Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Well the end of the term has arrived! It has been an extremely busy term, but very enjoyable. Well done to the students on all their achievements across this term. The platform is now set and ready to build on over the remaining terms.

Athletics Carnival
What a terrific day we had on Wednesday at Alexandra Park and how privileged we are to be able to use such a first class facility. Well done to all our students for their great participation, healthy competition and encouragement of each other. I haven’t been able to walk since deciding to run the 400m, but was glad to be in a race with the ilk of Mr Couture who showed us all how it is done. A special mention to Mrs Wright who took out the Mother’s race amongst some very fierce competition. All in all a very enjoyable and fun-filled day. In the end St John Bosco won with 1767 points ahead of St Francis of Assisi on 1687 points. Congratulations! Across the day 32 records were set. The results will be up early next term for students to see. Well done to all our Age Champions who were presented with medals at our morning assembly on Thursday.

Age: 5/6/7 - Georgia Cattell and Patrick Simpson
Age: 8/9 - Jacinta Irwin and Patrick Byrnes
Age: 10/11 - Lucy Wright and Samuel Perry
Age: 12/13 - Anna Bell and Joshua Wright
Age: 14/15 - Rosalee Murphy and Thomas Van Der Horst
Open - Brigid Horsfall and Damien Bell

I am very much looking forward to next year’s Carnival. Mr Williams and I are also hoping to atone for our 400m performance with a strong showing in next term’s Cross Country, so will be hitting the training track with vigour.

Lost Property
Please check your children’s school clothing items to ensure they belong to your family. We have a number of children missing clothing items and they may have been mistakenly picked up and taken to the wrong home! Thank you.

Yr.7/8 TAS Market Day
Well done to the 7/8s on running such a successful Market Day yesterday. Thank you to everyone for their support of their business ventures. The students were all very grateful.

Interim Reports
Teachers have completed the Interim Reports and these will be mailed out to families early in the holidays. If you have any concerns, please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher early next term.

Classroom Support
Each Thursday Miss Rebecca Noll will be working in the Yr.3/4 Room. She is studying a Certificate III in Education Support and is at SMMC to fulfill the volunteer hours necessary for her course. Welcome to SMMC.

Reading to your children
Please remember to read to your children over the break. Modelling good reading and a love of literature is a great gift to your child. Getting your children to read aloud to you is also very important, so they can build on the skills they have been working on across this term. Happy reading!

Each class spent some time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament today, which was a great way to finish the term. May we always strive to keep Jesus at the centre of all we do. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, happy and restful break away. See you back on the school yard in two weeks’ time. The Staff are back on deck on Tuesday 26th April and students will resume on Wednesday 27th April.

Thank you to all our families for their support across this term. Enjoy the extra time with your children these holidays.

God Bless

Luke Burton
Principal
Dates for your diary…

- **Monday 25th April** – ANZAC Day. Please attend the Jindera service if you can.
- **Wednesday 27th April** – **Term Two Begins for students**
- **Saturday 30th April** – SMMC Working Bee, 9:00am – 1:00pm
- **Saturday 7th May** – Mother’s Day Cake Stall in Jindera
- **May 10, 11 and 12** – NAPLAN for Years 3,5,7 and 9.
- **Thursday 12th May 7:30pm** – Parents and Friends Meeting
- **Sunday 22nd May** – Lavington Parish Confirmation with Bishop Hanna
- **Tuesday 24th May** – Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day
- **Friday 24th June** – **Term Two finishes**
- **Tuesday 19th July** – **Term Three begins for students**
- **Thursday 21st July** – BISSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- **Saturday 30th July** – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner at Commercial Club
- **Monday 2nd August** – Saint Mary Mackillop Feast Day
- **Thursday 11th August** – BIPSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
- **Friday 12th August 7:30pm** – Parent Evening with Dr Gerard O’Shea
- **Saturday 13th August** – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for SMMC, 9am – 4pm. Volunteers needed please.
- **Friday 23rd September** – **Term Three finishes**
- **Tuesday 11th October** – **Term Four begins for students**
- **Saturday 22nd October** – SMMC Fete
- **Friday 11th November – Sunday 13th November** - **Father/Son Camp, Harrietville**
- **Friday 12th November 7:30pm** – Parent Evening with Dr Gerard O’Shea
- **Saturday 22nd November** – SMMC Fete
- **Monday 8th December** – **Term Four finishes**
- **Tuesday 11th October** – **Term Four begins for students**
- **Monday 19th July**

### Year 7/8 TAS Class Market Day

WOW, the students should be very proud of themselves! They all turned up with everything needed to run their businesses yesterday, showing terrific organisational skills and commitment. It was a lot of fun and all the students commented that it went better than they thought it would. Great reward for effort. Thank you to the 7/8 students' parents who no doubt gave them much support to help in being ready to go. Thank you to all the SMMC Students and the parents who turned up to spend their hard earned money and support this venture. A very sizeable $411.80 was made in total. All profits are being generously donated to the SRC to put towards projects that will improve our school. Well done 7/8s. It has been a pleasure working with you.

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A Great Day out at the SMMC Athletics’ Carnival
How do we maintain our Christian focus in a hedonistic society?

Hedonism is total unbridled pleasure seeking. This notion is prevalent in our society is that the only thing that matters is having a good time, enjoying yourself as much as possible and totally self-indulging without thinking of the consequences. Anyone that has looked at a new project home lately would be amazed at the size of the parents’ area. It usually takes one third of the house and is right at the other end of the home away from the children's bedrooms. It has the essential enormous spa bath located in the ensuite which generally isn't separated from the parents' bedroom. No expense or luxurious appointment is spared. There are lots of other examples of this excessive pleasure seeking, everywhere from monstrous plasma screen televisions to overeating.

But what has all this got to do with children? It is just as much part of the child’s culture as well. Children quite often in modern society are allowed to play whatever they like on the computer and for as long as they like. One mother told me she eventually had to limit her son’s computer time to 3-4 hours per day! What ever happened to kids playing outside? Other hedonistic child culture features can be children's birthday parties, where because it is their birthday they can eat or have whatever they like. Some have parties with friends staying over where they stay up all night at the other end of the house so as not to disturb anyone. Any time kids are allowed to have or do anything they like with the pleasurable things of life, without some sort of moderation, they are practising hedonism.

What is the solution? Perhaps hedonism isn't part of your home or lifestyle, however because it is so prevalent in our culture, we have to foster the virtues our children will need to counteract this lifestyle. Temperance is the virtue required, which is enjoying the good things in life in moderation. As a parent give children limits on pleasures. With food, have a rule of no unauthorised snacks and no dessert until dinner is finished. Computer time needs to be monitored and restricted to say no more than 30 minutes at a time unless it is a school project. Have Fridays as a day “on guard” where the children make food sacrifices, such as the traditional no meat and maybe no sweets or no snacking at all. Birthday parties should be lots of fun, but with limits, such as ending at a reasonable hour. The food at parties needs to have some sort of limit also. Set a good example yourself by enjoying alcohol and other adult pleasures in moderation. Always remember as a parent that you are bringing up your children to be fine upstanding men and women and try to keep this vision in the forefront of your parenting.

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL
Fortitude

“In situations which make it difficult to improve, courageous people resist harmful influences, withstand difficulties and strive to act positively to overcome obstacles and undertake great deeds.”

-David Isaacs-Character Building