Dear Parents and Friends

During Advent, Christians listen to and read about great figures who waited in hope for the Messiah - Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. The longing and waiting included times of darkness, uncertainty and tension as well as moments of anticipation, of dreams and of deep trust. Advent is a season in which we can reflect on these same experiences in our faith life and consider what God is asking of us.

The emphasis in Christmas is not so much on Jesus Christ’s birth 2000 years ago, but on Christ here among us today, reflected in the signs of God’s love among people. This is a time therefore when we can consider how we might reach out to another person throughout Advent. It is a time when we can take stock of what we are called to be as a Christian person in the day to day activities of our lives.

An event such as the loss of the miners in New Zealand, reminds us of how precious is the gift of our life. This life should be valued and used to bring peace and happiness to others. Through the weeks of Advent, we are invited therefore, to reflect on how we live our life as a person of Faith.

Our Goal is to be:
A Safe, Inclusive, Happy and Respectful Community. For 2010, we will be working towards “Being Fair”

Our Value for Term Four is “Respect.”

PARISH FETE
Our Parish Fete was a successful event with a wonderful sense of community. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a successful day. Congratulations to Andrew Wolczko and the Fete Committee. The hard work you all put into this event certainly paid off. $15,407 profit was made on the day.

CELEBRATING ST. MARY’S FEAST DAY
St. Mary’s Feast day will be celebrated with Mass commencing at 9.15am on Wednesday 8 December. We will then hold a “fun day” on Friday 10 December. The Parents’ Association has generously agreed to pay the cost of the different activities that have been organized for the students. This is an example of their work supporting our students. Please find a copy of the day’s timetable attached to the Candela. You are very welcome to join us at any time throughout the day.
ART AWARD
Next time you come into the Office, you will be able to view Dominic Douglas’ winning entry in the Australian Art Awards titled “The Chain.” Carmel Ritchie and I, along with the Douglas family, recently attended the Awards Night at the Hilton on the Park. There were students from all around Australia in attendance to receive awards. It was a real thrill to see one of our students also being recognized. Next year we will look forward to further entries becoming from St. Mary’s students.

DANCE NIGHT
Last Thursday evening, a fantastic night was held at Latrobe University where our Yr 5 and 6 students presented the dance routines they had learnt over the past Term. We were all very impressed with their skills and enthusiasm. It certainly was an evening that was enjoyed by all those in attendance. I thank the Parents’ Association for their organization of this activity and the other parents who came along and helped out on the night. A huge vote of thanks goes to Tess Dwyer who coordinated this event. Thank you Tess for the many hours of work given to ensuring the evening ran smoothly.

CAROLS NIGHT
Once again we will gather together at the Nillumbik Outdoor Entertainment Centre in Civic Drive Greensborough for our Carols night. This will be on Tuesday 7 December commencing at 7.00pm. BYO rugs/chairs, nibbles/drinks. A back up night has been booked for Monday 13 December.

STAFFING CHANGES
At the end of this year we will farewell four Staff members. Maree Girolami and Karen Lawson have both decided to resign from their positions for family reasons, Emma Vandenhoven is taking a new position at St. Mark’s in Fawkner and Marita Canning is travelling and intends to gain experience teaching in the UK. Maree has been on Staff for 5 and half years and has dedicated herself to her role as teacher, making many contributions to the life of our school. Karen has worked with us over the past 2 years and has proven herself to be a committed teacher and a great Staff member. Marita has been a vibrant teacher who has worked so well with her students and I’m sure will enjoy teaching in a new setting. Although having only spent one year with us, it has been lovely to watch Emma’s enthusiasm and joy in becoming a part of our community and for her care of the students. I thank each of these teachers for their work at St. Mary’s and trust that your decision to move to new beginnings proves a positive experience for each of you.

After 5 years as a dedicated and inspirational Religious Education Leader, John Dwyer is stepping down from this position. Amelia Morse has been employed to replace John in this role and she will also be allocated a teaching role. Amelia comes to us after completing a Masters Degree in Religious Education and I’m sure she will prove to be a great asset to our school. Three other new staff members will be joining our Team. We will welcome Jessica Costa, Kellyann Stella and Grace Carrick. A full staff list will be distributed prior to the end of the year.

