Dear Parents,

A special welcome to Oran Snowball and his family who join us in Prep D. Oran is transitioning his schooling from the UK. We hope their time at STM will be a happy and welcoming experience.

**Family Life Night**

Two sessions will be held tomorrow night, Thursday 17th November. The first session, recommended for Years 3&4, including topics on family relationships, and male and female body similarities and differences. It runs from 6.30-7.30pm.

The second session, from 7.45—8.45pm, is recommended for Years 5&6, and covers such topics as the physical and emotional changes of puberty.

A reminder—if you wish your Year 3-6 child to attend please use the TryBooking site to register—www.trybooking.com/NDKP.

**Camp Quality Puppets**

The Camp Quality puppets will be visiting our school next Monday 21st November. The times for classes is as follows:

- 9.30am—Preps
- 10am—Year 1/2s, 3/4M and 3/4S
- 11.40am—Years 5/6s, 3/4J and 3/4N

Through the puppets, this education program helps to support children with cancer. The puppets explain what cancer is, some of the treatments and their side-effects, and how to support the individual effected by illness.

A really important aspect of their visit is the focus on being positive and recognising our own strengths. The children will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

Parents are most welcome to join us for this presentation. Further information can be accessed on the website: www.campquality.org.au

**Year 3/4 Portsea Camp**

Thursday 24th to Friday 25th November

All is in readiness for what should be a fantastic experience for the students. Thank you to all the staff who so willingly give up their time for the children.

**Transition**

Last Thursday we welcomed our new Preps for 2017 to our school. It was a great opportunity for the teachers to meet the children and for the children to become familiar with their new surroundings. They appeared to be very happy to be here! Our next orientation day will be Tuesday 6th December when our Year 6 students will visit their secondary schools, our current students will ‘move up’ for a session and the incoming Preps will spend time with their teacher and classmates for 2017. This is always a very exciting time for the school community.

**Before School Care**

Camp Australia will offer Before School Care beginning Term 1, 2017. Bookings are now open. A flyer is attached to today’s newsletter for interested families.

**Refugee Legislation**

The Australian Catholic Bishops issued a statement regarding the proposed legislation to ban those who have arrived by boat from being able to apply for a visa. The statement is attached to today’s newsletter for your consideration.

Enjoy the week ahead.

*Mrs Pat McConvill*

Principal

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**Calendar**

**November:**

- 17th—Family Life, Year 3/4 at 6.30, Year 5/6 at 7.45
- 18th—School Mass, at 12.15pm, led by Preps & Buddies
- 18th—Year 1/2s Camp—80s Disco Night
- 21st—Camp Quality Puppets
- 24th, 25th—Year 3/4 Camp
Young Sustainability Leaders: Green Team champs in junior classes

Over the past few terms a small group of Year 4 students have been supporting Mrs. Ferguson with some Sustainability projects. Ella Schultz, Holly Gooden and Molly Hislop have been caring for the garden beds above the Art / Music / Italian rooms. Last term they planted small plants in colourful gumboots and they are dotted around the gardens. They look fantastic. They have been weeding, watering and caring for the garden and learning about being sustainable.

This week they planted some new Kangaroo Paw plants which have a gorgeous red flower. The native grasses which the Year 3 / 4’s cultivated last year and planted are now growing in large numbers. In fact they have an abundance of seeds which are ready to collect and start the whole process again.

Another team of students, Chloe Eustace, Ellen Owens and Jack Powell have been out watering all of our newly planted native grasses. Tomorrow Mrs. Rodgers is out at lunchtime planting in the whale area.

Last Wednesday our Preps were outside involved in their Outdoor Learning Day. They learnt more about Life cycles and butterflies. They went searching for the Australian Painted Lady butterflies along the Enviro Trail and then made their own butterflies to take home.

This Friday the Year 1 / 2 students will be out enjoying their Outdoor Learning Day.

Nude Food Policy

Last Friday morning I collected enough Landfill rubbish to fill a plastic shopping bag. The rubbish was littered in and around the sails area as well as in bushes.

I visited all of the classrooms with the bag and asked the students how they thought we are going with our Nude Food Policy. They all agreed that we were not going very well!

We agreed to make a big effort to keep our school clean and tidy, especially in the sails area. There was a team of students immediately out and about at lunchtime looking for rubbish and they managed to almost fill a large black garbage bag.

Looking at students lunchboxes the staff can see that parents and students are making a good effort to bring reusable containers for their food. A large majority of students have healthy food and therefore very little wrappers and gladwrap. So congratulations for making a difference to our environment.

We need to remember to take any rubbish home and make sure that no wrappers are found in the school grounds.

Plastic Bags

This week the staff were sent an email showing a video regarding plastic and plastic bags. The video explains how the world has an enormous issue with plastics finding their way into our waterways and oceans.

This is the link for the video.


There is a company called Redcycle that has a ‘bin’ at Woolworths and Coles supermarkets. These bags are recycled into seating for schools. school-redcycle.net.au.

As you may have seen, the school was promoting recycle week last week. We asked our school community, What Can We Do?

Just Leadership Day

I thought leadership day was a really good day for my learning. Also I met new people from different schools. I liked how we learnt about people and their disadvantages, since they are in different countries but I love how we can help them with the website, Caritas. We learnt about how we can help them and how some other people have helped them. By just donating on a website you can do wonders for these communities. Now people just don’t think about themselves but other people, who have no home or are sick or have no food. Caritas has helped so many and their main goal is to end poverty.

