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Newsletter

Term 2, Issue 10

Thursday June 27th, 2019

TERM DATES				
June Thursday, 27th	Assembly - 'Circus' Assembly - 2:40pm	Monday, 22nd & Wednesday, 24th	Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations - see School Interviews	
Friday, 28th	Last day Term 2 - 2:30 finish Football Dress Up & Pie Day	Wednesday, 24th	First Holy Communion Preparation Evening - 7:00pm	
July Monday, 15th	Term 3 commences	Monday, 29th	Dhelkunya Dja Naming of Refurbished Building Ceremony - 9:00am	
Wednesday, 17th	Green Hat Workshop - see CareMonkey	August Sunday, 11th	First Holy Communion 10:30am	
Thursday, 18th	P & F Meeting - 9:00am in Staffroom	Monday, 26th	School Closure Day Staff PD	
Sunday, 21st	First Holy Communion Commitment Mass - 10:30am	September Tuesday, 3rd	Open Day - 9:00-11:00am	
Sunday, 21st	Family Day at Leangarnook, Mt Alexander, after Mass	Wednesday, 18th	Twilight Sports - 2:00pm	



Our School Vision

We are an empowered and sustainable learning community, centred in faith and united in our respect and responsibility for all of creation; we strive for excellence; actively living, learning, caring and growing together.

We acknowledge and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which we gather. We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future and acknowledge their spiritual connection to Country.





Congratulations to the following students:

Respectful Award: Royce Williams
Responsible Award: Casey Marston
Resilient Award: Charlie McShanag

Principal Award: Niamh Keane, Michael Ma, Oliver Grainger & Madeleine Lane

Wonder Award: Max Lenan Believe Award: Georgia Morelli

Persevere Award: Ryan Mulholland & Royce Williams Create Award: Hannah Cochrane & Cayden Burns School Captain Awards: Ben Whitzell & Evie Morse

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen





Dear Parents, Students and Friends,



I have had the pleasure of spending some time in the classrooms and looking through the children's Learning Journals and workbooks with them. It was a joy to talk with them about their learning and to observe their growth over their first semester at school this year. As part of our reporting process we hope that your children with go through their Learning Journals with you and talk with you about their learning. These journals contain a cross section of work that they have completed over their first semester this year and support what is in your children's reports. The children have also included a reflection on their learning during the first half of this year. It would be great if you could make some time to look through their learning journals with them.

Your children will also bring home their semester one reports on Friday. Indeed, there is much to be proud of as you notice your child's growth over the year. You will have opportunity to discuss your child's learning at the student led conversations early in Term 3. Congratulations to all of our students on their achievements this semester.

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank our teachers & ESO's who have put great thought and effort into delivering the curriculum in creative and differentiated ways to engage and support your children from their point of need. Thanks also to Karen who does a super job in the office keeping the admin in order and offering a friendly smile.

Thank you to our P&F who contribute so much to our school. The lunches this term and pie day were a treat and the social functions you have organised were well attended and enjoyed. We are so fortunate to have your support and positive energy directed into our great school.

Our children also appreciate the interaction and support of Fr. Wahid and our parishioners. These relationships with community nourish our children in so many ways.

The closing of a term offers time for reflection – a time to release old thoughts and beliefs, to celebrate our achievements and to learn from our challenges. Whatever has happened in the past term, the new term brings fresh beginnings. Exciting new experiences and relationships await. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past and the promise of the future.

Circus Showcase at Assembly on Thursday 27th June 2.40pm

We invite you to attend our assembly on Thursday June 27th. Our children will be showcasing what they have learned in circus club and performing arts this term.

ARSC

My 2018 Annual Report to the School Community has been uploaded onto our school website for your information. Annual Reports are submitted to Catholic Education Melbourne office at the end of May in the following year. I hope that you find this report informative. If you have been reading the newsletters and following us on Facebook you will be up to date with our schools activities.



Mercy Building to be Upgraded!

We are well on the way with our Masterplan and building works proposal. The great news is that we have been successful in being granted \$501,210.00 supplementary capital funding from the government which means we can go ahead with the full building upgrade of our Mercy Building. The estimated costs to lift the existing roof which is leaking, install glass sliding doors on

the internal wall of each classroom, create a meeting room, redo the floor coverings and paint is around \$730,000.00. We have had a loan of \$230,000.00 approved by Catholic Education Melbourne which is interest free and can be paid back over 15 years.

