Swimming Sports: The swimming program concludes tomorrow, Friday, February 19th with the Swimming Sports. The sports commence at 11.00am and all families are invited to attend. Any family taking their children home after the sports are reminded to inform the class teacher. Help packing up after the sports would be greatly appreciated.

Principal Awards: Congratulations to John Clapham, Parker Bicket, Zachariah Clapham, Charlotte Bicket, Zac Griffiths and Ethan Clapham.

Swimming Sports: The school sports will be held tomorrow Friday, February 19th commencing at 11.00am. All families are invited to attend.

Leadership Day: The Grade 5 & 6 Class will participate in leadership activities on Friday, February 26th.

Working Bee: The annual working bee will be held on Sunday, February 28th commencing at 9.30am. All families are encouraged to attend.

St. Mary’s Parish Donald, Sunday February 14th
The Second Sunday of Lent.
Mass at 10.30am.
School Crossing: The school crossing in front of the school is no longer being supervised by a Buloke Shire employee. Families are asked to be aware of their children when using the crossing as it will not be supervised.

Yesterday, Wednesday, February 17th Mr Danny Forrest, Principal of Donald Primary School and I met with Jessie from the Buloke Shire regarding the crossing. There was a meeting of Shire members last night. There will be a written reply regarding their response to our concerns regarding the crossing in the coming days. All families will be informed regarding the outcome as soon as received. Anne

Icecream Containers including lids: Mrs Hogan and the Grade 5 & 6 class are looking for icecream containers. Please include the lid. Please drop them at the school or sent with your children.

Portsea Camp: The St. Arnaud Rotary Club are organising this camp. It is to be held on Wednesday 30th of March to Tuesday April 5th. This camp is for children aged 9 – 12 years. The cost is $327.00.

If interested in your child attending please come to the Office for an application and medical form or telephone to have one sent home with you child.

The application and medical form are to be posted to Mr. Garry Brown, Youth Director, St. Arnaud Rotary Club, PO Box 34 St. Arnaud 3478. Payments for the camp are to also be sent to St. Arnaud Rotary Club.

Important Reminders:
1. Permission and Medical Forms, Photo Permission Form and Bounceback Permission Form: Please return them by tomorrow Friday, February 19th.
2. Camps, Sports, and Excursion Fund: Please return them as soon as possible, if possible by Monday, February 29th.
3. Health Care Card: Families are asked to inform the Office if they have a Health Care Card to allow the school to alter the School Fees owed.

Maintenance: Monday February 22nd to Friday, March 4th – Bicket and Birch families.

Working Bee: The annual working bee will be held on Sunday, February 28th from 9.30am onwards. All families are encouraged to attend if possible.

Any family unable to attend but would be willing to assist at another time with maintenance is asked to contact Anne. There are a variety of jobs to be completed.

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 the BounceBack class sessions will involve continuing to look at the skills that help us to get along with others and make friends, and choosing some skills to practice. Over the next couple of weeks our BounceBack activities will focus on practicing listening and conversation skills. These skills involve saying something to start a conversation, looking at the other person and paying attention, taking turns to speak and sharing the conversation, saying some things about yourself, but asking some questions of the other person.

Ideas from the BounceBack Program for parents.

If your child’s friends and classmates are coming to your home to play/visit, talk to your child beforehand about what their friend will enjoy doing not just what they enjoy.

Camps Sports and Excursion Grants: For the coming year all students living in the Buloke Shire will be eligible for this $125.00 funding. Could families please return the signed form by the 29th of February if possible. Note the funding applications may be applied for until June 3rd 2016.

School Banking: School banking will again be available and bank books are need to be brought to school on Wednesdays. Details in the packs sent home.
Next week is St. Mary’s turn to deliver meals on wheels. We are looking for volunteer drivers, and deliveries take about an hour starting at 11.45am. A current working with children certificate is required to take two senior St. Mary’s students along. If anyone would like to learn the ropes feel free to contact Candece 0400 709 981. More information about obtaining the free working with children's certificate for volunteers, will be published in the next newsletter.

Parents & Friends Annual General Meetings, Tuesday 8 March, 7.00pm Multi-purpose room. Please note the change of date for the St. Mary’s Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. Scheduling clashes meant we have brought the meeting forward by one week. Everyone more than welcome. AGM will be followed by an ordinary general meeting.

St. Mary’s Book Club Film Night Friday 15 April, 7pm. Film night will be held in the first week of next term, on Friday 15th April. Starting at 7.00 pm in the Multi-purpose room, BYO drinks, nibbles and bean bag. Come along for a quiet night out as we watch the film adaptation of the book ‘Finding Fish’ by Antwone Fisher. Haven't read the book? Come along anyway and bring a friend. Everyone’s welcome. If you’d like to read ‘Finding Fish’ but are unable to access a copy please let Candece know 0400 709 981.

Upcoming Events
Swimming Sports Friday 19th Feb.
Coffee after Assembly Friday 26th Feb.
Pie Drive forms sent home at the end of Term One.

Candece Jay President St. Mary’s Parents & Friends

Junior Tennis Club Championships: The championships for Under 12’s, 14’s and 16’s will be held this Sunday, February 21st at the Donald Tennis Club. Players are asked to be at the courts at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. Players can put their names down at Tennis on Saturday.

Donald Hotel: The Donald Hotel announces that it has a new Coffee Lounge. Enjoy a cappuccino, latte or hot chocolate with homemade cakes. Dine in or take away.

School Conveyance Allowance: Any family who feels they may be eligible for this allowance are asked to contact the Office for a form. Families must travel 4.8 kilometres to the bus stop.

Fruit On Friday: For several years Mrs. Judy Chapman has kindly cut up the fruit which the students eat on Friday. Judy has now finished at St. Mary’s. Any family who would be willing to cut up the fruit on a Friday morning please contact the school. Your help would be greatly appreciated.
St. Mary’s Lunch Order - Friday, February 26th
Due back with payment – Wednesday, 24th February
Family Name: _________________________________

February 26th Please use a separate column for each child’s order.

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