Baptism Celebration: Last Sunday at the 10.30am Mass Skye and Daniel Spencer received the Sacrament of Baptism. This special time was shared by their family, friends, some students and St. Mary’s parishioners.

Welcome Jaya and Family: Last Friday Jaya Stirling commenced at St. Mary’s. She is in Grade Two. A very warm welcome to Larissa, Jaya and their family. We hope you enjoy living in Donald.

Working Bee Thank-you: Sincere thanks to the families who attended the Working Bee on Sunday and completed so many jobs.

Cross Country Reminder: Tomorrow commencing at 1.00pm at the Goff Letts Oval the St. Mary’s Cross Country will be held. The senior students will run first. All families are invited to attend. Students are asked to wear their Sport’s uniform, school hat and bring a drinker of water.
**Project Compassion:** Many thanks to families who have returned their Project Compassion box. Families with a box are asked return their box in the coming week to allow the money to be sent off as soon as possible.

**Enhancing Catholic School Culture Survey:** Each family will have received an envelope with information regarding this survey. Every three years schools are asked to complete the survey to assist with the school to better understand how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice. The survey is on-line and needs to be completed by **Friday May 13th**. The survey is completed by all staff, Grade 5 & 6 students, School Advisory Council members and as many families as possible. The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete and can be done over several days. Many thanks to families who are willing to complete it. Thank you to families who have completed it.

**Bringing Up Great Kids:** This morning the first session of Bringing Up Great children is being held. The second session will be held next Thursday, April 28th from 9.00am – 12.00noon in the Multi-Purpose Room

**Clean Up Australia:** The students participated in the Clean Up Australia program yesterday Wednesday, April 20th in the afternoon.

**Basketball Sessions:** On Monday the students participated in the first of seven session focusing on basketball skills. The sessions are run by Mrs Kath Campbell.

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**St. Mary’s Parish Donald, Sunday April 24th**
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am

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**Attendance:** As noted on last week’s Newsletter the importance to student’s learning outcomes of attending school each day. Congratulations to Zachariah, Skye, Marty, John, Charlotte, Charlie, Jacob, Finn, Zac Livingsston, George, Petria, Daniel, Noah and Luke who have attended school each day during the first 11 weeks.

**Hockey:** The school participated in a hockey training session on Tuesday and all learnt some new hockey skills and had fun.
**Principal Awards:** Congratulations to Noah, Libby, Geordie and Lyric for your excellent work this week.

**Pastoral Care Worker:** Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
Contact Details: Through the school 54971116 or by ringing directly on 0409 598 481.
Email: Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

**The Bounce Back! Program.**
This week we will be continuing with our topic of friendship, including why we like having friends, how we make new friends, what makes a good friend and other skills needed to be a good friend.

**Ambulance Victoria:** The whole school will participate in a session looking at the role of the ambulance and learn how to react in case of an emergency. The two sessions will be held on Thursday, April 28th in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Pie Drive**
If you missed your order last week and wishing to order or wish to order more please feel free to submit order.

**SECOND BAKE:** Return of orders: **Friday April 22nd.**
Collection/Delivery Day: Thursday April 28th.

Angelique Donnellon

**Maintenance:**
Monday April 18th – Friday, April 29th
Devine and Donnellon Families
Parents & Friends News

Final PD Day Thank-you
Thank-you to the school families who were able to donate towards the purchase of the grocery items used in last week’s PD Day catering. Every little bit helps and is very much appreciated.

Pie Drive
Pie drive forms for families allocated the SECOND BAKE are due back tomorrow April 22 - Belleville, Davis, Devine, Harmer, Leeder, Molloy-Drum, Morgan, McLachlan, Rachinsky and Smith. Pies from bake two will be available for pick-up from 2.30pm next Thursday. Pies ordered in BAKE ONE last week are due for pick-up TODAY at 2.30pm in the multipurpose room. Anyone able to bring bags or boxes it would be appreciated.

St. Mary’s Book Club
The book chosen for Term 2 is “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Everyone is welcome to source a copy and join in, we’ll be watching the movie of the book at the end of term, date TBA.
Next P&F Meeting Tuesday May 17th, 7.45pm
Candece Jay President of Parents and Friends.

Community Messages:
2016 Mother’s Day Classic This fundraising event to assist breast cancer and to raise awareness of this cancer will be held on Sunday, May 8th at the Donald Racecourse. Participant’s may walk or run.

Soccer: Soccer is held each Wednesday at 5.00pm in the Big Shed at the Primary School. All Grade 4,5 & 6 students are invited to attend.

St Mary’s Weekly Tuck Shop Order
Due back with payment – Wednesday 27th April

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**Whole term order will be sent home in next week’s newsletter**