**Confirmation:** This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass five Grade Three students Lachlan Belleville, Charlotte Bicket, Oliver Berry, Texas Davis and Charlie Frank are being confirmed by Fr. Eugene. We remember in our prayers the students and their families at this very special time. After Mass there is morning tea in the Multi Purpose Room. All families are invited to attend this special day.

**Welcome to the Pratt Family:** Yesterday we welcomed to St. Mary’s Layla and Lexis and their family. We welcome them to Donald and hope they enjoy having more time with their grandmother and their time at St. Mary’s.

**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. Reading is the most important task for students to complete at home and is fun.

**Mathletics:** This year the school has subscribe to the Mathletics Program. This program provides opportunities for students to practice number facts and topics being covered at school. Students have individual log in details in their homework book. Families will need to down load a Mathletics App if they wish to use it at home. Families requiring support to access this program please contact the school.
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. Please note there is only a day to go.

School Banking: Last Friday the Commonwealth Bank visited the school to inform the students about the School Banking Program. Students were sent home information. Families wishing to use this service are reminded that Bank Day is Wednesday.

Maintenance: Lawns to be mown by Luke Morgan. Thank you for helping out during this busy time. It was pleasing that it was too wet to mow last week.

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 topics this term include accepting and understanding differences in friends, and how we negotiate those differences, so that everyone is able to have something of what they want in the friendship.

Ideas from the BounceBack Program for Parents.
If your children are arguing with each other, sit them down and get them to listen to each other's feelings and points of view and then insist on them negotiating a solution. Try not to act as referee and stress that put downs are unacceptable.

Parents & Friends News
Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday May 15th, 10.30am
This 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

St Mary’s Book Club: Don’t forget we’re reading ‘The Help’ by Kathryn Stockett this term. Grab yourself a copy and read, read, read - we end the term by watching the film version of our chosen book club novel.

Next P&F Meeting Tuesday May 17th, 7.45pm All welcome. Candece Jay
**Principal Awards:** Congratulations to Simon, Nicholas, Victory, Libby and Piper for your work this week. I greatly enjoyed listening to the fluent reading and reading the interesting stories.
Winter Sports: The Winter sports will be held tomorrow Friday, May 13th in Birchip. The Grade 4,5 & 6 students will be travelling by bus to Birchip and will play Netball or Football. 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

Bus trip to Horsham BreastScreen

Tuesday June 28th

Leaving Donald Hospital car park at 11.30 am.

All women over 40 are eligible for free breast screen.

Voluntary Cost $5 to cover bus hire.

To ensure your place please contact

EWHS Donald Campus – ph 54786200. ASAP

Tuck Shop Order

Due back with payment – Wednesday 18th May

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