Dear Parents and Friends

As parents and teachers, an important aspect of our work is to support our children to grow into healthy, happy and well-adjusted young people who can prosper and enjoy the life given to them. Academic and financial success is highly valued by society. However, research and experience tell us that these factors do not necessarily mean that the human person obtains fulfillment and happiness in life. Resilience is a key tool in equipping young people to live happy and fulfilled lives. I trust the article attached to today’s Candela provides some thoughtful insights as you work with your most precious gift, your child.

"The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It’s the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun."
Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)

SUMMER UNIFORM
All students should now be in summer uniform. Hats are to be worn at all times when outside.

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”

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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRETA
Last week Greta Miller travelled to Bendigo to compete in the State Athletics Championships. Greta was successful in winning the Final in the Girls 80 metre Hurdles event. To be the State Champion is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations Greta. We are all so very proud of you.

SAFETY
A reminder to all to slow down when driving in the school grounds. With young children in the grounds, we all need to be extremely careful.

CAR PARK
Parents are asked to park in the William Street Car Park during school hours as the car park area in front of the new MacKillop Learning Centre is used as a play area. Now that we have an excellent drive through-drop off/pick up area in our new car park, I ask that this facility be used for this purpose. At pick up time at 3.30pm, please do not park along the drive through area. This area is for quick pick up. Therefore, if using this facility, please
arrive after 3.30pm and impress on your child that they are to come to the pick up area immediately after the home time bell.

ST. MARY’S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DATA BASE SURVEY

Earlier this year, families were invited to complete a Survey designed to gather data to form a data base to assist with developing community involvement. A number of people reported difficulties in being able to access this Survey. We have now been able to add a link to this Survey from our School Web page (www.smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au). Survey can be found under “Community” then go to “School Advisory Board.” It would be very much appreciated if you could log on and complete the Survey as information gathered will allow us to be better able to work together as an active community. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

SCHOOL POLICIES

The School Advisory Board has worked over a number of months to develop two School Policies - one pertaining to Student use of Mobile Phones and Digital Technologies and the other is a Camera Policy. Please take the time to read and become familiar with these Policies. Any queries should be directed to the SAB.

BASKET SUPPER DANCE

One of our highlight events for the school year, the Yr 5/6 Basket Supper Dance will be held on Thursday evening 25 November at Union Hall Latrobe University. This event allows our students to showcase their dancing skills following the Dance sessions that have been held throughout this Term. It is also a very social event where all family members can join in the dancing. You will shortly receive a notice about the Basket Supper Dance.

PARISH FETE

St. Mary’s Parish Fete will be held on Saturday 20 November. Besides raising some well needed funds for our community, the Fete is always an event that is enjoyed by the students and is a lovely opportunity for us to come together. Many thanks to all families who supported our recent bottle drive. Today two notices requesting your support is being sent home - one seeking donations for the Spinning Wheel and the other for support with the Cake Stall. If you are able to assist with any of these requests, your support would be very much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amanda, Andrew and Josh (2ML) Jones on the recent birth of baby Annabelle. A beautiful little girl who will bring you all much joy.

COMING EVENTS

November
10  Finance Committee Meeting
11  Rugby Gala Day Yr 5 and 6
11  Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 7.30pm
16  Faith Development Team Meeting 1.00pm
16  Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm
17  OOSH Meeting 7.30pm
17-18-  School Nurse Visit
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18  2011 Prep Orientation 9.30am- 11.00am
20  Parish Fete

Regards

Helen

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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
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Congratulations to the following children who will celebrate their birthday over the next few weeks: Annaliene Neal, Jack Tinetti, Matthew Lombardo, Trinity Mills, Matthew Newton-Howes, Michaela Gilmore, Marcus Casalis, Chantelle Sciviano, Alana Cecchin, Kaidynce Martin, Sanchi Sharma, Megan Girolami, Michael Karaula, Aiden Hrup, Christopher Kamphuis, Glory Zheng, Jessica Atkinson, Patrick Blake, Jackson Vaughan-Niven, James Whitfield, Georgia Mifsud, Daniel De Maria, Dylan Duncan-Rapsey, Max Balcombe, Nicholas Putnam, Steven Huang.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the worthy recipients of this award to be presented at Assembly.
Year 6DS All Year 5/6’s are to be commended for their dancing.
Year 6G "
Year 6M "
Year 5B "
Year 5H "
Year 5ML "
Year 5V "
Year 4C Hannah Steinfeld, Brahden O’Connell
Year 4GR Lachy Wilson, Joseph Ballestrin
Year 4HP Mia Hall, James Ciavarella
Year 3 LM Stephanie Fell, Tom Colley
Year 3R Lycette De Souza, James Dwyer
Year 3W Mitchell Clarke, Gracie Phillips
Year 2 C Lachlan Read, Tyra Clayton
Year 2ML Kate Goulding, Yu-Jin Lin
Year 2W Alex Balassone, Matthew Atkinson
Year 1C Charlie Mchaileh, Annaliene Neal
Year 1G Nathan Calleja, Helena Kubicki
Year 1R Amy Clayton, Oscar Gavillucci
Year PB "
Year PS Matthew Newton-Howes, Kaidynce Martin
Year PW Elise Allwood, Zac Watson

