**Learning Circle - Thursday**

All parents and children are welcome to come along to the Learning Circle this Thursday 4th August in the Family Space. The session is being presented by Steve Carter and the topic is ‘Maths on the Computer’.

**Birthdays**

**August**

5th Prinsika
5th Induvari
7th Jermaine
8th Ayoung

**January Birthdays**

5th Prinsika
5th Induvari
7th Jermaine
8th Ayoung

**Welcome**

Welcome to our new student Yazmaine (Prep Burnie) who started today at our wonderful school.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Angelo (3/4 Ono/Hendy) who now has a baby sister, Lucy.

Have a great week.

Greg White

Principal
We’ve almost reached 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 have reached an incredible $2,670 towards our target of $3,000

Kids, do the maths and work out how much more we need to raise.

We have 7 days left of our campaign.

The link below will direct you to the video if you’d like to make a donation.

http://www.pozible.com/project/kids-in-solidarity-1

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Literacy and Numeracy
Family Fun Night

Wednesday 3rd August
5.30 – 7.30pm

Prep - Prep classrooms
Year 1 & Year 2 – 1/2 classrooms
Year 3 & Year 4 – Reading Room/Family Space
Year 5 & Year 6 – 5/6 Community Space

Come and explore different Literacy & Numeracy activities.
Year 3/4 Silva Blom’s Favourite Attractions of Melbourne
As part of our Inquiry topic and School Production, we have been learning about Melbourne. We have been reading about famous landmarks in Melbourne. These three are our favourite.

Federation Square
In 1996 the Victorian Government started building Federation Square. It was finished in October 26 2002. It took 6 years 10 months 26 days to be built. Federation square is the size of a city block. It covers 38,000 hectares. To build it the Victorian State Government spent $450 million dollars.
By Ansh and Khot

Eureka Sky deck
The Eureka Skydeck in Melbourne was opened on October 11th, 2006. The Eureka Skydeck is an 88 story building. It is the highest point in the Southern hemisphere. The tower has an area called, ‘The Edge’ located at the very top of the building. Some find this a scary experience because it has a glass floor.
By Jaimeet, Victoria, Mawith, Jaiden, Peter and Christon

Luna Park
Guests first entered Mr Moons huge mouth on 13th of December 1912. People have been coming to Luna Park for over a century. The Great Scenic Railway remained operational throughout World War 1. Luna Park celebrated 100 years of fun on 13th of December 2012.
By Kenny and Lado
Solidarity Volunteering:
Strong Relationships, Mutual Development

Communities across Asia, Africa and the Pacific are seeking volunteers willing to participate in an authentic cross-culture experience. Teachers are in high demand as are leaders in health & community development, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other skills.

Information Session:
Saturday August 6
10:30 am at Ross House
247-251 Flinders Lane

Come along and hear the stories of those who have volunteered through Palms Australia!

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been sending volunteers for 55 years. We prepare and support you to engage in relationships of understanding, acceptance and care and to build on the strengths in a local community that further assist sustainable development.

Fees
Fee statements went home on the 22nd July. Please check your child’s bag. All fees are due by the 9th September. Please contact Mr White immediately if you are having trouble.

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.

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 8th August @ 9am

Leadership Photos
Orders for Leadership Photos are due this Friday. Please come to the Office if you need a form.

St Mary’s Parish Education Board
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