Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tonight Thursday, March 17th at 6.00pm the Grade Five students Erika Bicket, Ebony Frank, Zac Livingston and George Morgan, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All families are invited to attend.

School Crossing: Many thanks to the families using the crossing. There will be a meeting with Mr. Danny Forrest and Buloke Shire regarding the Crossing. Date to be determined.

End of Term: Term One finishes next Thursday, March 24th at 2.30pm.

Staff Professional Development Days: Owing to the teachers attending the Small Schools Professional Development Day the students will not commence Term Two until Wednesday, April 13th.

Clean Up Australia: The students will participate in the Clean Up Australia program when the weather improves.

AFL Football Clinic: Yesterday the students in Grade 3-6 attended the clinic and enjoyed the session, especially the Collingwood supporters.

St. Mary’s Parish Donald, Sunday March 13th
Palm Sunday
Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am
Principal Awards: Congratulations again John Clapham, Charlotte Bicket, Xavier Birch, Ollie Berry, Geordie Smith and Texas Davis on your excellent work this week. The Foundation students are busy learning about patterns and how to form the letters. The Grade Two, Three and Four class have been writing some imaginative stories.

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 BounceBack Program also promotes core values which provide a basis for forming and building good relationships. These include showing respect and appreciation for the rights and feelings of others. For example by being fair and responsible, being thoughtful and using good manners, choosing sensible behaviour instead of silly or unsafe behaviour.

Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents.

Give your child positive feedback when they act in these ways.

Never give up! Sometimes there is a ‘sleeper effect’, and values that your child didn’t seem to take up at an earlier age occur as they become older.
**Vintage Machinery Rally:** The 49th Annual Rally will be held over the Easter Weekend 26th to 28th March at Wheatlands Warracknabeal. All colouring competitions and construction competition pieces need to be returned to the school by **Monday, March 20th** or taken to Warracknabeal before the 26th. Prizes available.

**Guitar Lessons:** Lessons will commence in Week 2 of Term 2. Lessons will be taken at 1.00pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. The cost per term is $20.00, to be paid at the start of Term. Students in Grade 3-6 are able to learn the guitar and need to have a plastic pocket book to keep their music sheets in and a guitar. Please return the slip from the Newsletter if interested.

**Parents & Friends News**

**St. Mary’s Book Club Movie Night,** Friday April 15, 7pm.
A screening of ‘Finding Fish’ by Antwone Fisher will be held on the first Friday of next term in the multi-purpose room. Bring along a bean bag, some drinks and nibbles and a friend or two.

**Pie Drive** Pie drive forms will be sent home next week with the final term one newsletter.

**Working with Children Certificate** Session, after first school assembly Term 2. Help is available for anyone interested in obtaining their working with children certificate early next term. Instead of morning tea at the cafe, we invite parents to stay behind for assistance with the application process. More information on the certificate can be found online at: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

**Next P&F Meeting** Tuesday April 19, 7.30pm
Candece Jay – President of P & F

**Summer Sports:** The Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be travelling by bus to Lord Nelson Park at St. Arnaud tomorrow to participate in either Cricket or T-ball. The bus leaves the school at 9.10am and the sports commence at 10.00am.

**Donald Netball Club:** Net Set Go registration day will be on Wednesday 13th April starting at 3.45pm – 4.30pm, at the netball courts. For further information please phone Jenny Mortlock on 0418611440 or Kim Griffiths 0438981227

**Donald Hockey Club** Come, Try & Registration Night
Thursday March 17, Donald Hockey Ground
ALL GRADES 4.30pm - 7.00pm All existing, new and interested players welcome!
More information contact club secretary Tammy Barber 0437 857 255
Hockey Training starts next week: Minkey (under 11’s): Wednesday afternoon 3.45 to 5.00pm
Under 13’s: Wednesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm Underage (under 15 boys, under 16 girls): Thursday time TBA  Senior: Thursday 6pm
Hook-in2 Hockey to be announced soon.
Join the Donald Hockey Club Facebook page to keep up with further news.

**Finals Week of Donald Basketball:**
Door entry Friday $5 a family or $2 single. We will also have a raffle and drinks/lollies/chips for sale on all nights. Players please don’t forget to bring a spare shirt so you can return your playing top if it's your last game and get your $10 deposit back. Tops must be returned by grand final night to get deposit back.
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Please telephone Mrs Bernadette Clark on 54971015 if you require more details.

My child/ children ................................................................. are interested in participating in guitar lessons.

Parent signature: .................................................................

Please return by the end of term.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day – May the luck of the Irish stay with you and yours all year.