Dear Parents and Friends

Last Friday was a very special day for St. Mary’s. Bishop Tim Costelloe blessed the MacKillop Learning Centre and Mr. Harry Jenkins MP for Scullin officially opened our building.

The journey to where we are today commenced in 2006 when it was decided that an upgrade of facilities was needed. We had entered the 21 Century. “Contemporary Learning” was the new phrase in education circles and at St. Mary’s we wanted to be able to embrace interactive learning, and be able to bring our global world into our classrooms. A Committee was formed and we developed a Master Plan for our school. Following a number of submissions for Capital Funding, we were successful in receiving a small Supplementary Grant of $467,000. Although appreciated, this was not going to help us in a major way.

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”

On Friday 30 January 2009, I received a call informing me that St. Mary’s could apply for a grant of $3M through a Project called the BER. Although at first it seemed unbelievable, it soon became evident that our dream for the future was possible and that we would be able to commence the First Stage of our Master Plan. After many months of planning and overseeing the building works, we now have a magnificent building that will provide enormous possibilities for learning into the future. Those who attended the opening on Friday were amazed at the facilities we have on offer. If you haven’t availed yourself of the opportunity to visit the MacKillop Learning Centre to date, I hope you will be able to call in at some stage in the future to see things for your self. Our opening was a joyous occasion as we were all so very proud of what we had achieved. Our day was made even more special through the combined efforts of so many people. My thanks go to Sue Webster and the members of the Choir who sang so beautifully throughout the Opening Ceremony. I also thank our young violinists who entertained guests on arrival. The ceremony was recorded via a live cam link up and viewed on our Interactive Whiteboards by students. My thanks to Gabee Leone who worked hard to enable this link up to take place.
Michael Karaula prepared a photo story that was shown to guests at the commencement of the ceremony. Through the taking of daily photos, Michael recorded every stage of development from the time the first soil was dug until its completion. This photo story was enjoyed by all who gathered. I thank Michael for providing us with a wonderful record of the construction of the MacKillop Learning Centre.

Thank you to John McEntee who coordinated parking, Helen Jowett who acted as official photographer and Jo Rutter who assisted with welcoming guests. Members of the Parents' Association provided a magnificent morning tea which was much appreciated.

I was so very proud of Zac Bakoulas and Danielle Sapiano who spoke on behalf of the students. They expressed sincere appreciation and pride in their new Learning spaces.

The Oval is now being restored and following the completion a few outstanding items, we will be ready to move in. This will again be a very special day for us.

Look on St Mary’s Website for further photos of our Opening.

SCHOLARSHIP
Each year I am invited to nominate a student for the RSL $200 Educational Scholarship. This Scholarship is awarded to a student who displays leadership qualities and who shows mateship and community involvement. The recipient of this award for 2010 is Adam Traynor. Being a Vice Captain of the school, Adam has displayed leadership skills. Last Term, through Adam’s interest and initiative, St. Mary’s school was invited to participate in the Banyule Graffiti Program. Adam is certainly a very worthy winner of this award and I congratulate him on this achievement. On 11 November, Adam will receive his award at the Remembrance Day Service at Watsonia.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
Australia celebrates World Teachers’ Day on 29 October. The day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the important role of teachers within our communities. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. I have no doubt that parents at St. Mary’s value and appreciate the dedicated work of our teachers. But do we ever express this appreciation? Maybe you could take the opportunity on the 29 October to let a teacher you value know that you admire their commitment and contribution to the lives of young people.

“A teacher affects eternity; it can never be determined when a teacher’s influence stops.”

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.

FREE DRESS DAY
Next Wednesday 27 October, students are invited to wear “free dress.” For the privilege, they are asked to donate a lucky bottle or a mystery bottle for our Parish Fete which will be held on 20 November. A notice containing further information will come home shortly.

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 send to the Office.
WORKING BEE
Our next scheduled Working Bee will be held this 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 at a stage where we need many helpers to keep us moving forward. Hope to see you on the day.

SAFETY
A reminder to all to slow down when driving in the school grounds. Students are to be escorted by parents across Grimshaw Street.

SCHOOL CLOSED
The school will be closed on Monday 1 November when teachers will be preparing Student Reports and also for the Public Holiday on Tuesday 2 November.

