Dear Parents,

Mother’s Day
This Sunday we have the opportunity to celebrate our mums, grandmums, step-mums, any of the women in our lives who have in the past, or still do ‘mother’ us. If nothing else, take the time to say ‘Thank you’ and ‘I love you’.

Lord, we pray for all mothers, beautiful and wonderful. May they feel the joys of motherhood every day. We ask you to bless them all with strength and grace.

Amen

The Mother’s Day stall is on tomorrow, Thursday 5th, and Mass on Friday at 9.15am.
Happy Mother’s Day to all our school mums.

School Values
In 2015, the school reviewed its vision and mission statement through a process that included staff, parents and students. From that process, four values were named as key values for STM:

- Respect
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Integrity

As members of the school community, it is vital that we all have an understanding of what each of these values means and looks like at STM. Over the next few weeks, each of the values will be elaborated in the newsletter.

Respect: the focus is threefold—respect for self, respect for others, and respect for property and the environment.

We show respect for ourselves in the way we look after our minds, and our bodies; one simple way is how the children wear their uniform.

We show respect for others in what we say and do for people we live with and learn with at school. This includes speaking appropriately, listening to others and playing safely.

We show respect for property and the environment by looking after our belongings and using them for their due purpose. We also take care of our natural environment by learning about, and working towards being sustainable.

School Surveys

Latest figures—there are currently 13 parent surveys completed, 39 to go.

The survey closes on May 13th—please help us out.

Secondary School Enrolments

Please note Padua College enrolment forms for current Year 5 are due back to Padua by Friday, 13th May.

Year 6 students for Government schools need to return application forms to our school by Friday, 13th May.

Winter Uniform

All children should now be wearing full winter uniform. Thank you to all our families who support this policy; we certainly have children showing pride in themselves and in their school by correctly wearing the uniform.

Have a happy week ahead.

Mrs. Pat McConvill
Principal
Nourish yourself

- Having time out regularly as a parent is really important as you will then be able to manage the job of parenting in a calmer and happier way. Having time out gives time for putting things into perspective and to reflect on how we are reacting to anxious children.

- Keep stress levels low around the home. If the home environment is calm, then children have a better chance of being able to chill out and be in the flow at home. The home is where children learn how to manage their day to day lives and if it is filled with stress and upheaval they will most likely be anxious.

- Remember: anxious is very catchy – anxious parents can create anxious kids. If you have anxiety yourself, then seek professional help yourself.

Set healthy boundaries

- Having healthy boundaries and setting consequences actually lessens anxiety. Not putting into place consequences because a child is anxious actually creates more anxiety. Although this may seem counter-intuitive children actually need boundaries to feel safe and calm. Knowing what is expected in the home and having healthy limits set at home lets children know that you are in charge, strong and able to take care of the family.

- Allowing children to have too much control or too many choices gives them a message that you are not in charge of the family which is very anxiety provoking for them. Although they may complain and still try to get what they want (very normal behaviour!) they actually need parents to be in control of adult decisions and to set healthy limits.

5 Secrets to Develop confidence and resilience:

This Parent Seminar will be presented by Georgina Manning from Wellbeing For Kids.

Wednesday 1st of June @ 6:30 in the Multi - Purpose Room.

Working Bee: Saturday 14th of May:
Starts at 9:00 am

Please place the date in your diary. We ask families to attend at least one working bee during the year. We realise there is a lot of sport on Saturdays so even if you can come along for an hour or two that helps. It is a great way for parents and students to work together to keep our school looking neat and tidy. There are always a few maintenance projects to complete.

Just remember that the children love coming along and playing with their friends. They have a lot of fun.

Fee Reminder

The second quarterly instalment is due by Friday 20th May. Fee Statements will be posted to all families shortly. Thank you to all the families who have already paid their fees or who have made a commitment to pay fees by instalment.

MUSIC NEWS

AFTEBERNOON IN TUNE ... The Year 3/4’s would like to share some songs and music that celebrate Australia ... the old and the new! Afternoon in Tune (Aussie style) begins at 2:10pm in the school gymnasium on Friday 20th May. It will be an arena presentation with performers and audience all together in a big circle.

Parents and friends are very welcome.

AFRICAN DRUMMING

Yesterday the 5/6’s and 3/4’s and their teachers welcomed a vibrant and exciting west African drumming duo who shared their love of music and their culture through drumming, singing and dancing. The gymnasium was alive with the enthusiastic, rhythmic sounds of over a hundred djembes. It was a wonderful experience and a valuable learning opportunity for us all.

PRODUCTION BEGINS ... by Francesca Malignaggi

I was really looking forward to doing our production, Jurassic Lark, and having our first rehearsal last week was more exciting than ever. As I walked into the multipurpose room, I saw two dinosaurs sitting just in front of Mrs Shaw’s music stand. After everyone was sitting down we were introduced to these cute soft toys, Pearl and Frillop, our dinosaur mascots for our production in 2016. After being introduced to our mascots we had some meditation and listened to a song from Tarzan. This was very relaxing. One of my favourite things I did for our first production rehearsal was the freestyle moving that we did while another Tarzan song was playing in the background. We moved around doing different styled moves that fitted into the music’s rhythm. Some people felt a bit self-conscious when they were moving around but in the end we were all laughing and having fun. I was really happy at the end of our production session and I am really excited about the sessions we will have in the future!

