Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back for the final term of this year! It is an exciting time especially with the new building, ‘MacKillop Learning Centre’ nearing completion and being opened next Friday.

This term the value we will focus on is RESPECT. The last value in our FAIR theme. Friendly, Acceptance, Integrity, Respect

Respect is integral in successfully and happily living our daily lives. Respect for ourselves is first and foremost, respect for others, respect for the environment and all living things, forms the basis for building and maintaining healthy and happy relationships.

‘Treat others how you would like to be treated’ is an important code for life and is reflected in Jesus’ life and the example of Blessed Mary MacKillop. Respect is a value that is easiest to recognise in its absence. When people laugh, joke or talk while others are talking or at their expense, leaving someone out of a game or ignoring someone who needs help, are examples of lack of respect. Conversely, to show respect is to honour and demonstrate your regard for the rights, the needs, the feelings and dignity of others.

Buddhism teaches that the path to true happiness is putting the happiness of other’s before your own. By his actions, Jesus led by example in the respect he showed for the lepers, the lowly of the community and the sinners.

Respect is underpinned by the central belief that all people have the right to live their lives with dignity and experience the world as a positive place. So it’s up to all of us to lead by example and teach our children how to show respect and recognize it in others.

Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbour. Romans 13: 9b-10a

BUILDING UPDATE

I apologize to those who on Monday responded to the invitation to visit the MacKillop Learning Centre. Once again there have been some unforeseen “hold ups” to the completion of our building and we were unable to open it as advertized. One thing I have learnt through
this process is the real meaning of “patience, understanding and remaining positive.” But I do know that in the end, we will have a magnificent facility that will support interactive learning for St. Mary’s students for many years to come.

Over the holidays, Cathy and I spent many hours working towards completing many final installations and we are confident that all will be ready for the official Opening next Friday 15 October at 10.00am. I thank Gabee Leone and Tim Buhagiar for all their work done throughout the holidays in completing the Computer installation. The building will be open on Sunday 10 October between 9.00am and 9.30am and 11.30 and 12.00noon and again on Monday 11 October between 2.00pm-2.30pm. for parents and parishioners to view the facilities.

All families and parishioners are warmly invited to attend the official opening on Friday 15 October at 10.00am. Mr. Harry Jenkins Federal MP for Scullin will open our building and The Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne will be here to bless our building. You are asked to contact Fran Jolley (ph.94334000) or email fjolley@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au if you would like to attend the Official Opening.

Following the opening there will be morning tea for the adults and the students will enjoy a gelato or a soft serve ice-cream. This special treat is being paid for by the Parents’ Association.

Tonight at 5.30pm, we will be setting up the classroom furniture. Any assistance would be much appreciated. Unfortunately, it is not possible to have children in the building when this work is underway.

**SERVER**

Over the holidays a new server at a cost of $10000 was installed. This will provide a faster and more efficient platform for programs being used by our students.

**SUN HATS**

All students are required to wear sun hats as from now until the end of April. This is in keeping with guidelines as listed in our Sun smart Policy that was reviewed and ratified by the School Advisory Board earlier this year.

**SUMMER UNIFORM**

As the days are warming up, students may commence wearing summer uniform. All students will be expected to be in summer uniform by Wednesday 3 November.

**RECONCILIATION**

Students in Yr 2 are busy preparing for their First Reconciliation. Celebrations will be held on 23, 26 and 28 October. Next Wednesday 13 October, all Yr 2 students will participate in a Retreat Day at the Old Shire Offices in Beverly Road Heidelberg. This is a special time in the lives of these students and we pray that they will grow in their understanding of God’s love and forgiveness and their ability to be people of reconciliation.

**ARE YOU RETURNING IN 2011?**

Arrangements are now being made for 2011. If for some reason your child is not returning to St. Mary’s, it would be appreciated if this could be put in writing and sent to the Office.

**FOOTSTEPS**

Students in Yr 3, 5 and 6 commenced their Footsteps Program yesterday. I’m sure they came home very excited after their first lesson. Yr 5 and 6 students will be able to show you their skills at the conclusion of the program when they present for you at our Basket Super Dance which will be held in the Union Hall at Latrobe University on Thursday 25 November commencing at 7.00pm. Please remember to mark this date on your Calendar.

**WORKING BEE**

Our next scheduled Working Bee will be held on Saturday 23 October and has been assigned to parents of students in Yr 5 and 6. Any time you can give on this day would be much appreciated. Many changes have taken place with our physical environs over the past
months and we are at a stage where we need many helpers to keep us moving forward. Hope to see you on the day.

