March

Thurs 24th @ 2.30pm
End of Term 1
School Finishes @ 2.30pm

April

Mon 11th @ 8.50am
Term 2 Begins
Mon 11th @ 9am
Second Hand Uniform Shop
Mon 18th @ 9am
Parents & Friends AGM
All Welcome! We would love to welcome some new members.

Holy Week & Easter

Birthdays:
April
23rd Nhu-May
25th Felix
26th Gurlean
27th Ethan
30th Kenny
30th Tedial
31st Ryan
31st Murray
May
1st David
6th Ester
9th Alek

Principal's Message

Harmony Day Twilight School

Despite the wet weather, what a wonderful day we had last Friday, celebrating our Twilight Harmony Day with a sea of orange and many colourful national costumes! Over the day the children did many special Harmony Day activities as well as participating in cultural dancing with Maria from “You Can Dance”. During the afternoon and into the evening we had several hundred family members attend special activities, like the Harmony Day liturgy and the family flag activity. We finished Harmony Day in the auditorium with lots of family dancing, fun and entertainment including cultural dancing, a sausage sizzle organised by the Parents and Friends Association and a family picnic dinner. It really was a harmonious day, where, as a school we celebrated our diversity and multiculturalism, which in many ways also reflects who we are as an Australian nation.

Holy Week

Please consider attending the Holy Week Easter ceremonies during the holidays. Also, in the midst of the busyness of our everyday lives please consider taking time to contemplate and reflect that there is hope for another day because of the life-giving work of our Risen Saviour. May peace and goodwill be shared with your families in the upcoming Easter period and thank you for your support over the term. Please find attached to this Newsletter, a Calendar of Holy Week Events happening in our Parish.

School Fee Accounts

All families should have received their School Fee Accounts for Term 1. Please ensure prompt payment as they are now overdue.

Casual Clothes Day - this Thursday 24th March

The children are to bring a gold coin donation for the Missions if they wish to wear casual clothes this Thursday, the last day of this term. School finishes @ 2.30pm.

Volunteers for Breakfast Club

We are looking for volunteers to help supervise a Breakfast Club that we hope to start up in the near future. If anyone is interested please contact Stephanie Meade or myself via the School Office.
2017 Prep Enrolments
Enrolments for Prep 2017 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by April 30th, 2017, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary’s School. Please collect an enrolment form from the School Office by Friday May 27th.

Enjoy the Holidays!
I wish every family a safe and happy Easter and school term break and I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the new School Term on Monday April 11th.

Take care
Greg White, Principal

Term 2 After School Sports
Starting in Week 2! Put the dates in your diary!

Next term’s sports are basketball and soccer!

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QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL
Stations of the Cross

3/4 Nevins presented Station 10, Jesus is stripped of his garments. The students shared their reflections on what they learnt from this station, and followed the reflections with a prayer.

3/4 Hendy Ono presented station 12, Jesus dies on the cross. The students were silent, with a single drum beat being played. With each beat of the drum, a word or piece of the artwork was turned over to reveal the beautiful image above. This presentation inspired deep reflection.

3/4 Silva Blom presented Station 13, Jesus is taken down from the cross. The students role played this event, portraying the devastation of Jesus’ Mother Mary. They reminded those watching of Mary’s love for each of us.

It was great to see so many parents join in our special time of reflection.
St Mary's Parish
Holy Week Timetable 2016

Wednesday 23rd March @7pm  Reconciliation Services Rite II (In the Auditorium)

Holy Thursday 24th March @7pm  Mass of the Lord's Supper (In the Community Centre)

Good Friday 25th March @11am  Stations of the Cross (In Dandenong Park, Putney St)

Good Friday 25th March @3pm  The Passion of the Lord (In the Community Centre)

Holy Saturday 26th March @8pm  Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday @ 8.30am  Mass

Easter Sunday @10.30am  Mass

No 5.30pm Mass

The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 11th April @ 9am.

St Mary’s Parish Education Board
Chairperson: Father Declan O’Brien  Parish Pastoral Associate: Mrs Kathy Gottliebsen  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: Cathy Buchanan, Victor Brillantes, Chris Yuguusk

Fees
2016 Fee Statement and payment structure went home on the 9th February. Term 1 fees are due on the 18th March 2016.

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