Dear Parents and Friends

We will be celebrating Father's Day on September 5 which gives to us the opportunity to reflect on the special gift of Fathers. Although times are changing, it sometimes seems Fathers are seen as the “silent” partner in the raising of children. Maybe this is not such a bad thing as silent partners tend to be the ones who provide the security - the moral support - the steadfastness that is so important in any relationship and especially important in the development of a child.

Fathers bring so many gifts to the lives of their children. Below are some reflections from our students on Fathers. So Dad's, enjoy reading the views of children on how precious you are and may your special day be a happy one with your children.

My dad heals the world with his love and always has a special place in his heart for me.  
*Lachlan – Year 2C*

My dad is special to me because when I'm lonely he comes up to me and asks me to play with him and when it is night time he tucks me into bed.  
*Emma – Year 2C*

My dad is special to me because if he did not exist then neither would I. We are apart of each other.  
*Sophia – Year 2C*

My dad is a special and caring person because he is strong when I am weak and he never gives up no matter what.  
*Daniel – Year 2C*

A father is someone who does not complain and will do anything to help you and will keep your family growing. A father keeps you warm on cold days.  
*Charlie – Year 2C*

Happy Father's Day
NEW RESOURCES

The Parents’ Association has provided $10,000 to allow us to purchase 22 iPod Touches, 3 graphite boards and 3 data projectors that will be used in various ways to assist the learning of our students. Learning in the 21st century is vastly different to how learning took place a few very short years ago. Technologies engage students in ways not previously possible. New learning and teaching possibilities are created, enhancing achievement and teacher and student interactions are extended beyond the classroom to other local and global communities. Have you viewed your child’s Myclasses page recently? This resource is just one way that learning possibilities have been enriched through the use of technology. Young people of today are active users of digital resources - technology is their world. As educators we are very aware of the following advice - “today’s education system and schools will be extinct unless we bridge the gap between schools and how students live and learn.” (Michael Furdyke) –Educationalist.

At St. Mary’s we are most fortunate in being able to have access to a vast array of resources that support contemporary learning. Thank you to all our families, whose support of the PA’s fundraising efforts, has allowed us the opportunity to be able to provide such excellent resources to support 21st century learning. A special thank you to members of the Parents’ Association for all the hard work you do in supporting our school.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Today a random selection of families will receive a survey which focuses on how parents view the “health” of our school environment. Valuable data collected through this survey will provide information that will inform us as to how people view our current performance and assist in the development of school improvement goals for the future.

If you have been randomly selected, I encourage you to complete this survey as your opinions are very important.

BUILDING UPDATE

There are still some items that need to be completed before our new building will be available for use. Therefore, we are planning on moving into this new learning space at the beginning of Term 4.

Plans are underway for the official Opening on Friday 15 October at 10.00am. All families are warmly invited to attend. However, there will be an opportunity for our families to visit our learning spaces prior to this Official Opening day.

Teachers are planning for our move into the new building. As this building has been planned for our future needs, there is provision to accommodate 12 classes. As we have 13 class groupings in Years 3-6, Yr 3LM will not be moving into this complex. In 2011, it will also be necessary for a Yr 3 class to remain in the existing school building.

SUNSMART POLICY

The School Advisory Board recently reviewed our Sunsmart Policy in line with current understandings and guidelines. This Policy will be distributed to parents next week. A major change is the requirement that hats are worn from the commencement of September until the end of April. Therefore, as from next Wednesday, hats should be on our heads.

ORDINATION

On Saturday 11 September, Deacon Nick Pearce will be ordained into the Priesthood at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Nick lived and worked in St. Mary’s Parish in 2007 and worked closely with the students through various activities. I ask that you pray for Nick as he commits himself to the service of people through his vocation as a Priest.

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
RECOGNITION
On Monday at School Assembly, the wonderful work of Mrs. Di Williams as Uniform Shop Coordinator over a period of 6 years was recognized. Over this time, Di took responsibility of our Uniform Shop and through her committed work, we were able to provide a valuable service to our parents. On behalf of all within our community, I thank Di for her generous commitment to our school. Well done Di and thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?
The Royal Children's Hospital is undertaking a Research Project where the participation of 1900 children aged 3 months to 18 years is required. This project will involve the taking of an exact digital 3D representation of the participant's head.

Representatives will be at St. Mary's on 6 September to commence work on the taking of images. Thank you to all those parents who have signed and returned permission forms. Others are still able to join this project. Notify the class teacher of your interest and permission forms will be sent home for you to complete.

VEGETABLE GARDEN
As we are planning to start a school Vegie Garden, please contact Anthony Traynor or the school if you are able to donate or build any large planter boxes. We are looking into sponsorship and grants for this garden.

CAR PARK
Thankyou to all the parents who are now using our new William Street Carpark. I ask that parents please do not park during school time in the asphalt section north of "Kierce's Hill" as the children need this space to play.