COLES DOCKETS
We have registered for the Coles dockets for Sports Program. When you shop at Coles, please ask for your vouchers at the register. Every $10 spent gives us 1 point towards free sports goods. Please bring your dockets to school and place in Drop Box in the Foyer by 31 October.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4
October
15 Official Opening of the MacKillop Learning Centre
23 MAD Working Bee
29 School Mission Mass 9.15am

November
1 School Closure
2 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
20 Parish Fete
25 Yr 5 and 5 Basket Supper Dance

December
7 Carols Night
8 St. Mary’s Feast Day-School Mass 9.15am
11 MAD Working Bee and Christmas Lunch
14 End of Year Mass 9.15am
14 Yr6 Graduation
15 Students Finish 3.30pm

COMING EVENTS
October
10 MacKillop Learning Centre Open 9.00am-9.30am and 11.30am-12.00
11 School Assembly 2.45pm
11 MacKillop Learning Centre Open 2.00pm–2.30pm
11 Fete Committee Meeting 8.00pm
13 Reconciliation Retreat Day Yr2
15 Official Opening of MacKillop Learning Centre 10.00am
18 MAD Meeting 8.00pm
19 Parish Council Meeting
20 OOSH Meeting 7.30pm
22 Rugby Day Yr 5 and 6
23 First Reconciliation
23 Working Bee Yr 5 and 6

Regards
Helen

ST MARY’S CAR BOOT SALE
SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2010
8:30am – 12:30pm
At St Mary’s Primary School
210 Grimshaw Street Greensborough
To register your car boot contact Sue 0412 130 845/Bridget 0405 329 362
$25 car boot registration fee
Fundraising initiative of St Mary’s Parents’ Association
Come along and pick up a bargain!

SCHOOL FEES-REMINDER
All accounts were to be finalized by Monday 4 October.
The above date does not apply to parents paying by direct debit.

FROM THE CLASSROOM
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Congratulations to the following children who will celebrate their birthday over the next few weeks:
CONGRATULATIONS IT’S A BOY!

Congratulations to Akuei family on the birth of their seventh child Gloria born on Thursday 2 September. A sister for Emanuel, Daniel 5ML, Daniella 5H, Dominic 2C, Josephen IR and David.

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS

Apologies to the following students who won their events at our District Athletics, but we left their names out of the last newsletter. Bridget McEntee – 100M & 1500M, Thomas Radobuljac – 100M, Curtis Howden Chrak – 100M, Zack McInnes – (relay), 100M, Josh Li Rosi (Relay), 100M, Daniel Akuei (Relay), 100M, Brent Williams (Relay), 100M, Adam Traynor 100M, Richard Abiharb 100M, Luca Schilke, Toby Wolczko, alexia Malliadis, Johanna Scully – Mixed Relay, Dominic Douglas, Jesse Thompson, Dominic Brennan, Thomas Radobuljac – Relay, Josh Bowler, Curtis Howden Chrak, Billy Clayton, Liam Burgess – Relay.

ZONE ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 5 October, 22 of our students represented the Watsonia District in Zone Athletics at Meadowglen. Congratulations to all boys and girls on their magnificent efforts and achievements. Students and relay teams who finished 1st or 2nd will now go on to Regional Championships. Thanks to parents who assisted in transporting children to the venue. Results were as follows: Dominic Douglas – 800m (5th), 1500m (3rd), Bridget McEntee – 1500m (5th), Frances Collis – 800m (7th), Hugh Collis – 1500m (4th), Jesse Thompson – 800m (6th), Curtis Howden Chrak – Relay (5th), Daniella Akuei – 200m (3rd), Ryan Bowkett – Long Jump (5th), Sarah Marchetti – Long Jump (3rd), Billy Clayton – Relay (5th), Daniel Akuei – Relay (2nd), 800m (5th), Josh Bowler – Relay (5th), Patrick Brennan – Relay (5th), Greta Miller – 800m (1st), Hurdles (1st), Caitlin Williams – Discus (5th), Brent Williams- Relay (2nd), Emmet Brasier – 1500m (5th), Hurdles (2nd), Relay (2nd), Zac McInnes – 200m (1st), Relay (2nd).

Joel Eddington – High Jump (4th), Lauren Kearney – Triple Jump (4th), Josh Li Rosi – Long Jump (4th), 100m (4th), Relay (2nd).

