58th Annual Music Festival: On Monday evening St. Mary’s School hosted the Music Festival. The whole school performed in the choir and their item was both entertaining and of a high standard. Congratulations to the students and thank you to the staff for preparing the students and Mrs. Gilmour for conducting the choir.

Michael Mangan: Last Thursday students from St. Mary’s Sea Lake, St Joseph’s Charlton, St. Patrick’s St Arnaud joined St. Mary’s in being entertained by Michael Mangan. Many of his songs were known by the students and all students and staff enjoyed the concert. Pictured with Michael Mangan are the school leaders from each school.
The Bounce Back! Program. This week in our class activities, we will be using circle time to consider how people feel when they are bullied, and also how others such as classmates, parent and teachers connected to the bullying situation feel.

Key messages from the BounceBack program that parents can communicate to their child.
It's never O.K to bully someone or take part in bullying even in small ways. It's not O.K to say ‘someone else started it’ or ‘someone else made me do it’ or ‘everyone else was doing it’. You must take responsibility for your own actions.

High School Fete: Fete is to be held on Friday, August 5th and students will be attending. Please find attached a lunch order form for this day. Orders are to be returned by the end of the week.

Principal Awards: Congratulations to Zac Griffiths, Ollie Berry, Victory Davis and Elijah Mansibang on their excellent writing this week.

Book Week: Week 7 Monday, August 22nd to Friday, August 26th “Australia! Story Country”
As part of celebrating Book Week students, family members and staff are asked to provide a favourite book to share for display during Book Week. Attached to the Newsletter is more information.

Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
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Parents & Friends News

At the meeting on Tuesday evening Anne Boadle spoke to us regarding child development and ways to assist our children cope with strong emotions.

Meals On Wheels: Thank you to the families who assisted with delivering Meals on Wheels.

Containers from In-Service Catering There are still a few containers waiting to be picked up in the tuckshop. Thanks again to everyone who was able to donate or help.

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St Mary’s P&F President

Information: Any family who would like a copy of Mrs Boadle’s informative notes regarding child development or ways to assist your child cope with strong emotions they are available at the Office.

Two of Grade Five and Six Reports on the Michael Mangan Concert

Last Thursday, Michael Mangan, a religious singer for children came to our school for a concert. We invited St. Patricks from St. Arnaud, St. Joseph’s from Charlton and St.Mary’s from Sea Lake. Michael Mangan came down from Brisbane to sing to all of the schools in Victoria and he did really well. He was really interactive with the crowd and asked us to sing along with him. We knew some of the songs he sang but everyone learnt a few new ones as well.

Zac Livingston and Luke Slater

Last Thursday, July 21st, Michael Mangan (a religious music writer for children) performed in the Multi-Purpose Room. Michael performed in front of four schools, St.Mary’s-Donald, St.Patrick’s-St.Arnaud, St.Joseph’s-Charlton and St.Mary’s-Sea Lake. Including adults there was a total of about 200 people in the room; Mrs.Hogan didn’t know if everyone would fit! Michael came all the way from Brisbane to Donald on a tour to perform for everyone. He was a great performer and was very interactive with the crowd. He taught us how to sing his songs, and do the actions that go with his songs. All of his guitar playing was amazing and everybody had lots of fun.

At the end of the concert the students were allowed to ask Michael some questions. The students found out that Michael decided to make religious music to teach his students about God because he was a music teacher in a Catholic school. The audience of people also found out that he created ‘Hearts on Fire’, his most popular song, for a conference in Sydney. Another thing the audience found out was that Michael had sticky-taped and rubber-banded a computer mouse to the back of his guitar to change the slides easily without having to have someone else controlling it!

All of the students and staff members had fun and the concert was brilliant!

Ian Rachinsky, Noah Slater and Simon Morgan

More reviews will be on the School Website after this afternoon.
Great performances don’t happen without practice.

A fun day and experiencing being a student at a larger school.