PRODUCTION BUZZ ... By Jasmine Michie

Production has finally started and there is a buzz going around the Year 6’s at the moment. The last production auditions will be on Friday the 6th of May and our first production practice was on Wednesday 27th of April. We did some really fun activities during production time and we got our VIP membership cards. We are all so happy with the theme of dinosaurs and we look forward to sharing it with the rest of the school. As production slowly comes closer we get more excited and happier to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. I admire the way our production is directed and I also admire all the teachers and students who help as well, because the Year 6’s wouldn’t be doing it without all the people who put their time into the preparation. We are all a little nervous but we are thrilled to be the production cast of 2016.
**Maker Space is here!**

On Monday May 2, we held our first session of Maker Space. It was wonderful to see children from all age groups making, tinkering and exploring the materials and equipment.

‘Maker Mondays’ will be held weekly in the MPR. Please encourage your child to come along and have a go!

Each week, we will continue to explore:

- An introduction to Computer Science through ‘block’ coding programs, Scratch and Hopscotch
- Stop Motion movie making and Claymation
- Cardboard construction with ‘Make Do’ materials
- Closed circuit experiments with Makey Makey kits
- Arduino projects

We hope to see you at our next Maker Monday on May 9th.

Activities and projects cater for all ages and all are welcome. Everyone is a maker and our world is what we make it!

Sarah Anderson

*Today was our first Maker Space session. Maker Space is on each Monday at lunchtime in the MPR. The Tech Leaders have been preparing for about a term. Some of the activities we did were Makey Makey and Scratch. We thought kids would go straight to the banana piano but most kids went to cardboard building.*

*Liam Morris Tech Leader*

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**Parent's Association**

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact [leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au](mailto:leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au) for more information.

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**Mother's Day Stall - Tomorrow** - Thursday 5th May - $5 per gift

The Mothers Day stall is very busy and gets very hard to keep track of payments therefore this year we have made a change. If your child would like to buy a gift from the Mother's Day stall can you please send $5 to school with each child on Thursday 5th May.

If your child does not have $5 they will not attend the stall during school hours, but can purchase a gift after school from the gym. The stall will be open from 3.15 - 4pm. Extra gifts can also be purchased after school.

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**Mother's Day Morning Tea - Friday 6th May - Payment Now Due**

Mother’s Day Morning Tea for all our wonderful Mother’s, Grandmothers and friends.

The Morning Tea will be at Benito’s, Nepean Highway Mt Eliza from 10.15am straight after our beautiful Mother’s Day Mass.

Toddler corner available plus great door prizes. Thank you to all who have paid, looking forward to a lovely morning.

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If you would like to attend the Morning Tea please return the slip from the flyer and $15 to the office ASAP.

We have decided to cut back on door prizes at our Mother's Day Morning Tea and instead each year donate the money to research into the prevention and cure of Women's Heath issues, such as breast cancer, ovarian cancer etc. This year we will make a donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The more people who attend the morning tea, the more money we will have to donate. Thanks

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**Working Bee - Saturday 14th May**

Year 3/4 will be providing the morning tea, please drop a plate off on Friday afternoon or deliver to the undercroft Saturday morning.

**Working Bee Coordinator Required**

We still need to fill this role. Andrew Taylor will be available this year to help with the role. If you are interested please contact Leonie, thanks.

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**STM Dates for the Diary**

5th May - Thursday - Mother’s Day Stall - $5 per gift

6th May - Friday - Mother’s Day Morning Tea at Benito’s

14th May - Working Bee - 3/4 to provide morning tea.

18th May - Year 1/2 Brunch / coffee at Barmah Park Vineyard (after drop off)

2nd June - Years 3/4/5/6 7.30pm Dinner at Assaddini Wine and Tapas Bar

7th June - PA meeting 7.30pm in staffroom

17th June - Friday - 5pm - Hip Hop Disco (Prep to Year 6 students only)

Sincerely

Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
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**MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET**  
CAR PARK DUTY

Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children.

If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change ASAP.

**All Markets:**
- Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
- You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave.
  - This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
- Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on *Racecourse Road, Mornington*.
- Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you).
- Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover).

*Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.*

- Receive your safety vest.
- Market staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

**Daniel Ferlin/Car Parking Coordinator**  
0410 184 494 / daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Rosters for 9th May**

Canteen: 9am -1:30pm Sally Schultz, 9am-1:30pm Michaela Webster, 11am -1:30pm Nic Leonard

Counting: Louisa O'Neill, Patsy Tranter, Laura Snow, Sue Smits

Please let me know if you cannot make your shift.

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