This is all excellent news for our school! The building works will ensure that we have a leak proof roof and that we can offer flexible and contemporary learning spaces. The plans are in the front foyer of the school if you would like to look at them. We are still hoping that we can start the work before the end of the year and that it will be complete in the first half of next year. We have plenty of room for our classes in the Art's Hub, Library and Dhelkunya Dja Building.



Signs

We have had the building signs as pictured made for our school. The Mercy Building sign will name our current four classroom area and The Art's Hub sign will naturally be placed on the wall entering the Art's Hub. The Mercy Sisters are the founding Sisters of our school.

Their legacy is woven into the fabric of St. Mary's. After the roof has been replaced over our classrooms we will officially open this area as 'The Mercy Building.'





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St. Mary's

Dhelkunya Dja Buliding

We now have official permission to name our refurbished building the Dhelkunya Dja Building. Dhelkunya Dja means 'healing land' in the Dja Dja Wurrung language, and is representative of the Dja Dja Wurrung's aspirations for country. This name is fitting for this learning space as it is an area where the children's wellbeing is being nurtured throughout our kitchen garden program, sustainability work and respectful relationship



work. It also is a way of connecting with, acknowledging and showing respect to the traditional custodians of this land. On the 29th of July we will have an official Welcome to Country to mark the opening of the building to be named *Dhelkunya Dja*.

Parish Council Call for Representatives from our School!

Our Parish Pastoral Council offers a structure to support our community and promote understanding of the Church's mission. It offers us a voice and encourages us to grow spiritually and explore possibilities for living the teachings of Jesus in all aspects of our lives. We invite you to consider becoming a member of our Parish Pastoral Council as in order to be an effective avenue for our school



community to have its say and influence, we need representatives in this group. Our Parish Pastoral Council consist of our Parish Priest Fr. Wahid and a group of parishioners. If you would like to work together with our community to support the ongoing life and development of our faith, please click the acceptance on CareMonkey as well as indicate which time would work best for you to attend a monthly meeting. At present we meet on the second Wednesday day of each month at 7.15pm. Our meetings generally go for 1hour to 1 and ½ hours. We look forward to welcoming some members of our school community into the Parish Pastoral Council. Your input would be greatly valued.

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass July 21st at 10.30 am

We pray for our children who are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday August 11th at 10.30 Mass. We look forward to supporting them at their Commitment Mass on July 21st at 10.30 am. Denise Arnel is facilitating an information session at 7pm on July 24th. We encourage you to attend this meeting. Denise is highly skilled at engaging her participants in dialogue about what the sacrament means in our current world and how our faith can support your child's spiritual growth.





Children's Cyber Health & Safety

The Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten are investigating the feasibility of engaging esteemed adolescent psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg, to present an evening for parents on cyber health & safety. Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience working with adolescents, as well as speaking and writing in the field of adolescent psychology.

For more information on Michael head to http://michaelcarrgregg.com/

Recommended reading: Real Wired Child: what parents need to know about kids online, Michael Carr-Gregg.

The Date and venue are to be advised depending on the demand. Costs for the event would be \$25 per family (1-2 adults). Interested parents are requested to text their details to the Steiner School office on 0407 124 508 by 4pm on 1/8/19. Please include your name, school and the number of adults attending.

Tassel Club

Thank you to Harper and Quinn for teaching us to make pretty tassels in the sunshine at the table in our bird & butterfly sanctuary.

We enjoyed learning a new skill during lunchtime on Tuesday from fellow students! Well done Quinn & Harper.

Footy Colours Dress Up and Pie Day - Friday 21st June

Our school captains are organising a footy colours dress up and pie day for the last day of term. Your children are invited to dress in footy colours and take part in our tabloid footy activities at 11.30. The P&F are supplying pies for a cost of \$2.70, pasties for \$2.90 and

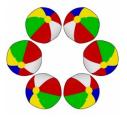








sausage rolls for \$2.00. You may order your child's lunch via CareMonkey. We welcome a gold coin donation to dress up. This will go towards purchasing plants for our bird and butterfly sanctuary. Thank you Patrick, Amelia and Katiana for your background work in making this day happen. Please note that **school finishes at 2.30 o**n this day. Buses will run to this earlier finish time.



Kitchen Garden/Wellbeing

Our students cooked baked pumpkin and pea risotto, pumpkin scones as well as making a master salad last Thursday and Friday for lunch. Thank you for your assistance.

