Dear Families

Child Safety Standards

At St Mary’s we have been working on reviewing and improving our Child Safety Standards. As a parent it’s important that you talk to your child about safety, because it is most important that your child feels safe at home and at school.

Children need to know how to keep safe.

They need to know what to do if someone is hurting them or their friends or making them feel unsafe. All children have a right to feel safe and to be protected. No one is allowed to threaten them, hurt them or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

No one should behave in a way that makes children feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in their family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Every relationship should be respectful.

Tell your children, that if something doesn’t feel right or if they feel unsafe they should tell an adult who can help them, a trusted adult. Telling someone won’t get them in trouble. They can tell a teacher, an adult at school, a parent, a carer, or a family member. Adults can provide support and make sure that children don’t have to deal with things alone.

There are many people who can help. Here are some other suggestions if children feel they can’t talk to someone:

- Headspace www.eheadspace.org.au or 1800 650 850 which provides an online and a 9am-1am telephone support service
- call KidsHelp Line on 1800 55 1800 or visit www.kidshelpline.com.au (for 24 hour support)
- call or visit your local police station or call 0

Kindest regards, Cathie Lynch
Student Wellbeing & Student Services Leader
Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
Last Friday all Year 5/6 students participated in a Gala Sports Day with 9 other local schools which included the team sports of soccer, rugby, cricket and rounders. Congratulations to all children for their great sportsmanship and enthusiastic participation in all team games. A special congratulations to the Soccer B team in winning their overall competition.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Just a reminder to all parents with children about to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there is a Family Information Meeting happening this Thursday evening at 7pm in the school Auditorium.

Learning Circles - Thursday 3.25pm
This week Michael Walpole our Year 5/6 Teacher will be presenting at the Learning Circle. The session will be on Literacy - Checking for Understanding when Reading. Please come along and share in the learning and take home some valuable tips and tricks.

Breakfast Club - Tuesday Mornings from 8.10am - 8.40am
Don’t forget to come along and share a delicious breakfast next Tuesday. It’s a lovely way to start the morning.

Have a great week.

Greg White,
Principal

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The Reading Challenge is finishing on Monday 5th September.
All books must be entered by this date to be counted in the Challenge.

P & F Book Week Raffle
Raffle books are being sent home this week.
50 cents per ticket
2 prize packs
The raffle will be drawn at the Book Week Parade.
I wish I could time travel back through time to Friday, and guess WHY? Because we had Gala Day! I really enjoyed it because it gave us lots of opportunities to have fun. The sport I played was rugby and people from Melbourne Storm came to umpire our games. As well, before our first game, we had a little training session with them! The thing I got frustrated with was when they said that the boys were allowed to TACKLE, but the girls had to do TAG! The rest of our team was looking forwards to tackling, but we had to get over and move on! By Alek

We might have lost our cricket match, but our soul is still alive! When you lose you can still forgive yourself and say “People might think I lost, but they are not me and I know how I am a real winner!” Those are the words of a true winner and not a loser. On our team we had Aryan, Aljack, Nadine, Abel, Callodon, Manchet, Ashu, and Diana. We came last, but we still had the best time! We learnt from our mistakes and kept on playing our best! Another great thing, we got a cup of Milo from our sponsors Milo!! By Aryan

Oh hey! Guess what? Last week was gala day for the 5/6 community! The sport I played was rugby, but it wasn’t the real rugby game, it was a little bit different. Instead of tackling, we had to pull a tag off from a belt and hold it up in the air. When we did that, the ball would go to our team. At the end we lost, but my team knew we tried our best the whole time! We had fun no matter what!! By Nikeesha

Wow!!! What a wonderful time at the 5/6 Gala Day! Last Friday the 5/6’s went on their 3rd Gala Day. Most of us were excited to go, but some were more excited than others! The sports we played were Soccer, Rugby, T-ball, Osh Rounder’s and Cricket. We were all so extraordinary and one of the highlights was the soccer B-team coming 1st and getting the huge trophy!! By: Lado
Who wants to have lots of fun?
Who wants to make lots of new friends?
Who wants to learn new skills?
Who wants to be included in a great sports club?

If you answered ‘yes’ to these questions then we want you to come along and be part of our fantastic club.

The Berwick City Baseball Club is committed to including children of all abilities into their T-ball and Little League programs.

All of the club’s coaches and volunteers will help you reach your full T-ball and Baseball potential.

For more information please call Rod on 0425 806 715

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.

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 Berwick City Baseball Club

Where: Cyril Molyneaux Reserve MANSFIELD ST BERWICK MEL REF 110 J7
When: Free Come And Try Day
9:00 - 10:00am
Saturday 3rd & 10th September

T-ball: 4 – 8 year olds program
Little League: 8 – 12 year old program

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.

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 22nd August @ 9am