YEAR SIX STUDENTS SLEEPOVER

Year 6 students will be participating in a sleepover to be held on Saturday, 16th October. This exciting event is to raise funds that will be donated directly to cancer support network known as ‘CA T E E N’. This activity follows on nicely from our Confirmation and compliments our current them of ‘Children helping Children’. Over the holiday break, students were invited to seek sponsorship or donations from family members, friends, neighbours and local business and we encourage students to continue in their fundraising efforts throughout the coming weeks.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the worthy recipients of this award to be presented at Assembly.

Year 6DS
Year 6G
Year 6 M
Year 5B
Year 5H
Year 5ML
Year 5V
Year 4 C Keely Alco, William Miranda
Year 4GR Daniel De Maria, Andrew Stojanovic
Year 4HP Jordan Reading, Ashley Boek
Year 3 LM Tom Colley, Stephanie Fell
Year 3 R Eve Theos, Joaquin Wagner
Year 3 W Kristian Ambrose, Jarod Bowman
Year 2 C Connor Hawley, Sophia Macdonald
Year 2ML Kelvin Nguyen, Georgina Zealley
Year 2W Sophie Collins, Matisse Febbrarino
Year 1 C Patrick Cromie, Carmen Crockford
Year 1 G Matthew Hall, Anthony Noto
Year 1 R Thomas Brooks, Leon Posani
Year P B Deborah Jernejic, Nicole Lewis
Year P S Aedan Rothmeier, William Toomey
Year P W Shannon Feeney, Makenah Stokes
COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS
Please continue to collect the Coles sports for Schools vouchers and place in the box provided in the school foyer. Collect more vouchers get more gear!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
The following volunteers are rostered on for the week commencing 11 & 18 October
Mon 11  L Ferella, M Di Cosmo, M Panucci
Tues 12 K Glasby, T Dwyer
Wed 13  C Ganikis, N Callipari
Thur 14  G Page, M Brick, C Hall
Fri 15  M Fell, A Di Carluccio N Metaxas
Mon 18  R Howden, S Hawley, K Atkinson
Tues 19  L Hall, N Carnovale, L Markovac
Wed 20  R Georgiou, L Rodrigues, N Clayton, P Taplin
Thur 21  A Rizk, Poppy, B Carter, C McMillan
Fri 22  C Zanini, N Hassall, L Ana

TUCKSHOP SPECIALS
TERM FOUR
Baked Spuds with Bolognese Sauce and Fruit Salad or Yogurt and a bottle of water or juice $5.50.
Baked Spuds with Bolognese Sauce $3.00
The above are available Monday to Wednesday lunchtime only.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The Uniform shop will be open for business during the following times:
Monday:  8:30am – 10:00am
Wednesday:  2:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday:  8:30am – 10:00am
You may order through the office, just complete the order form and return it back to school.

NEW LUNCH TIME
FOR FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER
Lunches on Friday 15 October will be served at the second lunch break (1:45pm) not the first lunchbreak due to the opening of the new building.

OPENING OF THE MACKILLOP CENTRE
Morning Tea helpers needed on Friday 15 October from 9:30am - 12:00pm (or any part of that time) in the James Kierce Centre. Please contact Christine on 0433 602 681 in the tuckshop if you can assist in any way.

PARISH NEWS

ST MARY’S NETBALL CLUB
We are looking at building our 2011 Junior Teams:-
❖ Come and train free before you commit.
❖ Come alone or bring your friends.
❖ New players, boys and girls in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2.
First introductory session 8 October continuing throughout term four. Fridays 3:45pm on the St Mary’s Tennis courts. Weather permitting. Enquiries to Frances Wood 9435 0388.

M.A.T.E.S. 2008
Mothers And Toddlers Extended Support
An invitation to Mums, Dads, Grandparents & Caregivers with pre school children. We meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesday during school term 10.00am - 11.30am Meeting room next to the hall at St Mary’s Next session Tuesday 19 October 2010. Activities for children Morning tea for parents & carers. Contact Helen Brennan for more details 94321281.
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS:
With the completion of the Gathering Space and associated facilities, the outside toilets are now only accessible to groups using the Tennis Courts. There are two toilets in our new facilities, both located at the end of the hallway past the library for use by parishioners and guests. Over the past few months, the PPC has been developing guidelines for the use of the Gathering Space as per the attachment to this newsletter. Parishioners are welcome to make comments regarding the Guidelines. Please drop in written comments with contact details to the parish office or email to greensborough@cam.org.au by 15th October. Written comments will then be discussed and considered at the next PPC meeting.