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.

COMING EVENTS
October
22 Rugby Day Yr 5 and 6
23 First Reconciliation Yr 2 9.45am and 10.45am
23 Working Bee Yr 5 and 6
24 Car Boot Sale 8.30am -12.00 mid-day
26 First Reconciliation Yr 2 6.30pm and 7.30pm
26 Fete Meeting 8.00pm
27 Free Dress Day-Fete Bottle Collection
28 First Reconciliation Yr 2 2.00pm
28 School Advisory Board Meeting 7.00pm
29 School Mass -Mission Mass 9.15am
29 World Teachers’ Day

November
1 School Closure Day
2 Public Holiday-Melbourne Cup

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

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!

FROM THE CLASSROOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Congratulations to the following children who will celebrate their birthday over the next few weeks:
Rory Jowett, Lauren Kearney, Rowan Webb, Jacob Boothroyd, Richard Li, Julia McArdle, Jonty Page, Mitchell Dwyer, Connor Kissane-Moran, Matthew Hall, Valentino Labozzetta, Marcus Rawlinson, William Tang, Caitlin Williams, Daniel Lay, Gabrielle Nota, Travis Tomarchio, Patrick Brennan, Annaliese

OUR CHANGING WORLD EXPO
This semester in Year 5/6 we have been learning about our changing world. Family and friends are invited to share in this learning on Friday 5 November at 2:30pm in the Year 5/6 classrooms. Looking forward to seeing you there.
Year 5/6 Team
SINCERE SYMPATHY
On behalf of all, I extend sincere sympathy to Nicole & Frank Carnovale on the recent death of Nicole’s grandmother. Great-grandmother to Chloe Prep B and Benjamin. At this time of sadness, we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

WHITTLESEA SHOW TIME AGAIN
Dear parents don’t forget when you visit the Whittlesea Show to view our students’ art and craft and Year 2C and 2W’s ‘Under The Sea’ Magazines. These magazines display a keen interest about the creatures of the sea in a wonderful book form. You’ll be delighted to read each page. All St Mary’s art work has a deep red tag on the right side. Also you will notice the Years 6 M and 6G and Year 5B’s wonderful advertisements for the Animal Nursery and Food Expo areas. All the students have put in many hours of work and dedication. I hope you’ll have the opportunity to visit the show which is held on the 6th & 7th November. Thanks,
Carmel Ritchie, Arts Co-ordinator.

NAIL POLISH & TATTOO FETE STALL
Some grade 5 students have volunteered to run the Nail Polish & Tattoo stall at the Fete. To reduce costs donations of nail polish and or tattoos would be gratefully accepted and may be left at the office. Queries or if you would like to help paint a few nails on the day please contact Meg 5ML or Maree on 0403 169 943.

SPORTS NEWS
REGIONAL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to the following students who represented St Mary’s at Northern Regional Athletic Carnival recently. 12Year Old Boys 4 X 100m – 4th Zac McInnes, Brent Williams, Josh Li Rosi and Daniel Akuei.
80 m Hurdles - Emmet Brasier - 4th
11 Year Old Girls 800m Greta Miller – 7th
11 Year Old Girls 80m Hurdles Greta Miller-1st
A super effort by all athletes. Good luck to Greta who now goes on to Victorian State Championships for the Hurdles next week.

AFL MULTICULTURAL CUP
Twelve of our Year Six Boys and Girls today represented our school in the Multicultural Cup held at Victoria Park in Abbotsford. This was a modified football round robin with school competing from Melbourne and Country Victoria. We hope they had a great day.

ST MARY’S BOYS BASKETBALL
On Monday the 18th October the St Mary’s boy’s basketball team played an elimination game against Glen Katherine Primary School. The game started out goal for goal and at half time the score was Glen Catherine 14 and St Mary’s 6. At half time our coach, Mr. Gilmore, said that we were still in it as we were playing well, and he was right because with four minutes left in the game we were up by 6 points. Unfortunately the Glen Katherine boys were just too strong in the end and they ended up winning by 3 points. It was a fantastic game and we were all proud of our effort. Our Captain for the day was Thomas. The St Mary’s team were good sports and played the game in the right spirit. Our team consisted of: Tom, Josh, Joel, Thushan, Brent, Zack, Paul, Brandon G, Luke, Brendan, Marcus, Brandon N and Jayden. We say special thanks to our coach Mr. Gilmore who believed in us all the way and also for a great season. Tom and Josh. On behalf of the Team.

