Catholic Education Week: “The Face of Mercy”
This Week is Catholic Education Week. During this time we are celebrating the good things about attending St. Mary’s School.
To conclude the week tomorrow 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 as a barbecue will be provided. Families who would prefer are asked to pack their child’s lunch.

Term 2 School Mass:
This term our School Mass will be on SUNDAY 5th June 2016 at 10:30am.
The Mass will be a children’s mass just like any other school mass, having readings, prayers and music which is suitable for primary children.
Those who have received the sacrament of Eucharist will have the opportunity to receive both the bread and wine at communion time.
All are very welcome to attend and we hope to see many of you there!
Please contact Mary Hogan at school if your child will not be present to read at the School Mass.

Welcome to Country: Finn Molloy-Drum
Introduction: Petria Frank
First Reading: Simon Morgan
Responsorial Psalm: Nick Belleville
Second Reading: Noah Slater
Prayer of the Faithful: Angel Shiju, Brianna Harmer, Charlotte Bicket, Chloe Livingston, Texas Davis, Daniel Spencer.

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.
Shared Reading a Story: Yesterday throughout Australia schools read the same story ‘I Got This Hat’ written by Jol and Kate Temple at 10.30am. The students in Foundation to Year Four watched the story told by a comedian and then completed an activity related to the book. Thank you Mrs Gilmour for organising this fun event to encourage us all to read more for enjoyment.

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. On Wednesday, June 1st students are asked to return their log.

School Uniforms: Presently the St. Mary’s Sports’ navy tracksuit pants and fleecy monogrammed jumper are on sale at the Clothes Bin. There is a 10% discount. Jackets are also in stock at Mensland.

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

Bounceback Program:
This week we are continuing to consider good ways to sort out disagreements. This includes being assertive, asking for help, negotiating and apologizing. Being assertive means speaking up about what we think is not okay or correct without being angry or nasty. Starting what we say with the words “I feel” or “I think” assists with being able to communicate assertively.

Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents.
When there is an opportunity, help your child to practice using “I” statements:

I feel (Start by identifying the feeling.)
When (State the reason they feel this way or what happened that led to these feelings.)
Because (Try to identify the reason the person’s actions led to those feelings.)
I would like (Let the person know what they want instead.)

Eg. I feel upset when you take my new football without asking me, because I was worried that it might get kicked over the fence onto the road, I would like you to wait until we can take it to play in the park.
Parents & Friends News

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.
Candece Jay, President of Parents and Friends

Principal Awards: Congratulations to Ollie Berry, Zac Mellings, Charlotte Bicket, Angel Shiju, Ethan Clapham, Jade Devine and Marty Burke.

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.
Dates to Remember:
Friday, June 10th – Assembly at 9.00am – Grade 3 & 4
Reports Go home.
Monday, June 13th – Public Holiday for the Queen’s Birthday.
Tuesday, June 14th and Wednesday, June 15th – Parent Teacher Interview
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. School finishes at 2.30pm

Tuck Shop Order: Due back with payment – Wednesday 1st June

Family Name _______________________

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3rd of June If ordering a milkshake please circle preferred flavour in the box.

Helpers: Jen Birch and Katie Bicket

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