No. 2.2017
Friday 10th December

Friends forever, learning together

Our Mission Statement
St Mary’s School is a Catholic School for the children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

St Mary’s is a place where relationships are prized in the Spirit of the Josephite tradition.

Under the inspiration of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we are committed to the belief where everyone is treated with fairness and has the opportunity for a quality education in a faith filled environment.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School
Newsletter
We welcome our 2017 Preps

Ava
Bambi
Blake
Brock
Chad
Chelsea
Cody
Grace

Georgia
Harper
Harvey
Isabella
Isabelle
Jarryd
Jett
Keira

Isabelle
Max
Mataya
Marlee
Mia
Mia

Patrick
Shiloh
Zambia
Zac
Dear Families,

We welcome to our staff Mr Andrew Osler, Acting Principal for Terms 1 and 2 while Mr Hayes is on leave.
Along with Mr Andrew Osler our school Leadership Team members will be Ms Kerry Wadey, Mrs Irene Bramstedt and Mrs Catherine Griffths.
We also welcome to our Parishes in Partnership Fr Andrew Chen OMI.

**STAFF 2017**

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<td>Ms Chloe Haesler</td>
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<td>Mr John Aliotta</td>
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<td>Mrs Helen Prock</td>
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<td>Mrs Lidia Vincent</td>
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<td>Mrs Mary Hunt</td>
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<td>Mrs Susan Weir</td>
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**Our Timetable**

- 8.30am - doors open
- 8.40am - music
- 8.45am - 10.55am morning classes
- 10.55am - 11.25am recess
- 11.25am - 1.35pm mid day classes
- 1.35pm - 2.15pm lunch play
- 2.15pm - 3.15pm afternoon classes
- 3.15pm school finishes

Please note that lunch time is later in the day, please ensure that your child has sufficient snacks and water to sustain them throughout the day.
**Daily drop off and collection routine**
- The school grounds are open from **8.10am**. For safety reasons please do not drop off your children any earlier as the school grounds will not be supervised.
- When coming/leaving the school could all children please enter/exit the classrooms by using the doors opening from the quadrangle.
- At 3.15pm each classroom teacher will walk their class to the quadrangle. Could all parents please wait in the quadrangle.
- Bus pick up and departures are from the Balfour Street gate.

**Assemblies**
Class assemblies are conducted each Thursday afternoon at 2:40 pm and each Monday morning at 8.45am. Parents are very welcome to come along to these assemblies.

**Church Grounds**
Father Harry has asked that parents please **do not park** on the grass at the church. You are welcome to use the church carpark, but this does not include the grass area. Thank you.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 22nd February. Families will book interview times online and instructions on how to do this will be sent home next week.

**Carpark**
- Walking to and from the school be via footpaths or the center aisle.
- Children are not permitted to walk down the centre aisle unless accompanied by an adult
- The maximum speed limit in the car park is **10kmh**.
- Please do not park in the disabled car parks — these are needed and are used by school families.
- Cars must be in a parking bay before children leave or enter the vehicle.
- Cars must not park on the Church lawn or in front Church drive way
- When exiting the car park all cars must **turn left** during afternoon pick up time.
- Please ensure that you stop at the footpath to enter Monash Road as pedestrians, cyclist and students use this footpath.
- In the event of wet weather parents must come and collect their child/children from the steps.
- Parents are encouraged to us the ‘Kiss & Go’. Just remember to pull up as for forward as possible. The Kiss & Go is not a parking area, if you do not see your child when you pull up you will need to move out of the Kiss & Go and either park in a designated park or drive out of the school yard and re-enter the Kiss & Go.

**School Banking**
The Commonwealth Bank School banking program has recommenced this year. Banking day is Monday. If you are interested in signing up please see Mrs Weir.

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The St Mary’s Craft Group meets every Tuesday at 9.00am in the school hall. We organise the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls and have a stall at the fete.

We are always looking for new members and new ideas. This is a great way to help raise some money for the school while socialising at the same time.

If you would like to help but can’t come on a Tuesday morning please contact us or leave a message at the office and we can arrange things for you to do at home. We can also be contacted through the St Mary’s School Fete page on Facebook.