CONGRATULATIONS DOMINIC
Congratulations to Dominic Douglas on achieving first place in the computer section of the Young Australian Art Awards. Dominic a Year Three student digitally enhanced his photo during an E-Learning lesson using the editing program called Infra View. It is a photograph of a strand of yellow plastic chains curled up on the asphalt. Well done Dominic.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the worthy recipients of this award to be presented at Assembly.
Year 6DS  Travis Tomarchio, Chantelle Scrivano
Year 6G   Lachlan Dwyer, Nicholas Putnam
Year 6 M  Adam Traynor, Brittany Wallace
Year 5B   Stanley Itsines, Xavier Mira
Year 5H   Bailey Thompson, Madeleine Seeharber
Year 5ML  James Whitfield, Meg Goulding
Year 5V   Jacob Vidajic, Thomas Hyde
Year 4B   Joseph Ballestrin, Lachlan Wilson
Year 3 LM Aaron Pingiaro, Stephanie Fell
Year 3 R  Jack Goulding, Olivia Cattenazzi
Year 2 C  Lanarose Picioane, Charlie Stephens
Year 2ML  Caitlyn You, Patrick Blake
Year 2 W  Eimear Feeney, Dena’e Kite
Year 1 C  James Mantis, Jacob Leahy
Year 1G   Jordan Mira, Larissa Melchiorre
Year 1 R  Matthew Brennan, Jackson Vaughan-Niven
Year P B  Megan Girolami, Lucas Coppolino, Alana Barbuto
Year P S  Jack Orlebar, Timothy Wilhelmsson
Year P W  Indiana Anderson, Regan Brody

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CHESS CLUB
Last Term fourteen students from the St Mary’s Chess Club competed with six schools in the District Chess Tournament at View Bank Primary school. All competitors participated in seven games and presentations were made at the end of the day for winners. Problem-solving skills were very evident in all games. Although not winning the tournament St Mary’s students were presented with participation certificates, four credits and one distinction. Anticipation of winning individual games for the competition increased as time went by and the delights of winning a game and the disappointment of losing were felt by all.
I felt a great sense of pride to be a part of the St Mary’s team as all the students displayed a sense of fair play, good manners and respect for their partners and components. They participated as a team and showed a real sense of character in times of stress. Many thanks to Bernadette Douglas who assisted with transportation and Leon Kempen for his advice on game strategies.
All members of the Chess Club come together once a week during recess time to play other students. The club is run by the Action team and we have some room for new members. If you are interested in joining contact a member of the Action Team or Mrs Colangelo. Members of the Action team are: Nicholas Putnam, Joshua Munroe, Brandon Gabriel, Jacob Vidajic, Arth Mishra, Michael Metaxas and Lachlan Scully

MRS COLANGELO (Learning and Teaching co-ordinator)

CHALLENGE GROUP
A group of students from different levels come together on Friday afternoons for various activities. The older students have been working in teams on developing prototypes based on Goldberg’s Machines while the younger students have been learning about Solar Energy and assembling Solar Satellites. All levels interacted together to provide support when problems occurred.
This Term some of our members have agreed to form an Action Team to investigate “Take Home” readers in the Junior Grades. Tasks for members of the team will be auditing current books, interviewing students to find out what they like about books, writing and illustrating new books and investigating new ways of making and presenting them eg tapes accompanying written books, stories as a Powerpoint Presentation, cartoons, stories with videos and so on. The Action Team see this as a huge task and would be happy to invite any students in the school who love to write or illustrate books to help the group. Any parents with expertise in this area would also be welcome. If you are interested please apply in writing to Mrs Colangelo as soon as possible. Members of the Action team are: Olivia Salamone, Meg Goulding, Kellie Shannon, Heidi Morris and Kieran Randall

MRS COLANGELO (Learning and Teaching co-ordinator)
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

