Principal's Message

House Cross Country - Friday March 13th
We are holding the House Cross Country Championships this coming Friday from 11.00am to 1.00pm on the School Oval and Yard. All children from Prep to Grade 6 will be involved in this event. The children may wear their house color t-shirt and sports uniform on the day and parents are very welcome to attend the event.

Parents and Friends meeting - Thursday March 12th
The next Parents and Friends meeting will be held this Thursday March 12th at 9.00am in the Family Space. All parents are invited to attend.

Harmony Day 2015: Many Stories - One Australia - Friday March 20th
Harmony Day will be celebrated at St Mary’s on Friday March 20th. It is a day of cultural respect and celebration of diversity. Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world and we each make up the pages of the bigger Australian story that we share today. Our stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational.

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To help celebrate Harmony day we are asking that the children come to school on Harmony Day in their “National Costume” representing the many colours and cultures of our School Community. If your child does not have a national costume we ask that they be dressed in the Harmony Day colour of “Orange”.

As previously advised the students will begin school at 11:30am that day.

A timetable of the day is as follows:
11:30am: School begins - students line up in the Quadrangle for flag raising. Children are to bring their lunch to school. The canteen will not be open for lunch orders. Throughout the afternoon all children will be entertained and will practice their dance steps in preparation for the evening family dance, with our special dance artist Maria Keilty from the dance company “I Can Dance”. Maria will be teaching the children various cultural dances to be performed later in the evening.
3:00pm: All parents/families are invited to St Mary’s School for a special family activity in family groupings.
4:00pm: Harmony Day Prayer Service, in the Auditorium
4:45pm: Students dismissed from their classrooms. All children will be dismissed from their classroom at 4.45pm and then be supervised by their parents for the Family dinner and dance. Please remember to bring your own picnic dinner. The Parents and friends Association have organised a “Sausage Sizzle”. Order forms were sent home last week. If you need another form please collect one from the Office. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Quadrangle (or in the Auditorium if the weather is unsuitable). The Canteen will be open to sell snacks and drinks only.
5:00pm: Dance and dinner to begin in the Quadrangle.
6.30pm: Conclusion of Harmony Day.
Have a great week
Greg White, Principal
Social Justice - Cotton On

On Wednesday Ellysia and I went to the Cotton On Foundation representing St. Mary’s as the Social Justice Leaders. We went with Ms Meade and Mrs Brown. Once we got to Cotton On Headquarters we were introduced to Trina who works for Cotton On. We went to Cotton On to discuss what we could do as a school to help the people in Mannya, Uganda.

Trina spoke to us about different projects we could be involved in. She told us about solar lights we could buy for Students in Mannya. They need these because when the kids come home from school they have to do homework but have no electricity. Instead they use the light from their Mum and Dad’s phones. Ellysia and I learnt a lot about Mannya and wanted to help more.

At the end of the meeting Trina showed us around Cotton On. It was very big and open-plan like our 5/6 Community. They had a café, gym and the workers can bring their dogs to work. It was a great experience and we got lots of ideas to work as a school to help Mannya in Uganda.

By Prasilia Royanton
(Social Justice Leader)
In Grade 1/2 P we have been learning about numbers!

We are learning that numbers are made up of tens and ones.

We are learning to skip count by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

We are learning to put numbers on a number line.

We are learning how to order numbers from smallest to largest.
Avocare Meals on Menzies
Collect meals prepared by a chef and a bag of groceries from the Food Bank for a gold coin donation.

Menzies Hall, Menzies Avenue
Dandenong North

Every Wednesday at 4pm
Just bring along a shopping bag and a gold coin!
Extra meals are available for extra gold coins!

P & F Association
Meeting this Thursday
March 12th
@ 9am
In the Auditorium
All Welcome!

Zooper Doopers
$1 each
Mondays @ 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 Religious Education Coordinator: Miss Amerall Blom
St Mary’s Teacher Rep: Miss Stephanie Meade Parent Reps: Miss Cathy Buchanan, Victor Brillantes, Chris Yugusuk
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 Banking Day
is
Wednesday

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School Fees
Our fee structure letter and fee statements will be going home with your eldest child today or tomorrow. Please check your child’s school bag.

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 16th
March @ 9am.