BUILDING UPDATE
This week students in Yr 3-6 moved into our new learning spaces. There was great excitement as they carried their books into this wonderful new facility. These spaces will allow us to work with our students with the state of the art technology. Prep, Yr 2 W and 3LM classes will move into the current Yr 5 and 6 classrooms next week.

The Oval is now being prepared and it is envisaged it will be ready for student use early next year. Currently we are finalizing plans for the next stage of our Master Plan which will provide a new administration centre, refurbished learning spaces for Prep - Year 2 and a Discovery centre encompassing Library Resource facility, Music/Drama and LOTE facilities.
2011 SCHOOL CHARGES
Following consultation with the School Advisory Board and Finance Committee, school charges for next year have been set as follows:
Family Tuition Fee $1260 -Capital Levy $270 - Student Levy $295. Increase in charges has been kept as low as possible. However, with new facilities being provided, it is necessary to ensure we are in a position to meet repayments on loans that will be required to complete the next stage of our building program. Should at any time you experience difficulty in meeting payment, you are encouraged to speak with Fr. Steve.

MORNING TEA OF APPRECIATION
The Staff will be hosting a morning tea of appreciation for parents and friends as a small way of saying “thank you” for all that is done by you in supporting us in our work with your children. This will be held in the JK Centre following our final Mass on Tuesday 14 December. Mass will commence at 9.15am.

WORKING BEE
The Maintenance Team has been very busy this year and much has been achieved. Our final Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 11 December. All Families are invited to come along and lend a hand with the final tasks for the year. A Christmas lunch will follow the Working Bee. Hope to see you there.

END OF THE YEAR ARRANGEMENTS
Next week the students will be meeting their teacher for 2011 and the other students who will be in their class. Much work goes into deciding the composition of these groupings with the first priority being to form class groups that allow for the most positive learning environment for all. This could mean that your child may not be placed with their “best” friend. I ask that you support your child during this transition period by being positive and assuring them that all will be well as they get to know new friends and their new teacher. Reports will be issued on Friday 10 December. Please focus on your child’s achievements and use the recommendations for improvement as a conversation to discuss positive growth for the future.

SINCERE SYMPATHY
Sincere Sympathy is extended to Paul and Joanne Rutter and their children, Matthew, Jayde and Tori on the death of Paul’s father, Leo. Leo has been an amazing contributor to St. Mary’s Parish. Leo could always be found at each Working Bee and until fairly recently, he lovingly cared for the Parish gardens. He will be sadly missed by all, but will be remembered for the wonderful, positive person he was to all those he met.

COMING EVENTS
December
7 Carols Night 7pm
8 St. Mary’s Feast Day Mass 9.15am
10 St. Mary’s Fun Day
11 Working Bee/Christmas Lunch
14 End of Year Mass 9.15am followed by morning tea
14 Yr 6 Graduation
15 Students Finish 3.30pm

Regards
Helen

Access to Parent Page via Myclasses Foyer
www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au/mydesktop
Please use your child’s Username and Password to access St Mary’s Parent Page in the Myclasses Foyer

SPONSORSHIP
This week’s Candela has been sponsored by:
NURTURE NOURISH REBALANCE
MESSAGE FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Sponsorship is invited from families for $30 and businesses for $45 to help cover costs.
FROM THE CLASSROOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the worthy recipients of this award to be presented at Assembly.
Year 6DS All Year Six DS
Year 6G All Year Six G
Year 6 M All Year Six M
Year 5B All Year Five B
Year 5H All Year Five H
Year 5ML All Year Five ML
Year 5V All Year Five V
Year 4 C All Year Four C
Year 4GR All Year Four GR
Year 4HP All Year Four HP
Year 3 LM All Year Three LM
Year 3 R All Year Three R
Year 3 W All Year Three W
Year 2 C Charbel Khoury, Emma Dwyer, Daniel Drzewucki,
Year 2ML Bernadette De Souza, Luke Marchetti
Year 2 W Christine Farah, Luca Cerullo
Year 1 C Emily Pearson, Briana Zamparo
Year 1 G Noah Crosara, Karina Munro
Year 1 R Ciara Wilson, Sian Gould

FOR SALE

One Large Study Desk – Pale Grey, 3 Drawers 135 cm X 75 cm X 73 cm - $150.00 ONO
2 X Single Trundles with fold down legs. (with mattress optional) - $75.00 each. Please call Philippa on 0419 287 329

