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Welcome to Issue 5. The above image is a student ambassador at one of the many exhibits at the St Mary's Open Day 21 March. With almost 1000 guests the day was a huge success as St Mary's College opened its doors publicly for the first time. Across two campuses were learning exhibits, activities, music, food and speeches from our Principal, Year 7 and Year 9 Leaders and students. We are so proud of our co-educational Catholic College and warmly welcomed the many new families to our College community.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

We have had such wonderful feedback following our recent successful Open Day. To those students and parents who gave so much of their time and are the recipients of so much of the positive feedback, thank you for your commitment to our community, and particularly thank you for being such amazing representatives of what our community is.

Last Sunday we celebrated Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, the commemoration of the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem days before he was crucified on Good Friday. On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw palms or small branches in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Easter is a time of great ritual and celebration for our faith, and it is important that our students understand the significance of this time in the Catholic Church. On Holy Thursday, the final day of Term, we will conclude the day with all students and staff participating in our Easter Liturgy, conducted by a group of Year 12 students. This prayerful and solemn Liturgy will see these students re-enact the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, known as the Easter Triduum. We are so proud of these students for stepping up as leaders and role models of our values and traditions.

As we progress through the holiest week of the liturgical year, we are reminded that while there are tough times in life, there is always hope. In world and local news recently, we have

seen the desperate plight of many who suffer crucifixion in our own times, and of course we are reminded daily of the impacts of COVID, so let us pray that we can use Easter and the inspiration of Jesus' resurrection to dwell on hope and remind ourselves of the capacity for goodness of humanity. Perhaps more than ever our young people need to see and hear stories of optimism for a better life.

Loving God, we watch as silent shadows sweep across the earth. For all those who are suffering today, we pray we may hold hope in our hearts for the coming of dawn. Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the inspiration and wisdom to speak out against injustice and inequality.

Amen.

As we head into the term break, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of our community for their wonderful support throughout Term 1. It has been a privilege to be trusted to lead our great College and I am excited about what is to come. I wish all a safe and Holy Easter period.

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Dear Parents and Carers,

The phrase often used by teachers, students and parents, that the end of the term has come about quickly, really doesn't feel like a throwaway line this time around. There are a multitude of events that fill the school calendar in Term 1, and we are often moving from preparation, to event, to debrief, and into event preparation mode once again. Given that the entire calendar of events was wiped clean for many months in 2020, it has been great to reconnect with the entire school community again this year. Throw into the mix the 'snap' five day lock down (remember that!) and the first Term of our existence as St. Mary's College has truly flown by.

The opportunity we have now is to, very briefly, reflect on the Term before everything picks up again in Term 2.

The most significant reflection for me has been the wonderful experience of seeing the girls and boys embrace their new school environment as a truly co-educational college. Regardless of the campus, the girls and boys spend the majority of their time on, they have embraced St Mary's College in its entirety as being their school. Our students continue to be provided many opportunities to inform us of what they want to see more and less of in their

new school. It is this commitment to listening to our students and the countless examples of positive feedback we have received thus far that I am most proud of at the end of Term 1 2021.

I am looking forward to next term, and all of the joy, learning, and growth it will bring.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire



VCE

VCE Co-ordinator | Sylvia Pastore

The time is moving extremely fast and a term has now finished. It means that the Year 12 students only have two more full terms of classes, with Term 4 mainly aimed at revision and preparing for the exams. While it is important to use these holidays to have a break and get reinvigorated for next term, it is also vital that the students maintain a regular study program over the holidays. All students received a laminated study schedule from Ms Ellwood and it's important that they regularly schedule their study sessions during the holidays. It is important to remain consistent so that good habits forged this term are not broken.

If your child is having problems with studying it is important that they reach out so we can provide them with the support they need. As stated before to be successful in VCE consistency in study is important.

There will be some staff running holiday classes, either remotely or on campus, so please ensure your child makes an effort to attend them. This is a good time to review course content and get a head start for Term 2. In addition, holiday homework may be set so time set aside each day will make any workload easier to deal with.

The last few weeks, I have had some constructive meetings with small groups of Year 12 students where we are discussing their goals and ways myself and the College can help them achieve these goals. The meetings have been relaxed and have given me an opportunity to meet and get to know the students. These meetings will continue next term and I look forward in meeting students in a smaller environment where we can discuss any

issues and concerns that they have. It has been a busy term and I wish you and your family a happy Easter and a restful break.

VCE Co-ordinator | Sylvia Pastore



Wellbeing

Student Counsellor | Catherine McMahon

On Friday 19 March the College participated in Bullying No Way! Day. This is an annual national day of action against bullying and violence across all walks of life in Australia.

