**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Foundation students will not attend on Wednesdays. Days not attending are February 22nd and March 1st and 8th. After the Labour Day Long Weekend, the Foundation students attend on Wednesdays.**

**Swimming:** Students are swimming each day until the Swimming Sports on Friday, February 24th. The Sports commence at 11.00am.

**Assembly:** The first Assembly will be held tomorrow Friday February 17th at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Seniors will lead the Assembly.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends will be held on Monday, March 6th at 7.00am in the Library.

The Annual General Meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 7.00pm. Any person wishing to nominate for School Advisory Council is asked to contact the Office for a form.

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**Beginning of Year Mass:** Last Friday, February 10th, the school celebrated Mass at the church. At Mass Father Eugene welcomed the Foundation students and officially inducted one Term One school leader, Zac Livingston and presented the Grade 6 students with their jumpers.

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**Assembly:** The Assembly will be held at 9.00am in the Multi-purpose Room lead by the Senior students. At the Assembly Erika will be officially inducted as leader and present her speech.

**Merit Awards:**

- **Foundation & Year 1:** Libby Griffiths, Skye Spencer and Nullah Clapham
- **Grade 2 & 3:** Lyric Davis, Cameron Belleville & Hamish Birch
- **Grades 4, 5 & 6:** Toby Smith, Charli Fagan, Lachlan Belleville, George Morgan & Jacob Donnellon
Swimming: The swimming program has been going well and have included all seasons of weather. Swimming will conclude with the Swimming Sports on Friday, February 24th. The Swimming Sports commence at 11.00am. There is a barbeque available. All families are invited to attend this fun day.

Students are required to bring their bathers, towel, swimming vest or T-shirt. They may find it easier if they have thongs or sandals to bring them to wear to and from the pool.

Forms: Parents please be aware that any family eligible for the Travelling Conveyance there are forms in the Office.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund Application Form: Families who have a Health Care Card or Centrelink Pensioner Concession are eligible to apply. Note details are on the back of the form.

Fee Reduction: Any family with a Health Care Card is asked to present it to the Office to receive a reduction in School Fees. The reduction is a family rate of $520.00.

Many thanks to the families who have returned their forms sent home at the beginning of the year. Could all families please return them in the coming week. Please contact the Office if another copy of the forms are needed.

Sports' Days: The students will participate in Sport on Tuesday and Friday and are to wear their red t-shirt and navy shorts. Beginning on Tuesday, February 27th the whole school will be participating in Blueearth on a Tuesday afternoon. Apologies re the confusion as the day of Blueearth was changed from Monday to Tuesday.

Library Days: Students in Foundation – Grade 3 have Library on a Friday and students in Grades 4-6 have library on Monday. Students are encouraged to borrow books regularly and will need a library bag to place the books in.

Parents and Friends:

Meals On Wheels Thank-you
Thank you to our parents, teachers and grandparents who volunteered to take the meals on wheels deliveries this week. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

P&F AGM Monday, March 6 - 7.00pm
Our next P&F meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Monday March 6 in the school library and will be followed by a general meeting. ALL WELCOME.

Candece Jay
President of Parents and Friends
**Principal’s Award:** Congratulations Lexis for her illustration and retell of the story of Zacchaeus and Darnell our budding Mathematician.

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**Let’s Read Donald - Pop Up Libraries to Comes to Town**
Any family who has unwanted books in good order suitable for young children to the age of 12 please drop them into the Office. Many thanks to families who have dropped in some books. More details about this program are on the School App.

**The Bounce Back! Program**
Leading into our new Bounce Back topic for this term, the children are making their own Bounce Back figure as a visual reminder, that we can learn skills and positive ways of overcoming difficult situations and everyday challenges.
Next week we will be starting the core values unit by looking at the importance of honesty.
A key message from the Bounce Back! program that parents can communicate to their child is that values are easy to talk about but harder to act on. The real test is whether we still follow values like honesty, fairness and responsibility, when it is inconvenient or their might be uncomfortable outcomes for us. Nobody is perfect but it’s important to try and live by our values and keep trying to improve.
If you would like more information about Bounce Back, or the assistance I can offer to children and families, I can be contacted by phoning or texting me on 0409 598 481, or at school on Thursdays.
Anne Boadle.
Pastoral Care Worker.

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**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
Swimming Sport – Friday, February 24th 2017

The annual Swimming Sports will be held on Friday, February 24th commencing at 11.00am.
If you are able to help, please fill in the form and return it to the school by Monday, February 20th.
If you have any queries please contact Carling McEvoy, the Sport’s Coordinator.

**Nine helpers are required to assist at the Swimming Sports. Thank you to the offers of help but further assistance is still needed.**

**Swimming Sports Parent Help**

Name: ______________________________________

Yes, I am willing to assist at the Swimming Sports.

**St. Mary’s Swimming Sports Lunch Order**
Due back with payment – Wednesday, February 22nd.

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