ST MARY’S SCHOOL GREENSBOROUGH

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010

Commencing at 7:00pm

(Children to arrive at 6:30pm)
Outdoor Entertainment Centre
Civic Drive Greensborough
(Melway Ref: 11 A 10)

PLEASE NOTE: The children are encouraged to dress for the Carols as stated below:
PREP: Anything Christmassy
YEAR 1’S: Green t-shirt, reindeer antlers and a Rudolph nose!
YEAR 2’S: Denim bottoms, jeans, shorts or skirt, Christmas t-shirts, Christmas hats or reindeer ears, etc.
YEAR 5’S: Christmassy clothes/colours, Hat, T Shirt, Just festive!

THANKYOU

Many people have congratulated us on our son Dominic Douglas’ achievement in winning the Junior Computer Award in the 2010 Young Australian Art Awards. We want to acknowledge the significant role that Dominic’s teacher, Mrs Carmel Ritchie, played in his success. Carmel has obvious enthusiasm and interest in all aspects of art. Her willingness to explore this passion with the students at St Mary’s gave Dominic a wonderful opportunity. Our family was fortunate enough to attend the award presentation dinner at the Hilton Hotel on Saturday 20 November with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Ritchie. An enjoyable and memorable evening. Thankyou Carmel and Helen.

Rob and Bernadette Douglas.
SCHOOL FEES
As previously advised all accounts should now be finalised. (Unless other arrangements have been made eg Direct Debit etc). If you have any problems regarding this matter or simply need to make more convenient arrangements, please contact Philippa Griffin (9433 4002) or Father Steven (9435 1543).

LOTE POETRY COMPETITION
Once again this year the Year Five and Six students participated in an Italian poetry competition. Year 5 students recited their poem to me whilst the Year 6 students recited their poem La Bandiera Italiana individually to a visiting LOTE teacher. Most students performed very well and it was a very difficult task to choose students for first and subsequent places. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for special mentions.

YEAR SIX
First Prize - Joel Eddington, Nathan Pingiaro, Thomas Boek, Olivia Curtis, Danielle Sapiano and Travis Tomarchio


YEAR FIVE
First Prize - B.J.Douglas, Julia DiCosmo, Michaela Gilmore, Richard Li, Sarah Marchetti, Olivia Salamone, Liam Burgess, Rhiannon Garraway, Caitlin Williams and Bridgit Callipari.

Distinction - Lachlan Pickett, Marcus Rawlinson, Jacob Vidajic, Christine McHaileh, Greta Miller, Lorena Perin, Isabella Scully, James Whitfield, Marcus Casalis, Aiden Hrup and “special effort award” to Yu Hao Lin.

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!
The library is now closed for borrowing and all books need to be returned as soon as possible. Your assistance is sought in helping your child return any books he or she may have out. For any problems regarding book returns please contact me. My email address is: tstoove@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au
Tilly Stoove (Teacher Librarian)

LOST PROPERTY
There is an enormous amount of lost property in the cupboard in the foyer of the office. If your child has lost any article of school clothing please claim from the expanding cupboard.

FOUND
Two pairs of prescription glasses: Capri Eyeware in a purple case and Vogue glasses in a bone zip case. Owners may claim from the school office.
Please join us for our
Parish Feast Day Mass
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:15am
Wednesday 8 December 2010

A REMINDER TO ALL THE GRADE 6 MUM'S
Our dinner is booked for next Thursday 9 December at The Bundoora Hotel. Please make sure all forms are sent back by no later than Monday 6th December as the numbers need to be finalised. If you have misplaced or didn’t receive a form you can either go into the office or you can text me your full name and let me know if you are coming for dinner, drinks or if you decline. Paulette 0407 362 774

FINAL ORDERS FOR FRIENDSHIP & MEMORIES BOOK
For those still enquiring about ordering The Friendship & Memories book, you can send your payment and forms to the office by Friday 10 December for delivery in the last week of school.

MELBOURNE CENTRAL RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to our Year Five/Six Boys who represented our Watsonia District yesterday, see report below. Special thanks to Claire Wolczko for assisting with transport and to Phil Hassall (Jack’s dad) who kindly lent his mini bus to transport students to both of our recent Rugby days.

