



## DATES:

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> –**

**Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> –**

Catholic Education Week  
'Listen with the Ear of  
Your Heart'

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> –**

Assembly Grades Prep,  
1 & 2

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> –**

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> –**  
National Reconciliation  
Week

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> –**

Celebration of  
Confirmation & Eucharist  
at 10.30am Mass.

**Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> –**

Afternoon visits to  
Riverside Aged Care &  
Johnson Goodwin  
Homes.

### Vision Statement:

*St. Mary's community,  
with Jesus as our  
inspiration, aims to  
educate and nurture the  
development of the  
whole child.*

### Mission Statement:

#### **Leadership & Stewardship**

Be educators, with a  
clear sense of purpose  
and direction, who  
collaboratively work to  
deliver quality outcomes  
for all students.

## Celebrating Sacraments of Initiation

Five students will share in Sacraments of Initiation on Sunday  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am Mass. All families are welcome.

Lyric and Victory Davis will receive all three Sacraments of  
Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation &  
Eucharist. Parker Bicket, Daniel & Skye  
Spencer will receive the Sacraments of  
Confirmation and Eucharist.

Congratulations to all and may the Holy  
Spirit bless these children with strength  
and wisdom and may they be  
nourished by the Holy Eucharist as the  
complete their initiation into the Church.



Family members,  
visitors and  
parishioners are  
invited to join in a  
celebratory  
morning tea in the  
school's multi-  
purpose room  
following the  
Mass.

### P & F Raffle:

Sent home with last week's newsletter  
was a raffle book for St. Mary's P & F  
'Winter Warmer' Raffle. The prizes  
include: a 3 Litre Slow Cooker, \$25  
Voucher from Donald Family Butcher, a  
knife & utensils and recipe bases and stock. Could families  
**please return all tickets and monies by next Friday, June  
7<sup>th</sup>.**



## St Mary's Students Learn to Lead

Compulsory homework, mobile phones and shared electronic devices! These were three of the topics covered during a mock council meeting with Buloke Shire Mayor, Cr Stewart, during the Leadership Camp!

Grade 5 & 6 students from St Mary's School, Donald, enjoyed a Leadership Camp at Camp Seed in Stuart Mill last Thursday and Friday. The aim of the experience was for students to reflect on their current skills and actions and to provide new ideas and skills, challenging students to move forward as leaders within their school and the greater community.



Janine Batters from 'Janine's Fitness' in St Arnaud commenced the day with a fantastic session combining yoga, Pilates and relaxation!

Students learnt the importance of engaging their core for strength and stability.

Relaxing the mind with a meditation of the senses set the students up to embrace the day ahead.



After morning tea, students explored the differences between being a leader, a helper or a boss. Mrs Hogan then facilitated a session on responsibility, with the outcomes being we are accountable for ourselves, as a group member and for our belongings! Playing 'The Blame Game' provided some humorous excuses for being irresponsible and students learnt that being responsible is not always easy – but it does allow you to stand tall at the end of the day!

Buloke Shire Mayor, Cr Stewart, spoke to the students about her growth as a leader and of her role as mayor of our local shire. Students had many questions and were enthused to participate in a mock council meeting. Detention on Saturdays for incomplete homework and shredded mobile phones if brought to school were some drastic measures decided by the





local constituents; luckily, the meeting was only pretend! Students gained a much better understanding of the Buloke Shire and how it is managed through local council members and the role of the shire mayor.

A bush walk in the glorious afternoon sun, with an impromptu rendition of 'Home Among the Gum Trees' by some enthusiastic walkers, led us back to camp for afternoon tea.



A final session before tea focused on organisation. Students drew caricatures of organised and disorganised people and agreed life can feel chaotic without some form of organisation. Making time, planning ahead and thinking about what needs to be done in advance were three main themes which kept coming up. Students completed this session by creating a weekly planner, detailing their school work, home jobs, hobbies and sport commitments.

A delicious camp oven tea was enjoyed by all and the chance to toast some marshmallows was also a treat. Some team building games and activities concluded with a straw tower building competition.

On Friday morning, after a breakfast of bacon and eggs, students headed back to St Arnaud to join the rest of their school mates to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Education Week with cluster schools, St Patrick's St Arnaud and St Joseph's Charlton.



A shared Mass celebrating the theme 'Listen With the Ear of Your Heart' was followed by a day of shared fun and activities. Students participated in a Bluearth session and watched an entertaining science show about air and electricity.

There will be more photos available on the St. Mary's website:

<http://www.smdonald.catholic.edu.au/>

If you can DREAM it  
You can DO it!  
~WALT DISNEY





### **Catholic Education Week – Cluster Day in St. Arnaud:**

The theme for the day was 'Listen with the Ear of your Heart'.

Students started the day with Mass at 10am, followed by BluEarth sessions and the 'Big Science Show'. All students had an enjoyable day working with the students from St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's. More photos can be found on the website.

*Listen  
WITH THE  
ear OF  
heart.*



### **5 Cent Coins for the Catholic Missions:**

St. Mary's School mission effort in the coming months is to donate 5 cent coins. and the money raised will be sent to the missions for their work in Australia and other overseas countries to support those in needs.

Parishioners have also been invited to support this fundraiser by emptying their purses or wallets of the 5 cent coins and placing them in the container at the back of the church.

### **Centacare Pastoral Care Worker:**

This week we have been looking at kindness. What does kindness look like, why is it important to be kind. We explored the idea that when we are kind to others, it not only makes others feel cared for but it helps us to develop inner peace and happiness.

Kindness when we smile, kindness when we care, kindness when we say thank you and please, kindness when we help others. And we looked at being kind to ourselves as well. As we speak about these things the kids are reminded to take kindness into the classroom and into the playground. I think we all need to be reminded to be kind in this world.

I am at St Mary's on Mondays, but can be contacted on 0490 292324 at other times.

*Deb Wilson - School Pastoral Care Worker  
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*in a world  
where you can  
be anything.  
BE Kind.*

### Merit Awards:

This week's Merit Award recipients were: Jaya, Hannah & Joshua.



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### Assemblies:



Each Monday at 9.00am the whole school meet for prayer. At this Assembly birthday are acknowledged and student awards presented. **All families are warmly invited to attend.** **Class Assemblies will be held on Monday mornings at 9.00am this term.**

❖ Grades Five and Six: Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.

### School Dates Term 2, 2019:

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – National Reconciliation Week 'Grounded in Truth: Walk Together with Courage'

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly – Grades 3 and 4

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Celebration of Confirmation & Eucharist at 10.30am Mass

**Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**

**Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>** – Assembly Grades 5 and 6

**Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Meals on Wheels

**Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>** – End of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

**Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>** – Start of Term 3



# LEADERSHIP

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ACCOUNTABLE  
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GROWTH  
ORGANISATION  
SKILLS  
TIME

ACTIONS  
GOALS  
INFLUENCE  
POSITIVE  
TASK  
UNDERSTANDING

CHALLENGES  
GROUP  
LEADER  
RESPONSIBILITY  
TEAM