The day began with all students in their pastoral groups, hearing about personal cases of bullying and their effects on victims and their families. A college statement against bullying was then read out.

At recess, the Year 8 and 9 Rock bands performed along-side Bullying No Way! Day stalls set up by members of the Student Voice Committee on both campuses. The stalls were festooned with balloons and streamers to help draw attention to the anti-bullying message. Students received Bullying No Way! Day wrist bands.

Special thanks to Ms Naomi Chen and Mr. Chris Pye who helped support the students on the day and Mr. David O'Meara and the music department. Well done to the students from Student Voice for their hard work and commitment.



Computer Gaming

Computer gaming can be a major concern when it becomes addictive and disrupts the lives of our boys and girls at school. Sometimes gaming can mask mental health conditions experienced by the gamers as they seek distraction from their psychological pain.

Over the last two years, we have hosted parent evenings with Andrew Kinch from GameAware. Andrew has also spoke about the hazards of addictive gaming to our Year 7 and Year 8 students last year.

Andrew Kinch's holiday programs work with young people and their parents and guardians to help young people experience gaming in a more balanced way. [Click here](#) to visit the GameAware website for school holiday programs

Student Counsellor | Catherine McMahon



Identity

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston

The Easter Triduum, which begins on Holy Thursday and includes Good Friday and Easter Sunday is the apex of our liturgical year. During this time we commemorate Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

Our whole College gathered on Holy Thursday at the Presentation campus to pray and reflect. The prayer liturgy was led by the Year 12 Religious Education Service class, accompanied by the Year 12 RE Music class.

The events of Holy Thursday centered around a meal, the Last Supper. It is during this meal that as Jesus and the disciples ate and drank. He shared very important principles for living a Christian life. That is to be of service to others, to offer hospitality to all and have love for one another. This is what our Liturgy focused on.

Service

Love

Hospitality

To conclude our liturgy the whole College made a commitment pledge to those in our community living on the margins of society. Staff and students committed to sharing the charism of Edmund and Nano, reaching out to all we encounter with service, love and

hospitality. This is how we live as Easter people, all parts of Christ's body working together towards a single purpose: love.



May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Pope Francis Easter 2020

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston



Learning

MUSICIAN PROFILE



Hannah O - Year 10

Instrument - Singing

When did you start singing or playing your instrument?

I only just started singing when I was 14.

Who inspired you to start learning music?

My family inspired me.

What groups or ensembles do you perform in?

St Mary's College Choir

Who are some of your favourite bands/musicians/singers?

Amy Winehouse, Olivia Rodrigo, Christina Peri, The Rubens and the Techy Brothers

What do you like about Music at St Mary's College?

I like that music at St Mary's College is so encouraging. No one will judge you, we are always so welcoming when it comes to people who would like to join our Bands and Choirs.

What would you like to do with your music in the future?

I would like the choir to perform in not only assemblies but lots of different events that we do at St Mary's College. I would like to perform at Open Days and more.

Jake L - Year 8



Instrument(s) Tuba (Past), Trumpet (present)

When did you start singing or playing your instrument?

Tuba: Late 2019 – Mid 2020 Trumpet: Mid 2020 - Present

Who inspired you to start learning music?

Parents and music that I listen to

What groups or ensembles do you perform in?

St Mary's College - Year 8 Concert Band

Who are some of your favourite bands/musicians/singers?

Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Louis Prima, Chet Baker – Other Jazz Musicians/Singers

What do you like about Music at St Mary's?

I like to Play with other classmates, Learning New Songs to play and Having fun

What would you like to do with your music in the future?

Perform Music, Get into YR 9, 10, 11 Bands, And VCE Music

New Staff Profile

Amy Fitzpatrick



I am a Learning Support Officer (LSO) at St Mary's College. People will most likely see me with our beautiful Stella. We travel across both Edmund Rice and Presentation campuses. I also work with the Learning Support team to assist students in classes from Years 7-10.

Before coming to St Mary's College in 2021, I worked as a LSO at PCW. Although I was sad to say goodbye to nearly all my PCW family, I'm so glad to be here again with all my girls. Getting to know the boys has also been so much fun.

I've also worked as a teacher since 2015. As of this year, I have started studying to become a builder.

Since St Mary's College became co-educational, I've endeavoured to support the girls transition into a new environment. I love seeing our girls use their amazing gifts and talents to grow and become leaders at St Mary's College and beyond.