It has come to my attention that some parents are allowing their children to exit their car when stopped at the lights in Grimshaw Street. This is a very dangerous practice and I ask that it not continue.

COMING EVENTS
August
26 Advisory Board Meeting 7.00pm
30 Father's Day Stall - bring money
31 District Athletics

September
1 Finance Committee Meeting 7.30pm
   Yr 5 Excursion CSIRO
   Parents' Association Meeting 7.00pm
2 Yr 6 Excursion CSIRO
3 Student Disco
6 Royal Children's Hospital 3D Imaging Program
9 Australian Children's Choir Assessment Session 2.30pm
Change of Date: 25 Nov - Year 5 & 6 Basket Supper Dance at Trobe Union Hall (Not 29 Nov)

Regards

Helen

FROM THE CLASSROOM
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR YEAR 2C
Dear Editor,
People who hunt whales should be ashamed of themselves! Be nice not cruel! How would they like to be in danger of becoming extinct? I sure wouldn't. Do they have families? Well I have and I want to protect them!!! How would they like it if I killed their family and friends? Stop Whaling! Whaling is Murder!
From Betty the Sad Whale  (By Sophia)

Dear Editor,
I am so angry because people are killing the whales of our seas to make money! They are making lipstick and killing Baleen whales to make tennis racquets! They should be ashamed of themselves. They are killing whales with hooks and spears and guns. They are killing whales for food as well. Whales are going to become extinct if we stand back and do nothing. Don't let them get away with it, what did these poor innocent whales ever do to us!? Leave the whales alone!  From Patrick
Dear Editor,
People who hunt whales are selfish! They should be ashamed of themselves. Killing whales for tennis racquets, lipsticks, corsets, electronics, lamps, makeup and expensive meat is a waste of these beautiful sea creatures. I am very angry! How would they like it if they were a whale being shot at and trapped in a net? STOP WHALING! Yours Sincerely a very, very, very ANGRY reader (Michaela)

SPORTS NEWS
DISTRICT ATHLETICS
Our Annual District Athletics Day will be held next **Tuesday 31 August** at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. Congratulations to all boys and girls who tried out at our recent trials. Good luck to the boys and girls who will be competing on Tuesday. Try your best, be good sports and have fun.

Paul Healy (Sports Co-Ordinator)

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
The following volunteers are rostered on for the week commencing **30 July & 6 September**

**Mon 30**  M Dafilis, L Di Medio
**Tues 31**  S Geddes, M Mayne
**Wed 1**  J Muir, C Scully
**Thur 2**  P Colarusso, A Barbuto, C Adamidis, C Pietrosante
**Fri 3**  N Theos, A Garavelos, A Di Falco, J Mantis
**Mon 6**  M Dafilis, L Di Medio
**Tues 7**  S Geddes, M Mayne
**Wed 8**  C Ganikis, N Callipari
**Thur 9**  G Page, M Brick, C Hall
**Fri 10**  L Cattenazzi, J McDonald, V Collum, M Righele

FATHER’S DAY STALL
MONDAY 30 AUGUST
Lots of gifts for dad, grandpa. So please remember to bring you money and a carry bag to take you gift home. *We require parents to help us run the father’s day stall. If you are able to help even for a hour or so, please come to the Meeting room after 8.45.*

St Mary’s Parent’s Association
WINTER MONTHS
TUCKSHOP SPECIALS
TERM THREE

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.

Soup of the Month
Homemade Pumpkin Soup $1.10

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SCHOOL DISCO
The last school disco for the year will be
held on Friday 3 September.
Juniors: 5.45 pm – 7.30 pm (doors open
5.40 pm)
Seniors: 7.45 pm – 9.30 pm (doors open
7.40 pm) Cost: $3
NB: St Mary’s students only
Flyer will be sent home tomorrow.

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
The Uniform shop will 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.

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STUDENT WELLBEING
At St Mary’s we explicitly teach social skills
and promote friendliness, respect, safety and
listening through our behaviour expectations.
An excellent resource for parents and
teachers is the Michael Grose website
www.parentideas.com.au . Michael is a leading
educator with practical advice, information and
direction about raising children. Regularly we
will include newsletter pages from ‘Parenting
Ideas’ for you to read and file away.