On Wednesday 1 December some of the year Five/Six’s were chosen to represent our district in Rugby League “Melbourne Central Championships”. The boys were Zac, Adam, Emmet, Luke, Josh, Todd, Toby, Cooper and the Year Five’s were Daniel, Curtis, Dempsey, Bailey, Ryan and Michael. We all had fun and played our hearts out competing against Bentleigh (they had two teams), Doncaster and each other in split teams and with the help of other schools in our district. Well done boys and congratulations to everyone. Thanks to Mr Healy for transportation, coaching and the support he gave us the whole time. Also thanks to Melbourne Storm Development for putting on a great day and for helping us through the term. Well done to everyone on a great performance! Can’t wait to go through the whole process again next year.
Dempsey Mills 5B

SPORT NEWS
DRY WATER SAFETY
As part of our P.E. Curriculum each year all students participate in a Dry Water Safety Session prior to the summer holidays. Most students have completed this class in the past week. In the classes we discussed various places they will swim over summer and how to ensure they are safe. Our four musts were:
- Always have Adult Supervision
- Always swim with others
- Always check depths
- Always have necessary safety equipment and swim between flags at Surf Beaches.
All students have been encouraged to discuss with parents areas they’ll be swimming in over summer.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT THE CAROLS NIGHT.
Raffle Tickets were sent home last week for the Christmas Raffle with 10 great prizes to be won. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Carol’s night.

UNIFORM RAFFLE RESULTS
Congratulations to the following people:

1st Prize Andrew Stanjovic 4G
2nd Prize Brandon Negrin 6D
3rd Prize Adrian Salvatore P

Thankyou for your support
**TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**
The following volunteers are rostered on for the week commencing 6 & 13 Dec

**Mon 6** M Dafilis, L Di Medio

**Tues 7** M Mayne

**Wed 8** C Ganikis, N Callipari

**Thur 9** G Page, M Brick, C Hall

**Fri 10** L Cattenazzi, J MacDonald, V Collum

**Mon 13** L Ferella, M Di Cosmo, M Panucci

**Tues 14** K Glasby, T Dwyer

**Wed 15** R Georgiou, L Rodrigues, N Clayton, P Taplin

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**TUCKSHOP TERM 1 2011**

Please note that the Tuckshop will be open for sales during the first week of school for 2011.

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**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Uniform Shop will be open 8.30am - 10.00am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm on Wed 2nd Feb 2011 and Thu 3rd Feb 2011 during Testing Days. Normal opening hours from Friday 4th Feb 2011.

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**FOR SALE**

**LIMITED STOCK**

**BOMBER JACKETS**

(LIGHTER WEIGHT)

$30.00

No refund or exchange

Available Sizes

4, 6, 12, 14, 16

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**PARISH FETE**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you very much for all the donations for the Nail Polish and Tattoo Stall. The stall was a great success and hopefully will be an item at next year’s fete. A special thank you to all those girls who volunteered to help out. Your help made the difference. We made a profit of $202.00.

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**FETE DAY RAFFLES**

Winners of the various Fete Day raffles are as follows:

- **The Lucky Door $300** - Mr Micheal Micallef,
- **Lucky No. (44) $250** - Bronwyn Williams,
- **Plant Stall Raffle (F26)** - Marilyn Mash,
- **Money Tree (F31)** - N. Fullarton,
- **Balloon Guess $50** - Gabriel Collis.

All winners have been notified.

Thank you to all those who supported this years fete, money raised amounted to $15407.00

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**THANK-YOU**

The Fete Committee would like to thank everybody who contributed to the success of the Parish Fete on Saturday 20th of November.

Thank-you to everyone who donated items for our Spinning Wheel, Mystery and Lucky bottles, Lucky Dip prizes, chocolates for the Lily Pad activity, nail polish, tattoos, Sunnyboys and cupcakes for the cupcake decorating.

Thank-you to the Year Five and Six teachers and children who provided the cake stall with an abundance of cakes and thank-you to all the parents from the school who also supported the cake stall.

Thank-you to the Year Three and Four teachers and children who potted herbs for the Plant stall and to the people who donated plants. We would also like to thank Janet and Andy Stewart who donated and ran the Jumping Castle for the duration of the fete, for a very small fee, which was a very generous donation. Thank-you so much to everyone who donated their time on the day to man our stalls, raffles, barbeque etc. Without your help it would be impossible to run the Fete. Last, but by no means least thank-you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the day.