YEAR SIX GRADUATION
Year 6 Graduation will be on Tuesday December 14 at 6:00pm. Please mark this date on your calendars. Further information will be sent home shortly.

GRADE 5 PARENTS
It has become a tradition at St Mary’s for the parents of the Year Five students to assist the Graduation Co-Ordinators with the organising of the Year 6 Graduation. This favour is then returned to you the following year when you are the Year 6 Parent. Helpers are required for setting up the hall, serving the meal and preparing the supper. Please keep Tuesday December 14th free. Further information will be sent home shortly.

COLES DOCKETS
Last day for the collection of the Coles Sports dockets was Sunday 31 October. However dockets will be accepted up until next Monday 8 November. Please bring your dockets to school and place in the Drop Box in the Foyer.

SCHOOL NEW PHONE NUMBER
The St Mary’s School new Phone Number is 9433 4000.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
The following volunteers are rostered on for the week commencing 8 and 15 Nov
Mon 8 L Ferella, M Di Cosmo, M Panucci
Tues 9 K Glasby, T Dwyer
Wed 10 C Ganikis, N Callipari
Thur 11 G Page, M Brick, C Hall
Fri 12 L Cattenazzi, J MacDonald, V Collum
Mon 15 R Howden, S Hawley, K Atkinson
Tues 16 L Hall, N Carnovale, L Markovac
Wed 17 R Georgiou, L Rodrigues, N Clayton, P Taplin
Thur 18 A Rizk, Poppy, B Carter
Fri 19 M Fell, A Di Carluccio, N Metaxas
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.

UNIFORM REFFLE
Just a reminder, tomorrow is 5 November and the last day to return your raffle tickets. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to win a great prize and support the school.

FREE DRESS DAY
Aussie School Photos will be attending our school on TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER.
Their team of professional photographers will take each child in a variety of poses in order to offer studio quality photo choices to parents. All photos are to be ordered and paid for online. This venture is a Parent’s Association initiative. A flyer will be sent home today with further details.

PARISH NEWS
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.

ST MARY’S NETBALL CLUB
Come and train with us. Fridays 3:45pm – 4:30pm St Mary’s tennis courts every Friday in term four. Join in with the many new players giving netball a go.

WORKING BEE:
It was a very wet start to the October working bee however with the help from a few brave families, we still managed to complete some important jobs. I would like to particularly thank Jim Ganikis who lent his concreting expertise to help create the Memorial Garden base. Thanks to Alan Hawley, Brian and Brent Williams, Steve Hollowood, Bernie Kamphuis, Peter and Connor McKenna, Andrew Wolczko, Mark Steinfeld and John Wood. Thank you to the Karaula and Miller families for the morning tea. MaD.

ST MARY’S PARISH FETE
ST MARY’S IDOL
Have you got what it takes to become St Mary’s 2010 Idol? Register on the day from 11:00am onwards. A flyer was sent home today.

THE SPINNING WHEEL IS BACK
Donations of items required for the Spinning Wheel e.g. toys, bottles of wine, anything new that would be suitable to make up a hamper or a prize for the Spinning Wheel. A flyer was sent home today.

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.
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.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM
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.

LAST DAY TERM 4 2010 – Wednesday December 15th Normal Program will be running as school finishes at 3.30pm.

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

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

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.

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
PARADE COLLEGE Twilight Open Evening
Come and see for yourself the opportunities Parade can offer your son. Complimentary BBQ provided.

Bundoora campus Preston campus
Tuesday 9 November Tuesday 16 November
5:30pm – 8:30pm 5:30pm – 8:00pm
1436 Plenty Rd 8 Clifton Grove
Bundoora Preston
Nurturing well rounded individuals since 1871.

ELTHAM NORTH PRESCHOOL
Is where you live affecting your health?
Eltham North Preschool invites you to the Book Launch of a Healthy Home, Healthy Family. By Nicole Bijlsma Exposing the hazards in your home *Allergens *Baby Bottles * Chemicals *Cleaning Products * Cordless Phones *dust mites & more. For more details: Phone Bridgette Dimech on 0403 393 665