Dear Parents & Families,

We have now moved into our refurbished Administration Area and all our visitors have been very impressed by our new space. We still have a few minor things left to do inside, and our new entrance sign should be completed before the end of the school year. Feel free to stop in and have a look.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to the twenty-two students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Tuesday evening. Thank you to the Miss Nguyen, Miss Penzo and Mrs Laycock for all their work in preparing the students and the ceremony.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Thank you to our SRC who led our Remembrance Day service at 11.00am last Wednesday. It was great to have the opportunity to gather and remember in prayer all those who have fought for our country.

**WALKATHON**

Our Walkathon was held today and we were all very pleased that the weather was perfect for the event. We are now asking for all students to collect their pledges from their sponsors and have the money returned to school by Friday November 27. All returned pledges will go into a draw for the chance to win one of six $20 iTunes which will be held on Monday November 30. Thank you to the many parents who assisted today and to the P & F for supplying the free icy poles.

**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE**

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Wednesday 18th November to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters will lead students from Year Prep - 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

**PREP 2016**

Afternoon Storytime is Thursday November 19 at 3.10pm, and our next Morning Orientation Session is Tuesday November 24 from 9.30am – 11.00am.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Our P&F are also holding a mega Christmas Raffle this year. For those who would like to donate an item or Business Voucher to the Raffle, please see Anna at the school office.

**SCHOOL SPORTS DAY**

Our 2015 School Sports Carnival will be held next Monday November 23 on the school oval. Events start at 11.00am and everyone is most welcome to attend.

**SUMMER SPORT**

The Senior School Summer Sport Program continues this Friday, November 20th with matches being played at Away v. William Ruthven College. We wish all our teams the best of luck.

Enjoy the week!

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**ART NEWS**

We are coming to the end of the year with so many wonderful artworks still being produced in all year levels. Year 3/4/5/6’s are currently working on Weaving Looms and Mosaics. If you have any old ceramic tiles or wool stored away that isn’t required, then any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Lisa Hrisikos
SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
Monday November 23 from 11.00am – 3.00pm. The students will be representing their House Teams of Bates (Red), Latrobe (Yellow) and Kelly (Green).
Lunch will be a ‘Picnic on the Green!’ where families are encouraged to adopt a ‘Healthy Lunch Day.’ All welcome.

OLW 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
MON 16  WALKATHON
TUE 17  SWIMMING FOR P – 2
        P&F MEETING
THUR 19  PREP 2016 STORYTIME
FRI 20  SPORT V.WILLIAM RUTHVEN (A)
MON 23  SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
TUE 24  PREP 2016 ORIENTATION SWIMMING FOR P - 2 – LAST SESSION
WED 25  ED BOARD MEETING
FRI 27  SPORT V. THOMASTOWN (H)
MON 30  JUNIOR SCHOOL AQUARIUM EXCURSION

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2016

TERM ONE
- STAFF RETURN - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27
- STUDENT TESTING FOR YEARS 1 – 6 THURSDAY JANUARY 28 & FRIDAY JANUARY 29
- ALL STUDENTS COMMENCE LESSONS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 1
- TERM ONE FINISHES THURSDAY MARCH 24 (EASTER – FRIDAY MARCH 25 to MONDAY MARCH 28)

TERM TWO
MONDAY APRIL 11 - FRIDAY JUNE 24

TERM THREE
MONDAY JULY 11 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

TERM FOUR
MONDAY OCTOBER 3 - TUESDAY DECEMBER 20
(*Students finish FRIDAY DECEMBER 16)
Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Readers for Sunday Mass
15th Nov 6pm M Smyth 8am S Suri 10am N Buchan
22nd Nov 6pm J Glover 8am B Bowlen 10am R Cicognini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
15th Nov 6pm E Gleeson 10am B Hayes
22nd Nov 6pm L Gangi 10am M Nolan

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
14th Nov B Bowlen, M Magnacca, P Matthews
28th Nov Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
15th Nov Joan Fothergill
22nd Nov Margaret Sullivan

11th Nov Church Account $1205.00
Presbytery Account $700.00

All Masses Sat 14th and Sun 15th Nov: For all the faithful departed from the Parish.
PARISH NOTICES

Parish Units: New contact person for our Units is Mr. Mark Dunne, 0429 017 333, email address: mark.dunne@vmch.com.au. Please contact him for further details if interested.

Christmas raffle: Set aside a few coins for our Christmas raffle. $1.00 a ticket.

Handmade cards: On sale now at $3.00 each. Available from the church foyer.

Christmas crib: Our Christmas crib will be set up on Saturday 28th November. Morning tea will be provided. We need help to do this. All hands on deck. Please let Father Terry know if you can help.

November Envelopes: If you haven’t already, could you please collect your envelopes from the Church foyer. Place all envelopes in silver bowl by paschal candle.

Anointing of the sick: 3rd Sunday of Advent. All masses. 12th Dec 6pm mass, 13th Dec 8am and 10am Mass.

Parish Lunch: November 25th is the last parish lunch for 2015 and will be held at the Summerhill Hotel at 12.00pm. If you would like to attend, please place your name on the sheet in the foyer.

Year of Mercy: Our parish will have a special doorway to celebrate this year of Mercy. Also, there shall be a lot more things happening in our parish. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and notice boards for information on upcoming events.

Talk on Blessed Oscar Romero: Cardinal Rodriguez, archbishop of Honduras, will speak at Montmorency Parish on Friday 29th Nov, from 3pm – 4.30pm on Blessed Oscar Romero. If you are interested in attending please sign the clip board in the foyer. Bookings essential.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal December 2015: Over the next few weeks, we are asking for your assistance in supplying non-perishable goods for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Groceries (with a long use by date please) and other toys may be left under the Christmas tree next weekend. We ask that they be left there on or before Sunday 13th December. The hampers will be distributed during the week beginning 14th December 2015.