The Week at a Glance

Baptism Celebrations: On Sunday, St Mary’s Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with the Bicket family. Charlotte, Andy and Parker Bicket were baptised by Father Eugene.

School Leaders: On Friday at Assembly our School Leaders for the coming weeks were inducted. Congratulations to Petria Frank, Grace Leeder and Ian Rachinsky on your well-presented speeches which showed a good understanding of your role.

At Assembly the Term One Leaders Daniel and Noah Slater were acknowledged for their work and Petria Frank, Grace Leeder and Ian Rachinsky were presented with their badges.

Black Ranges Cross Country Report: On Tuesday, May 3rd Noah Slater, Simon Morgan, George Morgan, Jessica Mellings, Zac Griffiths, Nicholas Belleville and Erika Bicket participated in the Cross Country at St. Arnaud. All students performed well. Congratulations George Morgan who qualified to compete at Warrnambool.

St. Mary’s Parish Donald, Sunday May 8th
Feast of the Ascension
Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am
May is National Family Reading Month: Hoping all students are filling in their log and the number of minutes reading is rising quickly. Students are asked to note the time they read each day for May and total their score at the end of the month. Families are asked to consider focusing on reading this month.

Enhancing Catholic School Culture Survey: Each family will have received an envelope with information regarding this survey. Every three years schools are asked to complete the survey to assist with the school to better understand how our Catholic identity is expressed in work and practice. The survey is on-line and needs to be completed by Friday May 13th. The survey is completed by all staff, Grade 5 & 6 students, School Advisory Council members and as many families as possible. The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete and can be done over several days. Many thanks to families who are willing to complete it. Thank you to families who have completed it. Please note there is only a week to go.

Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp: The Jurassic World dinosaur display is currently at the Melbourne Museum and finishes on October 10th, which is the day before we were to go on our camp. Reviews have been excellent and I would love for the students to attend.

If there are no objections I propose to go to Melbourne on the SUNDAY the 9th October and attend the Museum that day. This means we will return on THURSDAY the 13th October and the students will not be required at school on the Friday.

Please contact me immediately if there are any issues as accommodation is available but needs to be adjusted and confirmed. Mary Hogan

Please contact Mary by Monday, May 9th if you have any concerns to all confirmation of bookings. Anne

Principal Awards: Congratulations to Parker for your work this week.

2016 Mother’s Day Classic This fundraising event to assist breast cancer and to raise awareness of this cancer will be held on Sunday, May 8th at the Donald Racecourse. Participant’s may walk or run.

Maintenance: Lawns to be mown by Luke Morgan. Thank you for helping out during this busy time.

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.
The BounceBack class activities include talking with the children about different situations that occur with friendships and what we can do. These situations include when we have a disagreement or a misunderstanding with a friend, if there is potential competition from new friends, if a friend moves away.

Ideas from the BounceBack Program for Parents.
A key message that can help a child with their friendships:
Disagreements happens sometimes in friendships and between classmates. Speak up when you don’t agree with your friend/classmate about something, but do it in a calm way that doesn’t hurt the other person or their feelings. Calming our angry feelings helps us with this.
Parents & Friends News

Pie Drive: Pies from the THIRD BAKE are available for pick-up today, Thursday, May 5th. Thank you to everyone who was able to collect orders and help out.

Mothers Day Stall: Tomorrow we are holding our annual Mother's Day stall in the Multi-purpose room from 11.30am. Small items will be available for students to purchase ranging from $1 - $10.

Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday May 15th, 10.30am Next weekend, a group of Grade Three students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at mass, beginning at 10.30am. There will be a celebratory morning tea in the multi-purpose room afterwards, and we ask all attendees to please bring a plate of food to share. Volunteers needed to help set up during the mass and man the tea and coffee table - please let me know if you're happy to help out - Candece 0400 709 981

Next P&F Meeting Tuesday May 17th, 7.45pm
Candece Jay President

Winter Sports: The Winter sports will be held next Friday, May 13th in Birchip. The Grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be travelling by bus to Birchip and will play Netball or Football.

Any parent able to assist with umpiring or scoring Netball or Football is asked to contact the Office or Carling. Note there is a permission form attached to the Newsletter for these students. These forms need to be returned by Tuesday, May 10th.

Code of Conduct: Families will also receive a copy of the Code of Conduct expected for all families to follow. The Code of Conduct has been drawn up in response to some adults speaking inappropriately to students and staff at Inter School sporting events. There will be a Tuckshop at the Sports. These are the items and prices
Bottle of Water - $2.00; Primas $1.50; Pies and pasties - $4.00; Sausage rolls - $3.00; Party pies - $1.50 and Soup - $3.50

St Mary's Weekly Tuck Shop Order  Due back with payment – Wednesday 11th May

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**Ambulance Visit:** Last Thursday, April 28th Ambulance Victoria visited the school and all enjoyed this informative and fun session. Students had an opportunity to hear about the work the ambulance officers do, be reminded of what to do in an emergency and see inside an ambulance.

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Dear Mary,

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your wonderful students last week at St Mary’s PS and a big thanks for coordinating the visit. I really enjoyed my day so please pass on my thanks. I hope our program contributes to students’ resilience by increasing their confidence and capacity to respond to medical emergencies.

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I look forward to working with St Mary’s PS in the future.

Regards,

Scott.

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It is pleasing to receive these notes and I congratulate the students. – Anne