We are always looking for feedback and more helpers on our committee or at Fete time, please consider this for next time

With Gratitude

From the Fete Committee
PARISH NEWS

FINAL WORKING BEE 2010
Our final working bee for 2010 is Saturday 11th December. It will be a half day event followed by a BBQ lunch to thank all those who attended the working bees throughout the year. A raffle will be drawn during lunch and prizes include movie tickets, cordless drill, wine & a ham. Special thank you to Darren Jolly & Brad You for their donations from Bunnings Northland and Bunnings Eltham. On behalf of the MaD Committee, I would like to thank all those who put in an effort this year and would like to extend a warm invitation to join us in a celebratory lunch at 1.00pm. Hope to see you there.    MaD

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

RECONCILIATION:

Thursday 16 December  7:30pm Communal Penitential Service
Saturday 18 December 9:15 – 10:30am & 5:45 – 6:15pm
Tuesday 21 December 10:15 – 11:30am & 7:00 – 8:00pm
Wednesday 22 December 7:00 – 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
Christmas Eve Friday 24 December
7:30pm Family Mass (Carols half hour preceding). Children are encouraged to dress as one of the characters in the Nativity scene. Children will be able to sit with their families.
Midnight Mass (Carols 11:30pm)-in the church, Christmas Day Saturday 25 December
8:00am & 10:00am. Please note no 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Day.
NO Vigil Mass on Christmas night for the Sunday obligation
SUNDAY MASSES
Sunday 26 December – Feast of the Holy Family - 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm.

ST. MARY’S TENNIS CLUB
St Mary’s Tennis Club are looking for boys and girls to play Saturday morning competition commencing February, 2011. For further information please contact John Hickey 9434-3022 or Peter Bannan 0438 944 583 by November 9th.

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 in the Meeting room next to the hall at St Mary’s. Next session Tuesday 7 December 2010 will be our Christmas Party. Please bring a small gift for your child with their name attached and a plate to share. Contact Helen Brennan for more details 9432 1281.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday December 8th – 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.

LAST DAY TERM 4  2010 – Wednesday December 15th
Normal Program will be running as school finishes at 3.30pm. Please remember to cancel if you will not be requiring this session.

ACCOUNTS:
Please ensure your account is up to date by the end of Term.

REGISTRATION FOR 2011:
2011 Registration forms will be available this week from the Program.

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.

Reminder - to all families that we are now fully booked on a Monday and Tuesday Morning, therefore we are operating a waiting list. 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, SMOOSHP TEAM

COMMUNITY NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE:
Size 12: $45 for pack - Short Sleeve Polo x 2, Bomber Jacket x 2, Long Sleeve Polo x 3, Skivvy x 2, Netball Skirt x 1.
Size 10: $100 for pack - Short Sleeve Polo x 8, Bomber Jacket x 3, Long sleeve Polo x 5, Skivvy x 1, Long Grey Slacks x 5, Grey Shorts x 4, Track Pants x 3 (wear on knees), Netball Skirt x 1.
Size 8: $20 for pack - Short Sleeve Polo x 1, Navy Shorts x 3, Track Pants x 1, Netball Skirt x 1, Library Bag x 1, School Hat (M) x 1.
Call after 6pm: 0403 714 309.

GARAGE SALE
A Garage sale will be held on Saturday 4 December from 9:00am - 4:00pm, 62 Middleton Street Watsonia North. Good quality goods, children's clothing, toys and homewares. Grab a bargain.

SCHOLARSHIPS - XAVIER COLLEGE
Xavier College is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9, and 11 in 2012. The closing date for applications is 4 February 2011. For registration and information see Xavier’s website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact The Registrar, Mrs Di Odgers at Xavier on 9854 5307.

GREAT NETBALL SHOOTOUT
This is a current competition at the National Sports Museum. For more information see Poster in office foyer or go to www.greatnetballshootout.com.au

‘BACK ON TRACK’ FREE CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES
‘Back on Track’, the drought is over…..’ is a free community concert from midday until 9pm on Saturday 11 December at the Whittlesea Showgrounds, Yea Rd Whittlesea. There will be something for everyone with blues, rock, country and jazz. The concert is a family friendly, strictly drug and alcohol free event. Everyone is welcome so come along and show your support for the bushfire affected communities. For further information, please call 0400 367 414.

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