**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.

**Catholic Education Week: “The Face of Mercy”**

Last Friday the whole school attended Catholic Education Day at St. Patrick’s. The students and staff from St. Patrick’s, St. Joseph’s and St. Mary’s commenced the day with Mass. After morning tea the students were entertained with a show and a fun and informative science session. The day provided opportunities to mix with students from other schools and enjoy playing in St. Patrick’s large playground. Many thanks to the staff and Students at St. Patrick’s for their hospitality.
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.

On Tuesday, June 21st the Grade 2, 3 & 4 students will visit the Goodwin Village to show their dances and in the afternoon the Grade 5 & 6 visit the Kindergarten and share dances with the Kinder kids. Many thanks to Mrs. Gilmour for her work in preparing the students for the dance and organising these fun visits.

NO SCHOOL BUSES on Friday, June 10th
Owing to the Donald High School and Primary Schools having a student free day there will be no buses running on Friday, June 10th.
Apologies for the inconvenience but there is school for students at St. Mary’s.
Families of bus travellers I am unaware that you may not be able to bring your child / children to school on that day and regret that this has arisen. When organising our report writing days for teachers I was unaware of this situation. Anne

May - National Family Reading Month:
Congratulations to all students who completed the reading log during May. We will share our tally next week. Many thanks to the families who focused on reading to your child during May and hearing your child’s reading each night. Well done to all the students who returned their Reading Log so promptly and the reading times were fantastic.
Students are asked to return their reading log as soon as possible.

Headlice: Over the last week several families have contacted me regarding their child having headlice. Many thanks to these families for notifying the school. Could all families please check their child or children’s hair and treat their hair if required. Any family requiring information please contact the school.

Reports: Parent Teacher Times: Attached to the Newsletter are times for Parent Teacher Interviews. Please contact the school as soon as possible if the given time does not suit.
The Reports will be sent home on Friday, June 10th and the Interviews are Tuesday, June 14th and June 15th. Could families please contact the Office if they would like a meeting with me regarding their child. Families with students in Grade 2, 3 & 4 please contact me if you would like me to attend your child’s interview to discuss their Mathematics’ report. Anne

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.
Could any family requiring assistance with the purchase costs of school uniforms please contact me. Anne

Bounceback Program:

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
St. Mary's Vision and Mission Statement: Attached to the Newsletter is a copy of the updated St. Mary's Vision and Mission statement. This document notes what we aspire to and how we aim to achieve it. The previous document had not been updated for many years and was very wordy. Hopefully this short more explicit document becomes more central to guiding all areas of school life. Many thanks to the staff and School Advisory Council for their assistance.

Parents & Friends News
Bingo - Thursday 9th June Next Thursday is the second of the bingo nights for St Mary’s. We need as many people to attend as possible as funds from Bingo are donated to the school. Eyes down 7.30pm.

Coffee at Woods St Cafe - Friday 10th June, straight after assembly. All parents are invited for a coffee and catch-up after assembly finishes. Hope to see you all there.

St. Mary’s Book Club - Movie Night 17th June, 7pm This term we’ve been reading “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett. Come along and watch the film of the same name - no need to have read the book. BYO nibble, drinks, beanbag and friend or two to enjoy a quiet night out.

Next P&F Meeting Tuesday June 21st, 7.45pm
Candece Jay, President St Mary’s P&F

Principal Awards: Congratulations to Jacob Donnellon, Finn Molloy Drum and Xavier Birch on their work in Mathematics and Angel Shiju on her excellent effort in completing all her work to her best standard. Well done Grade Prep and One authors.

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 10\textsuperscript{th} – Assembly at 9.00am – Grade 3 & 4
Reports Go home.
Monday, June 13\textsuperscript{th} – Public Holiday for the Queen’s Birthday.
Tuesday, June 14\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday, June 15\textsuperscript{th} – Parent Teacher Interview
Friday, June 17\textsuperscript{th} – P&F Movie Night in the Multi Purpose Room starting at 7.00pm.
Monday, June 20\textsuperscript{th} – School Dance in the Multi Purpose Room
Tuesday, June 21\textsuperscript{st} – Parents and Friends Meeting at 7.45pm
Friday, June 24\textsuperscript{th} – Last day of Term. School finishes at 2.30pm

Tuck Shop Order: Due back with payment – Wednesday 8th June

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