Indeed, our students are learning a great deal about growing and preparing their food throughout our kitchen garden work. They really enjoy working together to prepare their lunches and they are very proud of the food that they create. Well done children!



St Mary's Parish Altar Servers Training

We have ten students who are interested in training as altar servers. Training will commence second week back in Term 3.

Please select training day preferences on CareMonkey should your child wish to participate. Training will take place after school in the church.

The Green Hat Workshop is coming to our school! Highly Recommended! SAVE the DATE! Wednesday, July 17th 3.15-6.30pm!

1.15-3.15 Prep-Yr 3 workshop 3-15-5.00 Prep-Yr 3 afternoon tea and workshop for parents 5.00-6.30 Prep-Yr 6 parent & child workshop

To enhance our work with your children we have booked a green hat workshop for our junior school and parents on July 17th next term. The pedagogy behind this is inspired by Melbourne's progressive schooling movement of the 1960s and influenced by the field of Play work. Green Hat Workshop emphasise a play-based, student led learning model where possible. They create and provide resources and environments that first and foremost engage participants and engender fun and play.



They acknowledge that we are in partnership with our participants during our workshops, enabling and encouraging their natural instinct to play with pattern, aesthetics, order and symmetry, representations of narrative and the world around them, as well as comparison and intrinsic challenge.

Green Hat Workshop's approach is to work within existing school cultures to empower natural curiosity and creativity in all students, with as few instructions and *rules* as possible, thereby engaging all participants at their own level of cognitive and physical ability, be they adult or child, neurotypical or diverse. They do not write programs that emphasise content or specify a valued outcome but rather value authentic participant-lead programs that provide environments optimum for shared creative problem solving.

Green Hat Workshop provide simple, abundant, *impermanent* resources where possible, as they believe this makes their programs encourages individuals to experiment, share and explore.

Miles

They believe:

- Fun and engagement comes first
- Children come to us with knowledge
- Humans learn when they are ready and cannot be compelled to do so
- The goal of every teacher is to become obsolete
- Play is the process of creating and solving.

Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for further details.

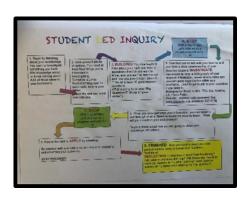


Milo Friday

Given that the winter chill has set in we have resumed our Milo Friday routine. Children may have a warm milo if they arrive before 8.50 am. Warm milo will be served outside our library from 8.30 am until 8.50 am. If you would like a milo on Fridays be sure to arrive before 8.50! If you have special dietary requirements, please let us know. Alternative milk can be provided.

Parent-Teacher-Student-Conversations 22-24th July

You may book in your times to meet with your child's teachers via School Interviews for early next term. We encourage you to use this opportunity which is a great way to promote communication between school and home. It supports the student, teacher and the parents to work together toward our children's learning and social wellbeing. Three-way conferences take the form of a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher. They give our students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. Through this process children can accept



accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

In three-way conferencing all three parties - student, parents and the teacher - sit together and talk about the student's learning, with the student taking a leading role. If you are unable to book in on the days allocated you can make an alternative date with your child's teacher. If you wish to book a time with specialist staff you may also do this via the school office.

Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generous contributions. PLEASE keep these much needed donations coming in. The Mini Vinnies (Social Justice Team) are looking forward to giving our donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society in Castlemaine who support many families in our area. This year the St Vincent de Paul Society are in desperate need of warm, life-saving clothing and blankets for our 'homeless'.



We ask our families to donate warm, winter blankets, sleeping bags or clothing in new or in very good condition in both adult and children sizes. The donations need to be washed and not stained! Items could include: Blankets/sleeping bags, coats, beanies, scarves, gloves, earmuffs and socks (new).

It's Time to Enrol Now for 2020

We have had pleasing interest in our school and already have a number of prep enrolments for 2020. If you are a current parent who is seeking enrolment for a sibling in 2020 it would assist us if you pick up enrolment forms from our office and enrol as soon as you are ready. If you know anyone who would like to enrol for next year we are encouraging people to do so now. This will assist us with our planning for next year.



I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing your eager and cheerful faces next term!



Kind regards, Bronwyn Phillips, Principal.



