School Crossing: As of Monday, February 29th there has been a supervisor on the crossing each morning and afternoon. The crossing will be supervised until June 30th. It is important that families use the crossing in the coming months as the number of students using the crossing will be a determining factor in future funding of the supervision of the crossing.

Working Bee: The annual Working Bee will be held this Sunday, March 6th from 9.00am. All families are encouraged to attend. Any family unable to attend but is willing to assist at another time is asked to contact the Office.

Drought Funding: Many thanks to families for filling in the forms for this funding of $375.00. This money will be paid to the school and will be used to cover the cost of camps, excursions and Sports’ days.

School Advisory Council: The Annual General Meeting of the Advisory Council will be held next Wednesday, March 9th at 7.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All families are invited to attend. Any parent wishing to nominate or nominate another person to be an Advisory Council member is asked to contact the school for a form.

Parents and Friends: The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends will be held next Tuesday, March 8th at 7.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This meeting will be followed by the monthly meeting. All families are invited to attend.

Clean Up Australia: The students will be participating in the Clean Up Australia program on Wednesday, March 9th at 1.50pm.

Year Of Mercy: Pope Francis has pronounced 2016 as the Year of Mercy. Part of this year will involve St. Mary’s Parish participating in “24 Hours With the Lord” on Friday and Saturday March 3rd and 4th. There will be Stations of the Cross and evening prayer tomorrow, Friday March 3rd at 5.00pm in the church. All families are invited to attend.

St. Mary’s Parish Donald, Sunday March 6th
The Fourth Sunday of Lent.
Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am

This Sunday the Gospel reading is the story of the Prodigal Son. This has been the Gospel focus for the Grade Five students preparing for Reconciliation.
Principal Awards: Congratulations Shaine Mansibang and Daniel Slater on your excellent work this week.

Assembly Friday, March 11th at 9.00am in the Multi-purpose Room – Foundation, Year 1 & 2
All families are invited to attend.

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

Maintenance: Monday March 14th to Thursday, March 24th – Burke and Davis Families.
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

‘Bringing Up Great Kids’- A Program for Parents.
St Mary’s and Centacare will be offering this free program for parents over two Thursday mornings, April 21st and 28th, in the Multi-purpose Room at school. The program has been developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation and the sessions are an informal mix of information and discussion. Some of the topics that the sessions cover are information about children’s brain development and how to meet their growing needs, considering the meaning behind children’s behaviour and building the parent - child relationship.
The program will be advertised over the next few weeks, but, to get an idea of interest, if at this stage you feel you would like to come along, please drop me a text or email, on 0409 598 481 or at Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

Bounceback Program
This week in the BounceBack Program we will be talking about popularity with friends. How to be popular in positive ways, by being kind and helpful, including and supporting others and having good social skills, and not by being mean, trying to control others and excluding.

Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents.
Emphasise with your child, the importance of being friendly and accepting differences in people and discuss with your child how they might do this in each situation.
**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.*

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**Annual 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.

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**Parents & Friends News**

**P&F Annual General Meeting, 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 is encouraged to attend. AGM will be followed by an ordinary monthly 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 7.00pm 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.

**Working with Children’s Check Session To Be Announced.**

We will be holding a session during school hours, sometime over the next few weeks to assist volunteers wanting to apply for a working with children’s check. Shane O’Shea of the Buloke Times will be ready to take passport photos on the day. More information can be found about a working with children’s check online at: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

**Upcoming Fundraiser: Pie Drive at the start of Term Two.**

Pie Drive forms sent home end of Term One.

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Candece Jay – President of P & F

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**School Advisory Council Nomination Form**

I ................................................................. wish to nominate ................................................ to be considered at the Annual General Meeting to be elected a member of the School Advisory Council.

Signature: _____________________________

I ................................................................. accept this nomination to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

Signature: _____________________________
Library News: Book Reviewer

Is your child a keen reader? Would they like to receive FREE books from SCHOLASTIC to read, and write a review?

SCHOLASTIC is the company which offers many reading products to students every month.

Nominations for the Scholastic Reading Review Crew are currently open. If you have a student who loves reading and who you think would make a great book reviewer, please complete the form below and return to the school by Friday 11th March.

It will help if you and/or your child can give a reason why their nomination should be accepted!! You can find out more information by searching Scholastic - Book club - Reading Review Crew

YES I would like my child to be nominated for the Reading Review Crew

STUDENT’S NAME ....................................................

Reason for wanting to join the Reading Review Crew
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Parent signature: ..........................................................................................

St. Mary’s Lunch Order - Friday, March 11th

Due back with payment – Wednesday, March 9th

Family Name: _________________________________

Friday, March 11th Please use a separate column for each child’s order.

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