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Thurs 5th @ 8.45am
Toddlers’ Music Group
Thurs 5th @ 3.30pm
Fun, Fit Families Sport
Fri 6th @ 2.40pm
5/6 S Assembly
Mon 9th
Labour Day holiday
School Closed
Tues 10th @ 9.15am
Year 3/4 Mass
Wed 11th
Preps first Wednesday at school
Thurs 12th @ 8.45am
Toddlers’ Music Group
Thurs 12th @ 3.30pm
Fun, Fit Families Sport
Fri 13th
House Cross Country
Tues 17th @ 9.15am
Year 1/2 Mass
Tues 17th @ 10am
St Patrick’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral
Thurs 19th @ 8.50am
Toddlers’ Music Group
Fri 20th
11.30am - 6.30pm
Harmony Day
Twilight School
Wed 25th @ 8.50am & 3pm
Storytime with the Principal

Kelly Sports - After School Sport
Every Monday: Year Prep, 1, 2
Every Wednesday: Years 3 - 6

Birthdays:
March
5th Lei
7th Dora
8th Preston
9th Aryan

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

Labour Day Public Holiday - March 9th
School Closed

Harmony Day Twilight School - Friday 20th March
As previously mentioned we will be having a special Harmony Day Twilight School on Friday March 20th as part of Harmony Week celebrations. Children will be required to come to school at 11.30am and then remain at school until 6.30pm. Late in the afternoon families will be invited to the School for various activities, including a special family event. The Before School Care Program will be open from 7.00am until 11.30am to assist parents with childcare needs. More details about this event will come out in the next 2 weeks.

School Fee Accounts
All families should have received their School Fee Accounts for Term 1. Please ensure prompt payment by Friday March 27th unless other payment arrangements have been made.

Safe Bus Bay Parking (New St) and Safe Parking in the School Playground (McCrae St)
Please remember the Bus Bay outside the School in New Street should only be used as a drop off and pickup point for cars. The driver should remain in the car at all times. The maximum time allowed to stay in the parking bay is 5 minutes. Drivers not following these Council Rules and Regulations may risk the chance of receiving a fine from the City of Greater Dandenong. Please note that a Bi-Laws Officer from the City Of Greater Dandenong Council, from time to time, visits the School to note any traffic and parking offences. Under no circumstances are you to leave your car unattended in this area.

Your patience and care is also requested when parking in the school yard before and after school (McCrae Street Entrance). In order to avoid congestion and confusion parents are requested not to park in areas that are needed to maintain the flow of traffic. There are clearly marked yellow lines that indicate the flow of traffic. There are many cars in a confined area for short periods before and after school, so please be careful, patient and mindful of children and other adults in this area.

Please remember that the safety of all St Mary’s Community members, as well as visitors to the school, is paramount.

Junior Playground next to the School Auditorium
Please note that children are not permitted to use the Junior Playground next to the School Auditorium before school. However, children are permitted to use this playground for a short period after school, only under the direct and strict supervision of their parents.

Have a great week,
Greg White, Principal
In 3/4N we have been learning about word types. We created “Wordles” on the Interactive White Board for nouns, adjectives and verbs, focusing on how we could make our friends feel good.

We discussed things we could do to be a good friend, or to help somebody when they are sad.

We then discussed adjectives to describe people in positive ways.
Student Wellbeing News

At St. Mary’s we are currently planning and getting ready for our  
Harmony Day Twilight School Celebration on Friday 20th March.  

On this day, the children will come to school in National or Cultural costumes and/or orange coloured clothes. 

The school day will start at 11:30 am and will begin with a parade in the quadrangle.  

Later at 5pm we will have a shared dinner together and then parents and guardians will be invited to get up and dance with their children, to various kinds of cultural music. Dancing will be led by Maria Kielty (as pictured above), a professional dancer, from the ‘I Can Dance’, dance company. 

Harmony Day is all about celebrating our cultural diversity, having fun and getting together as a community of teachers, families and students. The theme of Harmony Day 2015 is: everyone belongs. 

More details about this event; the shared family activity, the prayer service and the shared meal, will come out in the following weeks. 

Kind regards  
Cathie Lynch - Student Wellbeing and Student Services Leader

Harmony Day Family Sausage Sizzle

Sausage in Bread $1  
Drinks $1

A form will be coming home tonight for you to pre-order. Please return your forms by Friday 13th March.
Second Hand Uniform Shop
Urgently requires donations of summer and winter dresses.
Open on Monday 16th March
in the Family Space.
All items $5

Zooper Doopers
$1
Every Monday @ lunchtime
from the Auditorium
P & F Fundraising

St Mary’s Parish Education Board
Chairperson: Father Declan O’Brien
Parish Pastoral Associate: Mrs Cate Kavanagh
Principal: Mr Greg White
Deputy Principal: Mr Terry Gardiner
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St Mary’s Teacher Rep: Miss Stephanie Meade
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St John’s School Board Representative: Mrs Kerry Cronjaeger

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Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday 8.30am –10.00am.

School Fees
Term 1 fees are due by the 20th March 2015. If you have any queries regarding your fees please contact Mr Greg White.