



DATES:

Term 1, 2019 Dates:

**Monday February 17th –
Assembly – Grade 6
leader Speeches**

Monday February 17th to
Friday February 21st –
Meals On Wheels

**Tuesday February 18th
– Parent Teacher
Interviews**

Wednesday February
19th – Foundation
Student's Rest Day

Wednesday February
25th – Swimming
Practice

Thursday February 27th
– School Photos

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

**Parent Teacher Interviews will
take place this Tuesday,
February 18th, from 4pm.**

A timetable was sent home last
week to all families with times of interviews.

If you require a copy of the interview times please contact
the office.

*Families unable to attend on this date are asked to call
the office to make an alternative time.*



MEALS ON WHEELS:

St. Mary's is rostered on for **Meals on Wheels** from
Monday February 17th to Friday February 21st.

Anyone who would like to help with the delivery of meals
is asked to contact the office. **All volunteers MUST have
a valid Working With Children card.**

If you have any queries regarding Meals on Wheels or
how to apply for a Working With Children check, please
do not hesitate to contact Maree in the office.



Vision Statement:

*St. Mary's community,
with Jesus as our
inspiration, aims to
educate and nurture the
development of the
whole child.*

**Mission Statement
focus this week:**

Wellbeing:

*Ensure a child-safe,
respectful and inclusive
environment that
celebrates
achievement, promotes
dignity and resiliency.*

STUDENT FORMS:

There are still families who have not returned the forms
that were sent home in week 1 of the term. Could any
family who has not as yet returned their forms please do
so by **Monday February 17th.**

If you require replacement forms, please contact the office.
Thank you to those families that have returned the forms.
Without these forms returned students will be unable to
participate in activities.

FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE CARD:

Families are reminded to provide a copy of their Health Care Card
to the Office to allow for the Family School Fee Discount to be
noted on your Fee Statement. The Eligible family annual fee will be
reduced to \$520.00.

SWIMMING:

This year's swimming carnival will be held on **Friday February 28th from 12.30pm**. Prior to this day, students will be practising for the swimming carnival on **Tuesday February 25th** and **Wednesday February 26th**.

Students will require the following for swimming each day:



- Bathers
- Swim Top
- Towel
- Thongs/Sandals
(to walk to & from the pool, if available)



Sunscreen will be provided by the school, but if you have a preferred brand, you may send this with your child/ren.

A BBQ lunch will be provided FREE of charge on the day of the Swimming Carnival.

If any families are able to help on the day, could you please contact the office on 54971116.



SCHOOL PHOTOS:

School photos will be taken Thursday, February 27th. In the coming weeks each student will receive a photo order envelope. **These order envelopes need to be returned to school even if you are not ordering photos.** If you do not receive an envelope, please contact the office. **If you would like family photos, please call the office for an order form.**

HARMONY DAY:

On **Tuesday, March 17th** the school will celebrate **Harmony Day**.

The Theme of the week is **'Everyone Belongs'**.

St. Mary's Community is very blessed to have many different cultural backgrounds which greatly enrich our school.

Commencing after recess, students and staff will participate in games from different countries and conclude with everyone sharing lunch and celebrating the different foods that different cultures enjoy.

Any family who is able to prepare a meal from their culture to share at lunch time is asked to contact the Office.

Students and Staff are invited to wear clothes that represent their culture / National Dress of their culture. If preferred students and staff are invited to wear something **orange** - the colour of Harmony Week.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.



NEXT WEEK'S MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

At assembly next **Monday, February 17th**, we will be acknowledging the following students:

- 🏆 Max
- 🏆 Larou
- 🏆 Darnell
- 🏆 Elijah
- 🏆 Kailie
- 🏆 Cameron



We would like to invite all families and friends to attend our assemblies throughout the year. Each week we will notify you who is to receive awards for the following week so you can attend this special occasion.

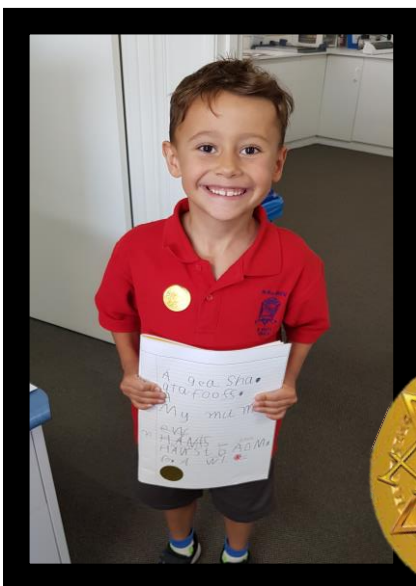
Last week's Merit Award recipients were: Julian, Libby, Ellie, Ethan, Jaya, Daniel, John and Nullah.

Congratulations to all these students !



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

This week's Principal's Award recipient was Max. Well Done Max!



FOUNDATION STUDENT'S REST DAYS:

This year the Foundation students will have the following days off as rest days:



- Wednesday February 19th
- Wednesday February 26th and
- Wednesday March 4th.

The Foundation students will commence full time at school from Tuesday March 10th.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Last week a form regarding how you would prefer to receive information from St. Mary's e.g. newsletters, permission forms etc. was sent home attached to the newsletter.

Thank you to the families that have returned the form.

We understand that with technology advancing that paper may not be the best way for families to receive information any more.

Please complete the form attached and return to school with your preferences.

If you would prefer, you can send your form back to either:

megan@smdonald.catholic.edu.au or take a photo of the form and text back to 0439 972162

SCHOOL BANKING:



School Banking is available with the Commonwealth Bank in Donald and our local Donald & District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank).

If you would like more information regarding the banking with either of these banks, please visit the local branches, where they will be able to answer any of your queries.

School banking day will be on a Wednesday this year.

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Monday February 17th – Grade 6 Leaders Speeches 9am

Monday February 17th to Friday February 21st – Meals On Wheels

Tuesday February 18th – Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday February 19th – Foundation Student's Rest Day

Tuesday February 25th – Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday February 25th – Swimming Carnival Practice

Wednesday February 26th – Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 26th – Swimming Carnival Practice

Wednesday February 26th – Foundation Student's Rest Day

Thursday February 27th – School Photos

Friday February 28th – Swimming Carnival

Wednesday March 4th – Foundation Student's Rest Day

Monday March 9th – Labour Day Public Holiday – NO STUDENTS

Tuesday March 17th – Harmony Day at St. Mary's

Thursday March 19th – Senior Leadership Day Bendigo

Friday March 20th – Summer Sports in St. Arnaud

Friday March 20th – School Fete 4.30pm

Friday March 27th – Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm finish

ST. MARY'S COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES



At St. Mary's, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact and, as part of this, we are asking families to answer a few questions on the way you would like to receive notices/information from us.

Could you please provide current mobile phone numbers and email addresses and who they belong to and answers to the below questions and return to school by **Friday February 21st?**

Please note that all information/updates will continue to be provided on the Skoolbag App. as usual.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 54971116.

Thank you

Name(s) _____

Mobile Phone number 1. _____

Mobile Phone number 2. _____

Email address 1. _____

Email address 2. _____

I would like to receive my newsletter via:

1. Skoolbag App
2. St. Mary's website
3. Paper

**Please circle
your
preferred
option**

I would like to receive permission notices via:p

1. Skoolbag App. (forms can be filled in, signed and returned within the App.)
2. Paper

If my child is absent I would like to be contacted via:

1. Mobile Phone (text message)
2. Mobile Phone (phone call)
3. Home Phone
4. Email