Jesse Teichelman



My name is Jesse Teichelman, and I am a Learning Diversity Officer. You will see me mainly on the Edmund Rice campus assisting students and teachers in core subject classes.

Before my role at St Mary's College, I was a PSD and Student Activity Coordinator at a foundation college in Point Cook. I have only been in Melbourne for around 14 months. I am originally from Perth WA. I have worked in education for around 6 years in various roles and love how rewarding and spontaneous my role can be. I hope to bring a sense of humour to learning and the ability to use my strengths to support students and promote inclusion and equality for all and to guide students to ultimate success in all they do.



Sport & House News

Sports Co-ordinator | Simon Hawkins

2XU Triathlon Series



In Term 1, our students participated in the 2XU Triathlon Series. We had students partake in three races: Elwood (Race 3), Brighton (Race 4) and St Kilda (Race 5).

Some students completed the fun-tri distances (250m swim, 10km bike, 2km run) and others completed the sprint events (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run) throughout the series. This great preparation put us in good stead for the final Victorian Schools Triathlon Championship (Race 5). This was a distance of 300m swim/13km bike/3km run.

The scoring system is calculated by adding the four students fastest times for each school.

Out of the four ACC Schools that participated we are glad to announce that **St Mary's College finished 1st** by 3 minutes.

Congratulations to Sam O who finished 2nd out of all the ACC Schools. We also thank Leo Z, Campbell O and Kyle S for their dedication over the years as they have completed their last Triathlon for the College. Thanks boys!

We are very proud of our students and the way they competed and trained over the last few months. Well done!

See the final results and times below:

Sam O'BRIEN	M	St Mary's	M (8.)	M 16 - 19 (4.)	0:05:05.0	0:23:03.0	0:10:45.0	0:43:14.0
Leo ZABARAUSKAS	M	St Mary's	M (25.)	M 16 - 19 (9.)	0:05:29.0	0:22:57.0	0:12:45.0	0:45:48.0
Kyle SULLIVAN	M	St Mary's	M (36.)	M 16 - 19 (12.)	0:05:11.0	0:24:30.0	0:12:39.0	0:47:03.0
Campbell OLDHAM	M	St Mary's	M (38.)	M 16 - 19 (13.)	0:05:22.0	0:23:25.0	0:13:12.0	0:47:16.0
Ethan TAIFER	M	St Mary's	M (65.)	M 16 - 19 (17.)	0:06:22.0	0:25:14.0	0:13:13.0	0:50:21.0
Ned SAYERS	M	St Mary's	M (110.)	M 16 - 19 (22.)	0:06:40.0	0:27:53.0	0:14:11.0	0:54:12.0
Alisdair NOLAN	M	St Mary's	M (128.)	M 16 - 19 (26.)	0:05:52.0	0:28:57.0	0:16:19.0	0:55:55.0
Madeleine LEROI	F	St Mary's	F (82.)	F 14 - 15 (18.)	0:06:18.0	0:29:34.0	0:16:59.0	1:00:02.0
Nicholas COOK	M	St Mary's	M (178.)	M 12 - 13 (47.)	0:06:55.0	0:29:46.0	0:17:01.0	1:00:06.0
Matthew NOLAN	M	St Mary's	M (214.)	M 16 - 19 (30.)	0:07:11.0	0:30:22.0	0:20:45.0	1:04:46.0

1st Place	ST MARY'S COLLEGE	3:03:21
2nd Place	SALESIAN COLLEGE	3:06:24
3rd Place	ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FTG	3:32:44
4th Place	ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE	3:34:23

ACC Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 31 of March our squad of 35 boys competed in the ACC Swimming Carnival at MSAC. The boys have been training for over a month to get to where they are. On the night, led by Captains Kyle S and Dom A, St Mary's College competed well, winning multiple relay and individual events, giving the bigger schools a run for their money.

Our U16s group age division were most impressive, winning the Medley relay and 4x50 freestyle relay. We were neck and neck with Mazenod all night, but our boys finished strong in the relays holding onto 2nd place!

Division 2 runners up, a fantastic result for our new school due to consistent and competitive swimming. Thanks to our Year 12 boys who competed on the night for their last time. We appreciate your commitment in representing the school diligently in ACC Swimming for CBC but now also St Mary's College. It was great having parents back to spectate and cheer on their sons also! Congratulations!



ACC T20 Cricket

Congratulations to Luke D for being awarded ACC Most Outstanding Performer T20 Cricket Division 2.

