**Parent Teacher Interviews:** Many thanks to the parents and staff for their efforts. The family support and input greatly assists the teachers and models to the students the importance of a team approach to learning. The Grade Five and Six class will have interviews next week on Tuesday, June 21st. A note will be sent home. Thank you for your assistance.

**School Dance: Monday, June 20th commencing at 7.00pm**

Each class will perform a dance and then invite their families to join in. There will be several dances for the whole family to share. Hoping all family can share this evening of fun to end the Term on a high. Each family is asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

On Tuesday, June 21st the Grade 3 & 4 students will visit the Kindergarten at 12.30pm to show their dances and in the afternoon the Grade 5 & 6 visit the Johnson Goodwin Homes. Many thanks to Mrs. Gilmour for her work in preparing the students for the dance and organising these fun visits.

**Basketball:** On Friday June 17th from 1.50pm – 3.20pm the students are participating in the last session of Basketball with Mrs. Kath Campbell. This has been a fun time for the students and provided an opportunity for students to improve their ball handling skills and learn about basketball. The first hour will involve all students participating in rotations practising their skills followed by a half hour game of basketball played by the students in Grades 3 to 6. All families are invited to attend this session to watch their children.
May - National Family Reading Month:
Congratulations to all students who completed the reading log during May. The Tally for May was 8,247 minutes. Well done and I trust that those who didn’t return their tally completed lots of reading as well.

Library: Congratulations to the Grade Five and Six students who all borrowed from the library this week. Perfect weather to sit on the couch and read a good book.

Term Dates: Term Two finishes on Friday, June 24th at 2.30pm. Term Three commences for STUDENTS on Wednesday, July 13th. The staff commence on Monday and will attend two days professional development.

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.
One of the skills, promoted in the BounceBack program, is good ways to apologise that help rebuild friendships after arguments or disagreements.
These include: If you were in the wrong say so and explain why you did it. ‘I’m sorry I said that mean thing to you. I was having a bad day.’
If you said things you didn’t really mean, say, ‘I didn’t really mean what I said.’ Say ‘I’m sorry I didn’t mean to hurt your feelings.’
Even if you think the person was in the wrong, you can still say, ‘I’m sorry we had a fight.’ If a person says ‘Sorry’ to you, say ‘I’m sorry too.’ This means that you are sorry that you had an argument, not necessarily that you feel you were in the wrong.
Use a friendly and genuine tone of voice.
If someone has said sorry to you don’t refer to it again. It is in the past.
If any parent or family member would like to know more about any of the friendship topics we have covered in this first half of the year, please feel free to catch up with me at school or give me a call. Anne Boadle.

Parents &Friends News
Thank you to those who were able to come to bingo last Thursday night. We were a small but very enthusiastic group, and a great night was had by all.
St. Mary’s Book Club - Movie Night tomorrow 17th June, 7pm
This term we’ve been reading “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Come along and watch the film of the same name - no need to have read the book. BYO nibble, drinks, beanbag and friend or two to enjoy a quiet night out.
P&F meeting next Tuesday June 21st, 7.45pm in the school staff room.
All parents are invited to come along.
Candece Jay, President St Mary’s P&F
**Principal Awards:** Congratulations to Lachlan Belleville on your writing.

**Dates to Remember:**
- Friday, June 17th – P&F Movie Night in the Multi Purpose Room starting at 7.00pm.
- Monday, June 20th – School Dance in the Multi Purpose Room
- Tuesday, June 21st – Parents and Friends Meeting at 7.45pm
- Friday, June 24th – Last day of Term Two. School finishes at 2.30pm
- Wednesday, July 13th – Term Three commences for students.
- Thursday, July 21st – Michael Mangan Concert at 12.30pm at Memorial Hall.
- Monday, July 25th – Donald Music Festival commences at 7.00pm.
- Friday, August 5th – Donald High School Fete.

**Photo Permission:** At the start of the year all families completed a permission form for all students to have their photo taken when at school. These photos are used during class activities or to display, for the Newsletter, App, Webpage or to accompany a story published in the Buloke Times. The Parents and Friends are proposing to film this year’s Drama production as a fund raising activity. In preparation for this they are planning to film the school dance, not to sell copies, but to ascertain the difficulty of filming at such events.

Could any family who would not like their child or children to be filmed please fill out the form below or contact the school. Please return prior to the dance.

I would also value any feedback about this proposed activity which would assist discussion at the Parents and Friends Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21st. Anne Anderson

Parent Form

I ................................................................. **do not want my child/ children** ..............

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Signature: .................................................. Date: .................................................
On Tuesday the students participated in activities related to Pulses lead by Jeannie Clark. Pulses play an important role in providing food for the world and are a vital component of Donald and district agriculture. This session and the subsequent three sessions are available to the local schools owing to the funding of Peaco Ltd of Donald. The school acknowledge their support.

Students initially looked at the parts of a plant that people eat and after much discussion and consideration identified that we can eat all parts of plants. The second part of the session was spent looking at different species of pulses and identifying and comparing them. These sessions were enjoyed by the students and were very informative for both students and staff. The remaining three sessions will be held over the coming terms.