All welcome including toddlers, sewing skills **not** required.
Financial Assistance
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
The Victorian Government provides eligible families
with assistance to cover important, education and fun
activities by way of the Camps, Sports and Excursion
Fund (CSEF).
Families holding a valid means-tested concession
card are eligible to apply.
A payment of $125 for eligible primary school
students and $225 for eligible secondary school
students will be paid directly to the school to be used
towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the
benefit of the student.
Applications forms are available from the School
Office and must be submitted by 27th February 2016.

School App
St Mary’s has a School App and this is our preferred
method of contacting parents in a short time frame
situation. We see clear communication as vital to
the running of the school. We encourage all families
to download the App to receive notifications direct to
smartphones & tablets.
The school App can be downloaded to both Android
and iPhone and is downloadable from the Apple
Store or Google Play Store, search Immaculate
Heart of Mary.
The App can also be accessed via our school
website: www.stmnewbor.catholic.edu.au News &
Events, St Mary’s School App, and click the link to
take you directly to the Android store or iTunes
store.

School fees
This years school fees are set as follows:
Term Fees $257.50 per term
Curriculum Levy $85.00
Excursion Levy Juniors $55.00, Middle Year $75.00, Seniors $85.00
Swimming Levy Approx $70.00 (to be determined in Term 4)
Camp Levy Gr 4, 5 and 6 (to be determined when costs are known)
Statements for Term 1 school fees went home Thursday.
Payment options available:
• EFTPOS, cash or cheque directly to the office.
• By direct debit from a nominated bank account, a direct debit form is attached for those interested.
• By EFT, Bank details are printed on your statement.
• Centrepay (payments are able to be made direct from Centrelink payments).

If you are interested in Direct Debit or Centrepay please see Sandi for more information.
School fees provide for the daily running costs of the school and the curriculum needs of all our children. It is
recommended that fees are paid regularly throughout the year so we can meet our financial commitments and you
can budget accordingly.

Working With Children’s Check
It is a requirement at St Mary’s that all volunteers
at the school hold a current Working With Chil-
dren’s Check card (WWCC). This includes parents
and grandparents who help in the classroom, on
excursion, at sport etc.
You can apply for a WWCC online at
www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Once your application has been approved a copy
of your card must be presented at the office, so we
can take a record.

Uniform Shop
Our Uniform Shop is now stocking good clean
second hand clothing. Please see Nicki, Tanya,
Kim or Paula in the shop if you are interested in
purchasing items.
Shop hours:
Monday: 8.45am to 9.15am
Wednesday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm
Friday: 3.00pm to 3.30pm
Orders can also be left at the office.

Some of our new Preps with their Learning Partner from grade 5/6
### Diary Dates

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<td>Prep rest day</td>
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<td>Swimming Carnival (squad students only)</td>
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<td>Prep Camp Program - Afternoon tea (more information to follow)</td>
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<td>Year One Camp Program - Apex Park (more information to follow)</td>
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<td>Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass 9.00am</td>
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### Canteen

Our Canteen will open for lunch orders on Friday 17th February, and every Friday thereafter. A price list for the Canteen will go home next week. If you are able to help please see the office.

### Altar Serving Roster

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### Community Events/Notices (see boards outside)

- **Music Lessons** - Mrs Natasha Hoekstra is available to teach Violin, Viola, Cello, Guitar, Piano, Recorder, flute, clarinet, Trumpet & Saxophone. Please call Natasha on 0409 040 700 for more information.
- **Good Friday Appeal** - Family fun Day Fundraiser, Sunday 5th March 10am-3pm Burrage Reserve Soccer Ground.
- **Newborough Yallourn Soccer Club** - Junior Pre-seaon Program starting Tuesday’s 5pm
- **Latrobe City Libraries** - Storytime, Moe Library Wed & Fri 11.00am
- **G & S Tennis Academy** - Hotshots (age 4-11) Lets Play (age 12 &up) Cardio (age 15 and over) see noticeboard for contacts
- **Suppaut** - Latrobe Region Parent/Family Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder. See noticeboard for dates and location
- **Marriage Encounter Weekends** - 24-24 March, 28-30 July, 17-19 November in Melbourne. See noticeboard for bookings

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<td>St Kieran’s Moe</td>
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