PARISH EMAIL- CHANGE OF ADDRESS
In an endeavour to bring parishes up to date with new technology and to offer technical support, the Archdiocese has developed a centralised service known as Parish On Line. As a result the new parish email address operational from this weekend is greensborough@cam.org.au. We are also looking at setting up an email mailing list for those who wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter. If you would like to be placed on this mailing list, please email your details to greensborough@cam.org.au with subject heading ‘Bulletin Distribution List’. We hope to have this up and running in the new year.
NOTE Jacinta's new email address: jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

THE GATHERING SPACE
The Gathering Space is a threshold space between the congregation’s space and the outside environment. The Gathering Space helps believers to make the transition from everyday life to the celebration of the liturgy, and after the liturgy, it helps them return to daily life to live out the mystery that has been celebrated. In the Gathering Space, people come together to move in procession and to prepare for the celebration of the liturgy. It is in the Gathering Space that many important liturgical moments occur: men and women participate in the Rite of Becoming a Catechumen as they move towards later, full initiation into the Church; parents, godparents, and infants are greeted for the celebration of baptism; and Christians are greeted for the last time as their mortal remains are received into the church building for the celebration of the funeral rites.

The Gathering Space is a place of welcome - a Liturgical Space that allows for friendly conversations with one another to catch up on what is happening in our lives. It is a place of separation between the concerns of the world around us, and the ambiance of the Kingdom of God in the church proper where we enter reverently and silently for prayer and worship.

PRINCIPLES
We are a vibrant active parish with many groups working to support and serve the mission of St. Mary’s Parish. Groups and organisations often request the Gathering Space areas to advertise their activities, to raise funds, or to invite in-kind support for their programs. We want to encourage these activities on the one hand, and on the other, bearing in mind the Liturgical aspect of the Gathering Space, be respectful to those coming into our church to worship. Therefore, we have established guidelines for use of our Gathering Space.

GUIDELINES
• The Gathering Space is not a function room but forms part of the Church Worship area and as such users are asked to respect the right of those who use the Church or chapel for private or group prayer or devotion.

• Reservation of this area MUST be prearranged with parish administrator, for scheduling purposes at the earliest date possible.

• All activities that take place in the Gathering Spaces are to be of a Pastoral, Liturgical nature or any event approved by the PPC.
Display Material
- All material on display must be approved by the Parish Office prior to being placed on designated Notice Boards.
- No advertising or notices are to be placed on any glass doors, windows or walls
- The bulletin board will announce Parish, School, Deanery and Diocesan notices and events of potential interest to the community.

The Gathering Space is not a storage area.
- Groups that are collecting items for an approved service project are requested to remove items from the designated storage basket or bin on a weekly basis.

Coffee/Tea Sessions after weekday Liturgy
- Parishioners are welcome to use the kitchen facilities and Gathering space for morning tea or coffee after the weekday Liturgy. There is a supply of tea, coffee, biscuits and longlife milk for general use, however no fresh milk is kept on the premises.
- At the end of the session they are to ensure that all cups, glasses, plates, cutlery etc are washed and returned to the allocated cupboards, that the area is tidied up, removing all rubbish, glasses, plates etc are washed and returned to the allocated storage areas or cupboards after use and ensuring the floor and benches are cleaned.

Monthly Coffee/Tea Session after 10:00am Mass
- This function will be provided by the Parish and staffed by the various rostered Parish Groups. A member of that group is to be responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient supplies, that the area is left clean and that all equipment, including tables and chairs, glasses, plates etc are returned to the allocated storage areas or cupboards after use.

Gathering Space Equipment
All equipment, including tables and chairs, glasses, plates etc are not to be hired out or taken out of the area and are to be returned to the allocated storage areas or cupboards after use.

Fund Raising in Gathering Space
- Event is to be booked through the parish administration office
- No more than THREE (3) groups may be selling and/or advertising in the Gathering Space per weekend.
- Selling stops 5 MINUTES BEFORE Mass begins and does not resume until the priest exits the church doors.

These guidelines have been put in place in an attempt to allow the peaceful enjoyment and benefit of the facilities by all parishioners and guests. All parish groups and/or Ministries and any group or individual who serves the mission of our parish are asked to respect these guidelines.

PARISH FETE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 11 October
8:00pm
in the Parish House
ALL WELCOME

HELP REQUIRED
Help is required to manage traffic and parking prior to the opening of the MacKillop Centre on the morning of Friday 15 October from around 9:00am for an hour or so. If anyone can provide assistance please contact John McEntee on 0418 322 145.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday October 20th – 7.30pm in the meeting room.
All welcome to attend the Monthly Committee Meetings. We need your Support, without a Committee the Program is not able to operate. Come and join us for a coffee. All suggestions, ideas and assistance are greatly appreciated.
Please welcome back Tanya from her Maternity Leave.