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PARISH NEWS
WORKING BEE
Thank you to all those families who
participated in the last working bee. A number
of projects were completed due to many hands
on deck such as the Church Memorial Wall,
clearing of the drains & spreading of mulch in
our new garden beds. Particular thanks goes to:
Reno, Aidan & Grace Reginato, Peter, Em,
Will & Ed Dynes, Johann, Joshua, Mary &
Aedan Rothmeier, Frances & Jessica Olofsson,
Giordano, Iain & Ailish Muir, Gavan & Christian
Steward, Steven & Ben Plunkett, Alan Hawley,
Mark, Judy & Rebecca Mayall, Dale & Jarod
Bowman, Simon, Kristian & Louisa Ambrose,
Barney, Veronica, John & Olivia Collum, Brad &
Caitlyn You, Rob Douglas, Claire Hall, Joseph
and mum Ballestrin, Anthony, Gayle & Adam
Traynor & Lachlan Verbeeten. Particular
thanks to Adrian Ferronato who brought his
excavator for the earthmoving. In the past,
Adrian and Jason Miranda have helped us
enormously with their machines on major
projects which has saved us big dollars. Also
thanks to Steve Plunckett who did the framing
and carpentry on the Presbytery. We would
also like to thank those families who donated
morning tea: the Karaula family, Ana & the
Stojanovic family, the Hall family, the Reginato
family & the Rothmeier family. Looking
forward to seeing you at the next working bee.
Danny – MaD Team

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday September 15th – 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.
PROGRAM MORNING TIME CHANGE
Reminding all families the morning session is now Open from 7am.

ACCOUNTS
Please ensure your account is up to date; all accounts are to be finalized at the end of Term 3. Please contact Barbara if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Reminder - If you would like to use the program on the last day of school please make your bookings now as normal bookings do not apply on this day.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOYOLA COLLEGE - OPEN DAY
Learn about Loyola on Open Day Sunday 12 September from 1-4 pm - No booking required, ample parking in/off Bungay Street guided tours included the College. Loyola College is a Catholic Co-Educational Secondary College in the Ignatian Tradition 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia 3098. 9434 4466/9433 0288 www.loyola.vic.edu.au

RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB
Junior Registration Day 2010/2011
Saturday 4 September 2010 10.00am — 12 Midday at Whatmough Park Change rooms Kalparrin Avenue, Greensborough
Registrations will be taken for: In 2 Cricket Milo (5-10 year olds) Under 10/12s Modified and Development Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s. Further information please visit our website: www.riversidecricketclub.com.au

WATSONIA PRE-SCHOOL FASHION PARADE
Wednesday 3 November 2010. We wish to invite anyone who is interested in having a stall at this event to please ring Elaine 94671641 or Tracee 94350701. Stall cost $20

PLENTY VALLEY CRICKET CLUB
Junior registration day for the Plenty Valley Cricket Club will be held at A.K.Lines Reserve, Grimshaw Street, Watsonia on Sunday morning the 5th September between 11:00am and 12:00pm. Under 13’s players required for the coming season ( boys and girls are all welcome) Games are played on Friday nights from 5.00pm until 8.00pm Registration cost for the season is Under 13’s $130 per player. Any questions please call David Wallace (Junior Coordinator) on 0413 140 342 or Darren Callahan (President) on 0413 055 829.
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 September are:

**Bundoora campus**        **Preston campus**
Wednesday 8 Sept           Monday 6 Sept
1436 Plenty Rd            8 Clifton Grove
Bundoora                  Preston
Nurturing well rounded individuals since 1871.

Catholic Ladies' College
SCHOOL TOUR
will be held on
Tuesday – 7 September, 2010
Tours leave the Foyer at 9.00 am followed by Morning Tea in the Hall at 10.15 am.

Join us as we celebrate the richness of our learning environment and the talents of our students.

Applications are welcome for students who are currently in

Year 3, 4 and 5 for placement in

Year 7 in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Further information is available on our website: www.clc.melb.catholic.edu.au or by telephoning the Registrar, Mrs Julie Young, at the College on 9430 2076.

‘Hearts Harmony’
Community Music Day
SUNDAY OCT 10 2010 9am - 4pm
The Australian Catholic University Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy is organising and running a community music day for children and adults of all ages.

**Children under 12 are free**, full time secondary and tertiary students and concession holders are just $5 and for others $20 early bird rate for the full day.

This would be a great opportunity for Primary school students to have an interactive music experience **FREE** of charge!

**There is also an opportunity for schools to perform in the lunchtime break.**

Enquiries 9953 3247 or email Amanda.Hudson@acu.edu.au or Janie@welcometomusic.net

CHILDREN’S BOOKS DRIVE
Our College Library is organizing a children’s picture book drive for a school in the Philippines. Books can range from baby books to early primary years. If you or your children are willing to part with some precious keepsakes, please drop them off to the main office at Loyola College (Huge castle like building!) until end of term.

ST MARY’S LITTLE
ATHLETICS CLUB
ATHLETICS CLINIC – Wed 1 September
**TIME**     3:30 - 4:30PM
**VENUE**    St Mary’s Tennis Courts
**Come and find out more about Little Athletics and join in some fun activities.**
**AGES**     Under 6 - Under 16
**CONTACT** Rob Douglas 9435 5095
               Steve Burgess 9432 5093
               Pat Gullone 0415 315 755