We had a sheet to write our ideas on and we thought to do a water run like the rice line but with buckets of water and we have a tub at the church. Whoever has the most water in the tub wins and they get to choose their own charity to donate to. Including a donation bucket as well at the top for people who walk by and the winner donates that money and the winner gets a little prize also.

This day also taught me about how to be a leader for my school which I am excited about. The whole day was a really good learning day for me and thank you for picking me and I feel very privileged.

Thank you.
By Bailey Fennell
**MUSIC NEWS**

**SPRING LUNCH TIME CONCERT**
Last week one performer’s name was accidentally left out of the congratulations … so this is ‘TAKE 2!

Extra special congratulations to all of these wonderful Year 6 performers … Ruby, Lola, Francesca, Grace L, Angie, Olivia P, Jas B, Charlie, Lily W, Bridget, Jas M and Nic. They were fabulous entertainers … and the concert was great fun!

**TALENT OF TALENTS**

*Talent of Talents* auditions have officially finished (with the exception of 1/2 catch-up auditions). Congratulations go to all the brave STM students who auditioned for the show, and thanks go to the music leaders, Ruby, Lily, Jasmine, Lola and Francesca … and several extra Year 6 helpers … who have been a great support with the auditions. We have a wonderful variety of entertainment to look forward to in our *Talent Of Talents* show in the school gymnasium on Friday 2nd December, beginning at 9:30am (TBC). Families and friends are very welcome.

**SPECIAL UP COMING EVENT**

**… Monday 5TH December …**

Join us in the gym for an *Afternoon in Tune* Christmas nativity … filled with singing, instruments, and a whole lot of musical storytelling … presented by the Preps, Year 1/2’s and the STM Senior Choir. Starting time is 2:15pm.

Happy days!
Kathy Shaw
kshaw@stmmtliza.catholic.edu.au

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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

**STM FUN RUN**

Congratulations to Laura Snow for winning the sponsors raffle for the fun run! Congratulations to the kids in 5/6J, they raised the most money and won a fish and chip lunch. We hope they enjoyed it. Thanks to all who donated, a great amount of money was raised for the school.

**BARE FOOT BOWLS PARENTS FUNCTION**

Friday 2nd December - $10.00 per head, bowls and BBQ included
A friendly reminder to get your RSVP and payment into the office for our fantastic end of year parents and friends get together at the Mt Eliza Bowling Club.

Arrive anytime from 6.15 pm, staggered bowling start times, to cater for different times of arrival.

If you don't like bowling, it does not matter, still come along for a chat, drink and BBQ.

Please return forms and payment to the office **BY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS HAMS, PUDDINGS AND WINE FUNDRAISER**

You can grab all your Christmas essentials in one place this year! We are taking orders for Christmas hams, delicious puddings and wine. They will be ready for pick up at the school gym on Friday 16th December from 2.30pm.

**PLEASE RETURN HAMS AND PUDDINGS ORDERS TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER.** (no late orders can be accepted)

**PLEASE RETURN WINE ORDERS BY MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER.**

I would like to thank Nic Leonard for arranging the hams and puddings this year. Our previous ham supplier closed down, so Nic has done a great job sourcing the best hams on the Peninsula or even in Melbourne. Thanks Nic. The Chef's Pantry are again supplying the delicious puddings and Massoni wines have again offered us their wine at discounted prices.

If you have any ham or pudding questions please contact Nic, or if you have questions about the wine please contact me.

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit
President
Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au

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**STM DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

30th November - Ham and Pudding order forms to be returned
2nd December - Parents End of Year Function - Barefoot Bowls
5th December - Wine Order forms to be returned
6th December - PA Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
16th December - 2.30pm Pick up Hams, puddings and wine in the gym
**YEAR 5/6 BOOK CLUB NEWS**

This term, the fives and sixes are breaking up into groups and reading a book with their teachers for book club. I am with Ms McCormick and the book we are reading is “The Wolves Of Willoughby Chase”. Every time we walk into Ms McCormick’s room on Thursday afternoons, she says to the group “Good afternoon Wolves of Willoughby Chase”, and we respond with a wolf howl.

The book is set in the late 1800’s and is about two cousins named Bonnie, who comes from a fairly rich family, and Sylvia whose parents died when she was very young. Sylvia’s Aunt Jane has been looking after her ever since. Bonnie’s mother is very ill, so Bonnie’s parents have set off on a long overseas journey to help cure her mother. Aunt Jane is getting much older and she is very frail. She is unable to take care of herself or Sylvia, so she is sent off to live with her cousin Bonnie. A mean governess named Miss Slighcarp is looking after them whilst Sir and Lady Willoughby are away. Along the way some of these people encounter wolves, but always find a way to scare them off.

Some of the things I have learnt through the experience are to have persistence because even though the chapters are twenty plus pages long it is still important to read them. I have also learnt so many new words because the text is very complicated, but Ms McCormick gives us home learning glossary words that we have to find out the meaning of, which is really helpful. Ms McCormick has also given us home learning on writing about each character and drawing pictures of them, we are also making a list of the expectations of a young lady in that time.

The book club experience has been really fun and I look forward to finishing the book.

Marcella Malignaggi Year 6M

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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. **All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle.**

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
0410 184 494
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com

**Please Confirm Attendance ASAP**

**Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance**

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