Just an update on soft plastics. We are up to a total of 25 bags full of soft plastics. Starting semester 2 we will have bins in the class room (for plastic from your lunch box) so you can help save the environment, as well as your amazing parents that deserve a gold star. But kids and parents know that we have the soft plastics bin that does not mean no nude food, we would rather you do nude food but if you don't have time and you just want to put a chocolate bar or a pkt of chips and a bar of some sort that's ok.

Thank you, Billy Lister.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conversations

Monday, 22nd July & Wednesday, 24th July

Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and put in the code: b89he to make your booking.



















COOK OFF























Find the P&F private group on Facebook - "Ladies of St Mary's PS"

DATES:-

Friday 28th June – Football dress up and Pie Day lunch – **SEE CAREMONKEY** Sunday 21st July – Family Day at Leangarnook, Mt Alexander, after mass Saturday 17th Sunday 18th August – Mens Alive weekend @ Parish Wednesday 18th September – Twilight Sports & Food truck night, TBA

FAMILY DAY @

LEANGARNOOK,

MT ALEXANDER

SUNDAY 21ST JULY FOLLOWING COMMITMENT MASS

Bring the family, rug up and enjoy a bush walk followed by some fresh damper by the camp fire!



Food Bank

St Mary's is continuing its food bank to help families in need within the school community.

If you would like to be on the contact list to make emergency meals please pass your name and contact details onto Kari Aldridge (mob 0402076340)

St Vincent de Paul Coin Drive!

A collection tin will be located in the foyer all year!



ST MARY'S SPRINGFEST & LONG LUNCH Sunday October 27th 12.30pm

Meeting to be held on Monday 24th June 7pm @ the Buckley Room to begin organising. If you can assist with this event & can attend a meeting please contact Kari (0402-076-340).

All welcome!



Have a safe and happy mid-year break



Last day of term Friday 28th June
Football Dress Up & Pie Day

A day for the children to come dressed in their favourite football colours and enjoy a pie for lunch!

SEE CAREMONKEY FOR ORDER FORM

Next P&F Meeting Thursday 18th July, 9.15am, Staffroom. All welcome!

Colgate Community Garden

The Committee has registered St Mary's to participate in the Terracycle Colgate Community Garden again this year. This a great initiative to recycle used toothbrushes, containers, and packaging. Any brand accepted and please leave in a collection box located at the front of the school. Spread the word, our aim is to involve the whole community with collection points at the school and Castlemaine Fitness Centre.



Be sure to **Vote DAILY** for our school also following the link below - not only does our school go into a draw to win garden prizes but also the more votes the more chances of winning recycled garden sets and upcylcled pencil cases.

See Flyer and Vote for our School St Mary's Castlemaine at https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting

Entries and voting closes 30th September 2019! START COLLECTING & VOTING NOW!!!

Parents & Friends Family Event

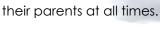
Date: Sunday 21st July 2019

<u>Time: Following Commitment Mass</u>

<u>Location: Mt Alexander – Leanganook Campground</u>

Join us for family bush walk, followed by toasting of marshmallows and warm damper. This will be a great little get together for the whole family feel free to bring a picnic and rug up!

Please note, this is a social event and children need to be supervised by











During the Celebration day for Girls I was able to connect with many girls whom I soon befriended. Rachel made me feel comfortable in, as you would say, my own skin. It was not only fun & enjoyable it has set me up for the next part

- Kyah (11 years)

My daughter was having such a turbulent time in her life & nothing I did seemed to reach her or ease her struggle. By engaging in the Celebration for Girls day with Rachel she really found her self confidence & is at ease in her mind & body. Our relationship reformed & has continued to strengthen. I couldn't recommend the experience more, it was transformative - Claire (Mum)

My daughter went from being timid, unsure & nervous before the Celebration day, to confident strong & very self assured afterwards The day was Wonderful.
- Ella (Mum)

In 2000, Jane Bennett launched **Celebration Day for Girls**. Its popularity has seen it spread internationally with over 100 trained facilitators in 11 countries. Several from Celebration Day

Celebration Day for Girls[™]



Celebration Day for Girls is a special day for a mother (or female carer) and daughter to Celebrate the significant threshold of puberty and menarche (a girls first period).

This mother daughter workshop prepares you and your daughter with positive information, fun activities and supportive discussion around menstruation.

Celebration Day supports girls to have a positive outlook towards how they look, think and feel at this stage of thier lives Empowering them to be happier, more resilient, confident & connected young women



Sunday 14th July Castlemaine 10am-4pm

& Mothers session Thurs July 11th, 7-9pm \$165/\$125 conc.