MOST OUTSTANDING PERFORMER
ACC SENIOR SPORT AWARDS 2021

T20 CRICKET - DIVISION 2

**LUKE
 DESTITO**



The ACC congratulates Luke Destito of St Mary's College on being recognised as the Most Outstanding Performer for Senior Division Two T20 Cricket in Term 1 of 2021.

Luke was an outstanding leader of the St Mary's team, performing consistently across the season and displaying sound game awareness in the T20 format. His scores included five half centuries: 50*, 9, 58, 70, 53* and 55 in the Grand Final, with a total of 295 runs and an average of 73.75. Luke played a pivotal role in his team's success, culminating in the first ever ACC premiership for St Mary's.

TEAM OF THE YEAR
ACC SENIOR SPORT 2021

T20 CRICKET

- BEN NOONAN** MAZENOD COLLEGE
Opener - 180+ Runs
- TYLER HOFFMAN** ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FERNTREE GULL
Opener - Average 54
- RAJ NAND** PARADE COLLEGE
181 Runs @ 45.25
- MITCHELL WAIN** SALESIAN COLLEGE
88 Runs @ 22.7, 3 Wickets
- LUKE DESTITO** ST MARY'S COLLEGE
295 Runs @ 73.75
- MAX BIRTHISEL** EMMANUEL COLLEGE
193 Runs, 3 Wickets
- MATT LUXFORD** ST MARY'S COLLEGE
All Rounder 156 @ 31, 7 Wickets @11.5
- SAM ISON** SALESIAN COLLEGE
62 Runs @ 15.5, 8 Wickets
- DANIEL BIRD** PARADE COLLEGE
11 Wickets
- BEDE COLLIS** PARADE COLLEGE
8 Wickets
- ADAM CRICK** PARADE COLLEGE
107 Runs @ 38, 3 Wickets
- 7th MAN**
- CALLUM VERRELL** ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FERNTREE GULL
All Rounder

Sports Co-ordinator | Simon Hawkins



From our Students

Year 10 Student | Raj J

On Tuesday 30 March during our Pastoral Period, we held the first Peer Mentoring session between the Year 7s and their Year 10 Peer Mentors. The aim for us mentors in the sessions is to teach the Year 7s valuable lessons that they can take away with them, revolving around topics such as transitioning from primary school into high school, building respectful relationships, and gaining independence, amongst others. We do this through either some fun games which the students enjoy playing or having some meaningful conversations about various issues.

The theme for the first session was "*It wasn't like this in primary school.*" As it was only our first session together, we did a couple of activities getting to know each other first, and then jumped straight into the theme, where we got the students to each share something to the small group of six to eight students, about something they've discovered in the transition from primary school to high school, whether that was a positive change or negative change, it didn't matter. Additionally, in my group, we got the students to play a trust game with each other, where they are blindfolded and have another student guide them around the room, with the aim being not to bump into any tables or chairs.

Overall, there was a very positive vibe and a buzz around the room as the students told us afterwards that they felt they got something out of this session, and they are looking forward to many more of these over the course of the year!

Year 10 Student | Raj J

CREATE YOUR
Tomorrow

OPEN DAY 2021

ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

SUNDAY
21
MAR
12PM - 3PM

ACROSS OUR
TWO ADJACENT
CAMPUSES

Open Day







New Uniform

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

Our community consultation survey to all students, parents and staff provided us with insights to what is important to our community in the design of the new St Mary's College uniform. Thank you to the 558 respondents for taking the time to complete the survey, some of which provided detailed responses. We extended the opportunity to potential families to tell us what is important to them in a uniform design, through a modified online survey on Open Day. The link was available at the 'New Uniform' exhibit at the Edmund Rice campus.

I am happy to report we are on track, with our design brief submitted to Midford, a list of essential uniform items that will make up the St Mary's College formal and sport uniform collection. We now await drawing design concepts early in Term 2 from Midford, to conceptualise colour combinations.

The New Uniform Committees will meet again in Term 2 when we have more information to share.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle



Our Community



Artist in Residence

Students at St Mary's College are incredibly fortunate to work with talented Artist in Residence Cameron Hayes. You will remember his work and presence at the Edmund Rice Open Day Gallery. We are thrilled to share a media release about his upcoming exhibition from 13 April to 2 May at Derby St, Collingwood.

 [Cameron Hayes Media Release 1.pdf](#)

School Holiday Camp

Camp Blue have a holiday program running at Presentation Campus during the holidays as per the attached flyer. The program will run from Monday 12 April to Friday 16 April from 7.30am to 6.00pm each day.

