FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Mr Bernard McFarlane

Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated our annual End of Year Family Mass followed by the Presentation of Awards and Farewells to staff who are retiring. The celebration of our shared Faith and the public recognition of the excellent achievements of many boys fosters a strong spirit of community and academic excellence. The staff appreciated the support of the families who participated in this important occasion; the only disappointment was the small number of families that attended.

To all students who continually worked hard to reach their potential, congratulations on your efforts and achievements. The knowledge that you have done your best should be personally rewarding for you and your family. The strength of an excellent learning community lies in the quality of each student's efforts to give of his best on a daily basis.

Many boys received awards for Leadership or Academic Excellence for their outstanding achievements. May these boys be an inspiration to their fellow students. A list of award winners is included in the following page.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Mid Year Exams - Year 9 & 10

Year 9 & 10 Exams have commenced. These will be 1 ½ hours' duration. A Study Guide to assist with the preparation for the exams was provided to each student at the beginning of November.

Arrangements for Year 9  Normal classes will operate for students in Year 9 during Periods 1-4 on exam days and exams held during Periods 5 and 6.

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Arrangements for Year 10  Year 10 students are expected to attend Homeroom as normal. They will be dismissed after their final exam each day.

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If students need to reschedule an exam due to unforeseen circumstances, this must be arranged with the Year 9 & 10 Level Coordinator, Mr Turner.

Mrs H Koutoulogenis - Director of Teaching & Learning
2012 Student Awards

Excellence Award Year 7
Art: Cholo Viray
Religious Education: Cholo Viray
Science: Duang Dang
Japanese: Lawrence Huynh
HPE: Thomas Rendle
Mathematics: Anthony Tinh
Italian: Kevin Wong
English: Cholo Viray

Excellence Award Year 8
English: Matthew Chen
Humanities: Jacky Chen
Religious Education: Jacky Chen
Science: Terry Bao
Art: Tung Nguyen
Visual Communication: Edmund Quan
HPE: Curtis Reeder
Japanese: Anthony Tan
Italian: Anthony Titone
Mathematics: Brian Tuong

Excellence Award Year 9
HPE: Michael Au
Mathematics: Robert Diep
Humanities: Stefan Frengos
Technology: Thanh Le
Japanese: Johnson Lieu
Science: Joshua Peng
Art: Tien Phan
Visual Communication: Hieu William Ton
English: Farzan Yazdi
Religious Education: Reginald Zaffra

Excellence Award Year 10
English: Edward Bituin
Science: Edward Bituin
Technology: Edward Bituin
Radio Production: Anthony Gheller-Devine
Painting Sculpture: Jimmy Huang
Pottery: Tuan Le
Religious Education: David Lai
Digital Photography: Hao Loi
Web Design: Peter Peter
Stop Motion: James Mitas
Italian: Vincent Papandreou
Communication: Anthony Ranno
Humanities: Jamie Razmoksi
Mathematics: Thanuja Silva
Japanese: Bryan Talagtag
HPE: Tai Truong
VC E General: Denny Truong

Middle School Year 10 DUX
Edward Bituin

Excellence Award Year 11
Italian: Matthew Cervini
Psychology: Bryan Denzil Lesoy
Japanese: Matthew Dougherty
Business Management: Inot Inot
General Mathematics: Xu Wang Liao
Legal Studies: Xu Wang Liao
Chemistry: Xu Wang Liao
Mathematical Methods: Xu Wang Liao

Leadership Award Year 7
Godwin Makabory
Year 8
Jacky Chen
Year 9
Isaac Montebello
Year 10
Raimus Precilla
Year 11
Matthew Dougherty
CALTEX Best All Rounder Year 12
Luke Higgins
CALTEX Best All Rounder Year 10
Bryan Talagtag

Sportsman of the Year
Eamonn Murphy

Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork
Year 10
Bryan Talagtag
Year 11
Simmon Tran
Year 12
Kyrollos Hanna

Kwong Le Dow Scholar
Edward Bituin

Justin Simonds Award Student
Dominic Scholtes

Justin Simonds Award
Bernard McFarlane
Congratulations to those young men who have been appointed by their peers to leadership positions in 2013. Their attitude, enthusiasm and commitment to Simonds will ensure that they will be excellent role models and leaders of the student body.

**VCE - School Leaders**

**VCE School Captain**
Patrick Morel-Shields

**VCE Vice-Captain**
Marcus Walsh

Richard Mariano
Stephen Warburton
Simmon Tran
James Saragias

Polding House Captain
Jack Nguyen

Knox House Captain
Eamonn Murphy

Manix House Captain
Simmon Tran

Goold House Captain
Rohan Pereira

**Middle School (Yr. 7-10) Captain**
Andrew Doan

**Yr. 7-10 - House Captains**

Polding House Captain
Stefan Frengos

Manix House - Captain
Alfonso Zampogna

Goold House - Captain
Isaac Montebello

Knox House - Captain
Nelson Cheong
POLDING - John Bede Polding first arrived in Australia on September 13th, 1835, was appointed Vicar Apostolic with jurisdiction over what is now the Commonwealth of Australia.

MANNIX - Archbishop Daniel Mannix made his name with the Conscription issue during World War One. Twice he confronted the Prime Minister, William Hughes, on this matter, and with the help of the troops on the Western Front in Europe, defeated the Conscription bill. He was Archbishop of Melbourne for 45 years.

GOOLD - Bishop James Goold helped to restore order and calm on the gold fields of Victoria and saw the need for school buildings, within the Melbourne area.

KNOX - Robert James Knox was appointed Archbishop of Melbourne. He saw education as pivotal and proposed one central theological college rather than separate seminaries for diocesan priests and those of religious institutes.

As part of our commitment to providing a quality education for your son, we will be increasing the learning technologies available to our students. In particular, the iPad will provide an innovative lower cost creative mobile learning device which offers the potential to increase boys' learning opportunities.

Through financial support from the Australian Government, we have been improving the technology infrastructure at the St Mary's 7-10 Campus to enable us to support mobile computing options at the school.

During the first week of school in 2013, students in Years 7, 8 & 9 will be required to attend an evening meeting with their sons to receive a new (Gen 4) Apple iPad with Retina display Wi-Fi 32GB and a protective case. To assist with the cost of equipment, apps, insurance and maintenance, an initial annual levy of $120 will be added to school fees. A reduction in the cost of the booklist will help pay for this levy.

Your son can look forward to exciting learning opportunities in 2013.

2013 Booklists

The 2013 Booklists are now available for all year levels. Year 8, 9, 10 booklists are being mailed home with this newsletter. Students currently in Year 10 and 11 have already received theirs.

There has been a delay in the publication of the booklists this year due to many changes required as a consequence of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum across four subject areas and the introduction of iPads in Year 7, 8 and 9.

As such, although we have requested students to return booklist orders by their last day at school, the office will accept these until 11 December 2012. Parents may also take advantage of online ordering. Orders will be available for collection on Thursday 24 January 2013 from 9am until 3pm at the St Mary's Campus, West Melbourne.