Facilitated by Rachel Pilgrim Contact 0430 450 967 Rachel@celebrationdayforgirls.com

Bookings at eventbrite www.eventbrite.com.au For more information www.celebrationdayforgirls.com

Educating & Empowering Girls

IGNITE MINDS

Before and After School Care at St. Mary's Primary School

7:00am - 9:00am 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Phone: 1300 856463 for further enquiries.

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Our delicious and hearty home cooked meals will take the stress out of having to decide "What's For Dinner ..?" or can be purchased as a wonderful gift idea...

Using only the freshest of ingredients our wide menu selection will be sure to please

Every time you place an order of \$30 or more, we will donate \$2 to your nominated school!!

Orders can be placed by Friday each week for following Tuesday pickup between 3 - 4pm at St. Mary's Hall, Cnr Lyttleton & Hargreaves St, Castlemaine

> To place orders call: 0457 865 636 0434 783 716

Plan tomorrow's dinner today!

Community News . . .

Sacred Heart College

Principal's Morning Tea



Prospective parents are invited to meet with Dr Darren Egberts at our Principal's Morning Tea to learn more about the educational offerings and future plans of Sacred Heart College.

Principal's Morning Tea, Thursday 18 July from 9:15am - 10am

The next student led College tours will be held on: Tuesday 16 July & Wednesday 14 August at 9:15am **Bookings** essential

Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 close 26 July 2019 (students currently in Grade 5)

Morning tea and tour bookings can be made via the College website. Contact our College Registrar for enrolment enquiries

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REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE -





The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au

What others have said...

"An enjoyable and very grounded experience of spirituality for men."

"A great weekend of talking, eating, laughing and prayer."

"Offers a **clear vision** for being Catholic and Christian in the contemporary world."

"The format and talks helped me to confront issues in my life - really helped me to go outside myself - found the weekend format terrific."

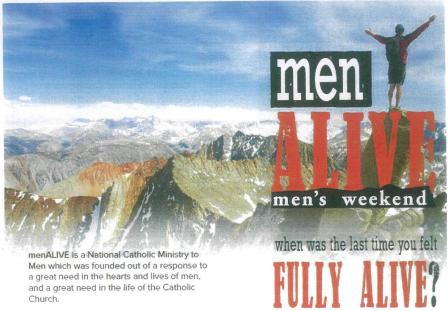
"Offers something **practical** and **down-to-earth** that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and friendliness of the team and all the participants in general. I gained a lot from the weekend."

"Thank you for a great weekend. You have inspired my faith."

"The weekend was a great opportunity for men to come to be together and be set on fire. The vision of menALIVE was well presented and the format enables practical ways this could be accomplished."

"This is something the Church desperately needs."



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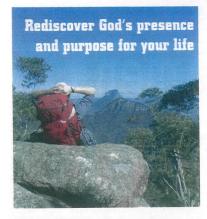
Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

17 - 18 August 2019

Catholic Parish of Castlemaine
CASTLEMAINE

www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive St Irenaeus



The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.

Perhaps the most important thing the weekend offers is space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives.

The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

menALIVE Men's Weekend

17 - 18 August 2019

at

The McLaren Room Catholic Parish of Castlemaine 78 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine

PROGRAM

SATURDAY

8:00 - 8:45 am Registration 9:00 pm End of Day #1

SUNDAY

8:30 am Start 1:30 pm Finish (Mass included)

DONATION

\$40 per person (concessions available) Includes:

- Workshops
- Stationery
- Refreshments
- Lunch and BBQ dinner on Saturday.

RSVP

By 11 August 2019

ENQUIRIES

Justin Shortal (0437 002 945) jpshortal@gmail.com or

Victor Steiner (0418 399 333) victor.steiner@bigpond.com

Registration Form

Name:	
Address:	
Phone/mobile:	
Email:	
Year of Birth:	
Parish:	
Special Needs (diet, mobility, etc):	

PAYMENT DETAILS

I am paying by:

- Cheque
- ☐ Direct Deposit (EFT)
- ☐ Cash

If paying by cheque, make payable to: "Catholic Parish of Castlemaine A/c"

If paying by Direct Deposit:

A/c Name: Catholic Parish of Castlemaine A/c BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 636421759 Reference: menALIVE <surname>

RETURN THIS FORM to:

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