 Melb rebooted.pdf

Parents & Friends

On Monday 29 March the St Mary's College Parents & Friends Group held their second community meeting. It was great to see so many interested family members join in to meet with our Principal and Leadership staff, as well as offer their insights, experiences and input in College decision-making. Our wonderful Food Technology department provided us all with freshly made, mouth-watering scones. Our next meeting is Monday 3 May, so please add that to your calendars, as we would love to welcome as many families as possible to our meetings – no ongoing commitment required.

Uniform

Term 2 signals the change to College Winter uniform, and our uniform shops have arranged to open prior to the start of term to facilitate this.

The Midford Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Thursday 1 April at 4.00 pm. Additional Term 2 Holiday trading Hours are Thursday 15 April 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

The Midford Uniform Shop will return to normal hours on Tuesday 20 April.

Throughout the school term the opening hours are:

Tuesday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

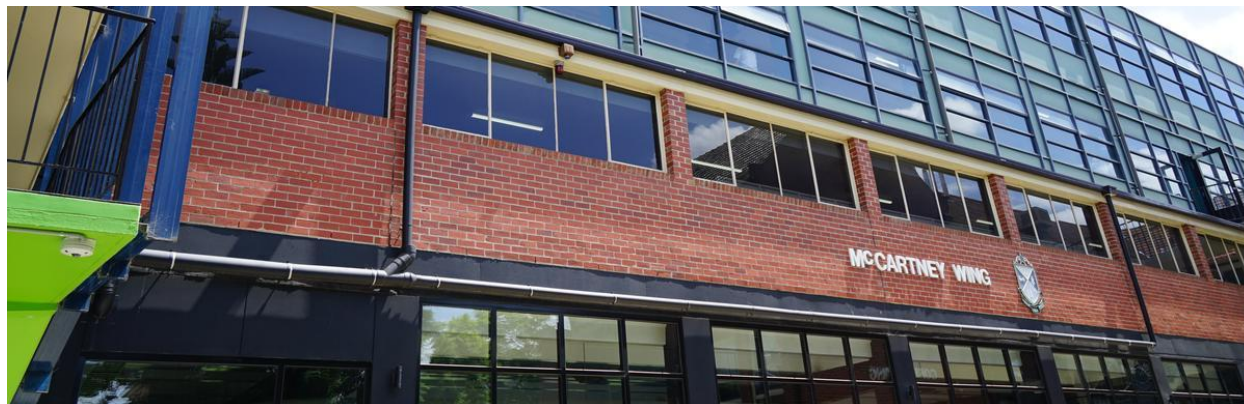
Thursday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

First Saturday of each month 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Unbranded navy school jumpers and female cut navy trousers will be available for purchase early in Term 2. These items are permitted for girls to wear until our new uniform is available for purchase.

(Entrance D, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East)

The P&F Recycled Uniform Shop is open on Saturday 17 April from 9:00am-11:30am
(Entrance B, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East)



Notices

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

2021 Fee Accounts

All 2021 Fee Accounts are due and payable by **31 March 2021**, unless an approved Payment Plan is in place by this date.

Where a family pays the entire Family Fee Account balance prior to 31 March 2021 a \$350 Early Payment Discount will be credited to the Family Fee Account.

**Please note that the Early Payment Discount does not apply to Scholarship, Bursary and Fee Assistance Accounts.*

Pay the entire Family Fee account balance prior to 31 March 2021	Eligible for \$350 *Early Payment Discount
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*Families making a full payment of Fees before 31 March 2021 may deduct the \$350 amount from the payment. Please note that in order to receive this discount the entire Family Fee Account balance for all students within the Family attending St Mary's College must be received into the St Mary's College bank account by **31 March 2021**.*

For the sake of clarity, deposits received in the St Mary's College bank account on 1 April 2021 will not be eligible to receive the Early Payment Discount.

Where Families elect to pay by instalments, a 2021 Fee Payment Agreement Form must be completed, signed and lodged with the Finance Office by **28 February 2021**.

All payment arrangements must be finalised by **31 October 2021**.

Documents in relation to Fees and Payment Arrangements can be found in the Parent Access Module PAM (SIMON)

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

2020 Applications are now Open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is a \$225 annual payment to schools that can be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

To qualify for the CSEF your family must satisfy the following criteria or be an eligible beneficiary of one of the following cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- be a temporary foster parent, or
- the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card).

A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

For more information, see:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

The CSEF is paid directly to St Mary's College and will be credited against your Fee Account at St Mary's College to contribute towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF, please complete and return the CSEF Application Form, which can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) On School Students with Disability information sheet for parents

 [NCCD-Information-Sheet-parents.pdf](#)

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien



Dates & Events

[College Calendar](#)