Dear Families

Father’s Day Celebration - Tonight

We are looking forward to hosting the “Father’s Day Celebration” tonight from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the School Auditorium. Your children and an important person in their life (dad, grandpa, uncle, mum, grandma or aunty) are invited to this special community event. Bunnings will again be organising a fun family “building with wood” activity in the Auditorium, followed by a yummy sausage sizzle.

School Improvement Surveys

All parents at the school should will receive a survey this week. The survey is also being distributed to parents in all Catholic schools across the Melbourne archdiocese. Insight SRC is conducting the survey on behalf of St Mary's School and the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

The main aim of the survey is to identify strengths and any areas for development at St Mary’s School. The results will benefit everyone within our School Community by providing valuable information about the ways in which our school can be further developed.

Our school believes it is important to encourage a parent voice to help shape the ongoing improvement of the school, so we strongly encourage you to complete the survey even though your participation is voluntary.

Please remember your individual responses will remain confidential and can only be accessed by Insight SRC. Feedback will be provided to our school based on the collective answers of all parents who participate in this survey.

If you would like to complete the survey on line please follow the instructions when you receive the survey. If you would rather complete a paper copy of the survey please do so and return it to school in the envelope supplied.

Father’s Day Stall

The Parent’s and Friend’s Association will be running the Father’s Day stall this Thursday. All children can purchase a Father’s day gift for their dad at the stall, gifts range in price from $2 to $10.

School Fees

Unless you are on a pre-arranged payment schedule, all school fees for the year should have been paid in full by now. If you are having difficulty finalising your school fee commitment for 2016 please contact me immediately to make arrangements.

Have a great week.

Greg White, Principal
3/4 Excursion to The City of Melbourne

Year 3/4 went on a walking tour of the City of Melbourne to explore the different cultures that have contributed to Australia. We also looked at the important features and landmarks of Melbourne. We caught the train from Dandenong Station to Flinders Street Station. For some of us, it was our first time on a train.

We looked at the Aboriginal displays around Birrarung Marr. The shields represent the 5 Kulin nations in Victoria.

We ate lunch in China Town and had dessert from a Greek cake shop in Lonsdale St.

We had a great day but we were exhausted from walking around the City of Melbourne ALL DAY!!!
Book Week 2016
Some interesting characters came to our Book Week parade!
Education In Faith

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Information Night was Thursday 18th August. Thank you to all the students and their families who attended the evening.

We began with a welcome, then a short prayer and quiet reflection. The students and their families then had the opportunity to participate in three different activities.

- Listening to a scripture passage, the Prodigal Son, and discussing the passage. Families engaged with the text and with each other in discussing the passage.
- Creating a symbol, that represented the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and pasting it on their stole. The students wear their stoles on the night of their Sacrament.
- Creating a 10 commandments booklet.

Overall, the night was a great way for families to participate in their child’s preparation on the road to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Make sure all the books you have read have been entered. The Challenge finishes this Friday 2nd September.

Fees

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.

Sunsmart Day

From Thursday 1st September all children must wear their hat when they are out at play. No Hat, No Play!

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on: Monday 5th September @ 9 am