 Confirmation: On Sunday Oliver Berry, Lachlan Belleville, Texas Davis, Charlotte Bicket and Charlie Frank were confirmed by Fr. Eugene. This special day concluded with a delicious morning tea organised by the Parents and Friends.

 School Mass: The Term Two School Mass will be held on Sunday, June 5th at the 10.30am Mass. The students will be participating. All families are invited to attend.

 Catholic Education Week: “The Face of Mercy”
 Next Week is Catholic Education Week. During this time we celebrate the good things about attending St. Mary’s School. To conclude the week on Friday, May 27th the whole school will be travelling to St. Patrick’s St. Arnaud to celebrate Mass with St Patricks and St. Joseph’s students and staff. After Mass we will attend a live show and have lunch. Students are not required to bring lunch on this day.

 Shared Reading a Story: Next Wednesday, May 25th, throughout Australia schools will be reading the same story ‘I Got This Hat’ written by Jol and Kate Temple at 11.00am. The students in Foundation to Year Four will be invited to listen to the story. Students are asked to wear a funny hat or a hat of some description.

 Working With Children Card: Volunteers at school and many other groups are required to have a Working With Children check. Could any parent with this card please bring it to the Office to be copied as the school are developing a list of parents with this card. Any parent with a VIT card is not required to get a Working With Children card but is also asked to provide a copy of their card.
Young Vinnies: Yesterday a member of St Vincent de Paul visited St. Mary’s and spoke to the Grade 4, 5 & 6 students about the work of Young Vinnies. The focus of her very thought provoking talk was the work of supporting Asylum Seekers.

Winter Sports: Netball Report: Birchip delivered a great day for our Winter Sports last Friday. Thank you to all of the Staff and Nadine Frank who helped out on the day, and Birchip for putting on such a well organised event. Your support is very much appreciated. We had an influx of players meaning many of our students helped out other teams as well including St. Patrick’s & Dunmunkle who were short of players. St. Mary’s had a very successful day winning all 5 games and taking out the winning shield. Below is a list of the final results from the day.

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Well done to all the students who participated on the day, you should be very proud of your efforts.
Carling McEvoy

Navy Sport’s Jumper, size 10 was left on the bus. Families of Grade 4, 5 & 6 are asked to check if their child has lost a jumper. The jumper is in the office.

Assembly: Assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday May 20th at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 students will be sharing some of their work. All families are invited to attend.

Awards: Foundation, Grade 1 & 2 Daniel Spencer, Skye Spencer,
Grade 3 & 4 Zac Melling, Charlie Frank & Nicholas Belleville
Grade 5 & 6 Petria Frank, Erika Bicket & Jade Devine

Football: The St. Mary’s and St. Patrick’s boys played their best and showed improvement as the day progressed. Although meeting very tough opposition they never gave up. Thank you to Mrs Hogan for coaching the team and St. Pat’s for providing the jumpers.
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.**

Enhancing Catholic School Culture Survey: Many thanks to the students, staff and families who
completed this survey. Your time is appreciated.

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: Many thanks to Luke Morgan for organising the mowing. Over the cooler months
families will be listed as the grass requires mowing.

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Bounceback Program:
Over the next couple of weeks the BounceBack activities will involve the children in thinking and
talking about good ways to manage disagreements and arguments. This includes what we can say
and do to solve a problem and look for a peaceful solution, and the skill of ‘respectfully disagreeing’
where we are able to talk to the other person in a calm way and find a point of agreement, before
stating why we disagree.

**Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents.**
Teach the social skill of respectful disagreeing, which involves finding points of agreement before
stating disagreement. (eg. ‘The scary movie you want to see did get a good review but I think most
of us would rather see a funny movie.’)

School Advisory Council:
Mr Chris Robarts, Northern Zone Educational Consultant attended the meeting and explained the
role of the Council. Thank you to Chris for attending to offer advice and leadership ideas.
Great news that the School Crossing will be supervised for the remainder of the year for St. Mary’s
students and the whole community.
Many thanks to Mr John Clapham for his work over the school holidays.
Anybody requiring assistance with completing a Working With Children form please contact Katie
Bicket.

Parents & Friends News
Sacrament of Confirmation Many thanks to families who assisted with the cup of tea on Sunday.
Pie Drive: Thank you to all families for your support of the Pie Drive.
St Mary’s Book Club: Don’t forget we’re reading ‘The Help’ by Kathryn Stockett this term. Grab
yourself a copy and read. The film evening will be held on Friday, June 17th at 7.30pm. All
welcome, even if too busy to read the book.
**Come along to the Woods St Cafe this Friday, May 20th for a cuppa, straight after Assembly.**
**Everyone welcome, hope to see you there.**
Candece Jay, President of Parents and Friends

Parent Reminder: Could any parent who has changed their phone numbers of other emergency
details please contact the Office and provide updated information.
**Report to the Community:** Families are reminded that the 2015 Annual Report to the Community has been completed. There is a copy on the School App and a printed copy in the Office Foyer.

**Principal Awards:** Congratulations to Skye Spencer twice, John Clapham and Elijah Mansibang on their writing this week.

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**Tuck Shop Order : NOTE THAT THERE IS NO TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY, MAY 27TH**

Due back with payment – Wednesday 1st June

**Family Name_____________________**

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