The following volunteers are rostered on for the week commencing 25 Oct & 1 Nov

Mon 25  E Dooley, S Neal, T Kelly, Andrew & Janet
Tues 26  T O'Hara, P Lawler, D Williams
Wed 27  H Simoncini, R Williamson, K Elvey
Thur 28  T Williams, A Phillips, C Wolczko
Fri 29  N Theos, A Garavelos, A Di Falco, J Mantis, V Mellino, L Cattenazzi, J McDonald

Mon 1   M Dafilis, L Di Medio
Tues 2   S Geddes, M Mayne, K Reading
Wed 3   J Muir, C Scully
Thur 4   P Colarusso, A Barbuto, B Pietrosante, C Adamidis
Fri 5   N Theos, A Garavelos, A Di Falco, J Mantis, V Mellino, L Cattenazzi, J McDonald

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.

PARISH NEWS

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 16 November 2010. Activities for children Morning tea for parents & carers. Contact Helen Brennan for more details 94321281.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday November 17th - 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.

Preps: The preps are now making their own way to and from the program.

School Closure Day - Monday Nov 1st
Public Holiday - Tuesday Nov 2nd
As there is no school on these days the program will not be operating.

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: End of year is approaching - Please ensure your account is up to date.

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.
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, SMOOSHP TEAM

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE HEIDELBERG
Twilight School Tour Tuesday 23 November 2010. We welcome families to join us on our last school tour for 2010. Our Principal Ms Julie Ryan will speak and senior staff will be available for questions. This event will commence at 4.30 pm and conclude at approx 6 pm. Please call College Reception on 9459 2511 to make a booking.
OLMC welcomes applications for Year 7 in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Applications for Y7, 2012 will close on Friday 2 March 2011. Further information is available on our website: www.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au or by calling Mrs Jennifer Reardon Enrolments and Community Liaison on 9459 2511.

DIAMOND VALLEY EAGLES-AUSSIE HOOPS
Entry level program for kids aged 5 - 10 yrs. Opportunity to acquire and develop new skills. 8 week program, with a 45 minute session each week.
Fridays 4 - 4:45pm 22 Oct 2010 8 weeks
Fridays 4:45 - 5:30pm 22 Oct 2010 8 weeks
For further details contact 9432 2022.

LOYOLA GIRLS UNIFORM FOR SALE
Girls uniform consisting of 4 winter skirts size 12 & 14 dry cleaned and in excellent condition ($25 ea), 3 summer dress at size 12 & 14 also in excellent condition ($20 ea). Please call at home after hours 9436 8533 or at work 9359 11 66 and ask for Milena Gates.

BUNDOORA PRE-SCHOOL
Learning through Play. For information on enrolments for three and four-year-old programs for 2011. Please contact us on 9467 5343. Limited vacancies available.

GREENSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB
Please come down to the Greensborough Cricket Club’s Milo In2Cricket program, aimed at 5 to 10 year olds, first session starts Sunday 24 October at 9.30am. You can register on the day, full details as follows: Co-ordinator: Blair Meaney Mob: 0423 411 186
Venue: War Memorial Park, McDowell St, Greensborough. (Melways 20 H2)
First Session: Sunday 24th October
Last Session: Sunday 12th December
Session times: 9:30am to 11am Sunday morning
Total Cost: $50.

MONTMORENCY CRICKET CLUB
MILO in2CRICKET - GET in2ACTION, GET in2CRICKET For Boys & Girls Aged 5-10 wishing to learn new skills, make new friends & have fun! SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2010 Montmorency Park, Para Road, Montmorency (Mel Ref 21B5) REGISTRATIONS TAKEN 9-9:30AM & FIRST SESSION BEGINS AT 10AM COST : $65 per participant - 12 Sessions(includes $10 levy for Sausage Sizzles, Equipment, Cordial, Xmas Break-Up, etc) Each participant receives a T-Shirt, Bucket Hat, Backpack, Bat, Ball & More Contact - Leigh Strongman 9435 3532 AH, lstrongman@optusnet.com.au or in2CRICKET.com.au

CHILDREN’S WEEK (Vic Gov initiative)
Family Fun Day at Melbourne Zoo on 24 October - Entry is free for children aged 15 years or younger.