School Mass and Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist: On Sunday at the Term School Mass Finn Molloy-Drum, Jacob Donnellon, Nicholas Belleville, Chloe Livingston and Brianna Harmer received Eucharist for the first time. After Mass morning tea in the Multi-Purpose room was provided by the Parents and Friends. Many thanks to families for their support of this special occasion.

Athletic Sports: Last Thursday the students participated in the Sports at the Donald ovals. All students participated well. Thank you to Miss McEvoy for her organisation, staff for their supervision and special thanks to families who assisted. Congratulations George Morgan on achieving a perfect score.
Book Week: Week 7 Monday, August 22nd to Friday, August 26th “Australian Story Country”

This week the school have been celebrating Book Week. Each day the students have enjoyed listening to a story read by a surprise guest while they eat their lunch. Thank you to Chloe Jane, Julia McConville, Justin Trollop and Kevin Anderson for sharing a story. Thank you in advance to the other two young gentlemen readers. Additional photos and information about the week will be placed on the School Webpage over the weekend.

Yesterday the students shared their stories. Thank you to the families who attended. This week has been organised by Mrs Gilmour and many thanks for her work.

Bounce Back! Program - No Bullying unit.

One of the key points in the Bounce Back program is that bullying can happen to good likeable people. People who get bullied never deserve what is being done to them. The Bounce Back program assists children to think about how they can protect themselves from being bullied, including cyberbullying. If someone starts to bully you, stay calm, stand tall, look them in the eyes and firmly ask them to stop; retaliating or getting upset can make things worse. If you continue to be bullied after you have firmly told the person to stop, ask a teacher and/or a trusted adult to help you solve the problem. Get support quickly, once a bullying pattern develops it is hard to stop it happening by yourself. Asking a teacher for help is not the same a dobbing. When you ask a teacher for help, you are asking for help to fix a problem, not just trying to get someone into trouble.

Suggestions from the Bounce Back program about what parents can do to help their child if they are being bullied.

Respond calmly if you think your child is being bullied Talk to them about what is happening. Listen to the whole story before responding or asking questions. Ask how they would like you to help. One of their fears might be that you will over-react and make things worse. Discuss with them what they could do? (as above) If the situation doesn’t improve or has been going on for a while, make contact with the school.

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
Welcome Back Jestine: A warm welcome back to St. Mary’s to Jestine and her family. Hoping Jestine enjoys her last months of Primary schooling at St. Mary’s.

Donald Basketball: Calling for names for the 2016/2017 Summer Season.
If you are interested in playing Basketball please fill in a form available fro the Early Bird Café.
Names must be in by Friday, September 16th.

Principal’s Award: Congratulations Libby Griffiths, Ethan Clapham, John Clapham, Zachariah Clapham, Shaine Mansibang, Jaya Stirling, Cameron Belleville and Angel Shiju.
**Movie Evening:** Donald Community Family Movie Night is to be held on Wednesday, August 31\(^{st}\) at the Memorial Hall from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. The movie is ‘Finding Dory’. Cost $10.00 per person or $40.00 for a family of four or over. Please RSVP the Donald High School by Friday, August 26\(^{th}\) if interested in attending.

**Basketball Clinic:** Expressions of interest are invited for a junior basketball clinic with Basketball Victoria Tim Downes at Warracknabeal during the holidays. Details are on the School App or available at the Office.

**Austswim Teachers:** There is a course to be held at the Horsham Aquatic Centre on Saturday 17\(^{th}\) and Sunday 18\(^{th}\) of September. Cost is $348.00. Additional information available at the Office.

**P&F News**

Thank you to the parents who were able to assist with the Eucharist morning tea last Sunday.

**Fathers Day Stall Sept. 2**

Our annual Father’s Day stall will be held next Friday. Most items priced between 50c - $5. If any parents are able to assist on the day, please let Candece know 0400 709 981

**Upcoming Events**

Book Club Movie Night Sept. 9

Spring Luncheon Meeting - Woods St Cafe Sept. 12

Spring Luncheon Sept. 16

Next P&F Meeting Oct.4\(^{th}\)

St Mary’s P&F President

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**St Mary's Weekly Tuck Shop Order**

Due back with payment – Wednesday 31\(^{st}\) August

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