Staff Uniform: Please note all Staff are now wearing a uniform.

Program Morning Time: Reminding all families the morning session is now Open from 7am.

Lost Property Box: Please note that if your child has lost something to check the lost property box. There are lots of jackets, hats and things that have been left behind at the Program. The box is kept under the sign in table. Thankyou

School Events:
Reminder - to all families involved in upcoming school events (camps, excursions etc.) to please cancel any bookings they may have with the Program.

Communication: There has been an Email account set up by the Program for any Parents who may want or need to contact the Executive Members of the Committee – smooshp@gmail.com
Any Email communication will be treated confidentially.

Accounts: Please ensure your account is up to date.

Reminder - to all families that we are now fully booked on a Monday and Tuesday Morning and on Thursday Afternoons, therefore we are operating a waiting list. We are also very busy on Tuesday afternoons, so we ask that families cancel any permanent bookings as soon as possible. You can phone the program from as early as 7.00am. Cancellation messages can be left on the answering machine. Please leave clear messages including children's name, family name, session day & time. Thank You, SMOOSH TEAM

Preps: Reminder to Prep parents that Prep children are now required to make their own way to and from the program. If you have any concerns please see Tanya or Barbara.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLMC CENTENARY COMMUNITY FAIR
As part of our Centenary Celebrations in 2010, Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg will host a “Centenary Community Fair” on Saturday 9 October 2010 from 10am – 5pm.
If you are able to contribute in any way or would like any further information, please contact Angela Jackson on 0414 334 212 or email ange1403@bigpond.net.au or Marie Jenkins on 9450 2844 or email mjenkins@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC LADIES’ COLLEGE
Catholic Ladies’ College, 19 Diamond Street, Eltham. Twilight Tour & Visual Exhibition will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2010, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tours available from 5:00 pm - last tour 6:30 pm. Applications for Year 7 for 2012, 2013 & 2014 will be available. Visual Arts Exhibition – Official Opening at 7:00 pm.

“OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE - CENTENARY FAIR - SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2010”
Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg is holding their Centenary Community Fair on Saturday, 9 October, 10am - 5pm. From Monday 4 October our school office will be selling wrist bands for the rides at the discounted price of $25. If purchased on the day of the Fair they will cost $30. The wrist band will include unlimited rides for children of all ages so pop into the school office and collect your wrist band from Monday 4th October to avoid paying more on the day”.

Rides available: Tea Cups, Music Trip, Jurassic Inflatable. Giant Slide, Fun Factory, Mobile Farm.
Kids Come’n Try Fishing Day

Sunday 17 October, Yarrambat Park Lake, Yan Yean Rd., Yarrambat (Golf course entry), 9.30am-2pm

A free community event hosted by the Northern Suburbs Flyfishing Club Inc. to teach kids to fish. All equipment, tackle and bait are provided free of charge.

No experience needed - expert anglers are on hand to bait hooks and demonstrate techniques. Fly-casting and fly-tying tuition is available for all ages and abilities. For more information visit the club website: www.flyfishing.org.au or contact Cain Polidano: 0409 703 296.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB
VENETO CLUB
WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER
8:00PM

Enquiries call Charles on 0417 319 556
Come along help to nurture you faith and our Community through open conversation.

PARADE COLLEGE
CAMPUS TOURS

Families are invited to experience the Parade College community at both our Bundoora and Preston campuses by enjoying a personalised tour with senior staff. Tours operate on a fortnightly basis, starting at 9.15am sharp, and run for approximately 45 minutes. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Bundoora campus on 9468 3300 or Preston campus on 9480 2922. Dates for October are:

**Bundoora campus**
- Friday 15 October
- Wed 27 October
- Monday 25 October

**Preston campus**
- Wed 6 October
- Thur 14 October

1436 Plenty Rd
Bundoora
8 Clifton Grove
Preston

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TRIPLET TEAM REQUIRED

Throughout our churches and community we would like to form a team of volunteers to assist a family with newborn triplets. The babies - 2 girls and a boy - are doing well. Over the past few years many multiple birth families have been helped by the volunteer system, and women have found it very rewarding. If you love babies and have a few spare hours per week - at times suitable to you - the family would love you to help with their babies in their Greensborough home. Volunteers need a "Working with Children Check" (no cost) and will be insured through the Australian Multiple Birth Association. For more information please contact Vicki White (co-ordinator) 98415626 or 0417013132 Thankyou very much for your help.

Regards Vicki