Annual Book Fair:
Many thanks to all students and families for your support of the Bookfair. The sales entitled St. Mary's to $350.00 worth of books for the Library. Happy Reading.

BluEarth:
The four sessions have been a great opportunity for students to be active, learn new skills and have fun in a non-competitive manner. The students and staff have learnt a lot from this program. These four sessions are in preparation of the Physical Education focus during 2017.

Assembly:
Tomorrow, Friday, December 9th at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room the final assembly for 2016 will be held. Grade 5 & 6 students will lead the prayer and items. All families are warmly invited to attend.

Awards:
Foundation, Grade 1 & 2: Libby Griffiths, Ethan Clapham and Lexis Pratt.
Grade 3 & 4: Lachlan Belleville, Texas Davis, Geordie Smith, Layla Pratt and Charli Fagan.
Grade 5 & 6: Grade Six Class.

End of Year Mass:
On Monday, December 12th at 6.30pm there will be Mass in the Church to celebrate and give thanks for the many achievements and friendships we have shared throughout this school year. The Grade 6 students and families leaving our school will be acknowledged. All families are invited to attend and all students are encouraged and expected to attend.

After Mass there will be an early supper in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day:
This will be held on Tuesday, December 13th from 9.00am. The day will commence with a liturgy in the Multi-Purpose Room followed by Christmas activities. The morning will conclude with a brief sharing and morning tea for the visitors before leaving. All families are invited to share this special morning.

Johnson Goodwin Visit:
The students and staff will be visiting the residents at the Village on Wednesday, December 14th arriving at 10.30am. Students will be performing the Nativity Play and singing a song. Students are invited to wear something with a Christmas theme with their School uniform – Santa hat, tinsel, reindeer antlers etc.
Advent:
This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am at St. Mary’s. All families are invited.

Parents and Friends News:
Christmas Bingo - Thursday, December 15, eyes down at 7.30pm. The final and biggest bingo for the year is coming up next week. Come on out for the last chance to support the Bingo Club in 2016 and raise some money for our school.
Bring a friend or two and make a night of it. Hope to see you there.
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President of P&F

Let’s Read Donald - Pop Up Libraries to Come to Town!
In an effort to bring more books to the community both the Donald Primary and St Mary’s Primary Schools are combining forces and planning to launch a number of Pop-Up libraries across the Donald Township.
Both schools are now sourcing new and donated books appropriate for pre-school and primary school aged children. Any books may be dropped into the school as there is a box in the Office Foyer. Donated books can also be left in the black tubs at both schools and at the Donald Newsagency.

Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.
Contact Details: Through the school 5497 1116 or by ringing directly on 0409 598 481.
Email: Anne.Boadle@centacareballarat.org.au

Grade 5 & 6:
The Grade 5/6 class are gratefully accepting donations of magazines for Christmas craft projects.
Glossy pages are best, for example magazines from ‘Better Homes and Gardens’ and 'Women's Weekly' would be great.
Please deliver these to Mrs Hogan's room. Thank-you.

GRADE 6 CLASS 2017:
It's that time of year again!!!
The Grade 5s have tried on rugby jumpers at school today so they should have some idea of their sizes needed for next year. The jumper and t-shirt sizes are very similar to their current uniform.
If you are unsure could you, please arrange to try one of the current Grade 6 tops on to confirm.
The rugby jumpers are supplied and t-shirts are around $40-$45 depending on the design.

Please return the form below by no later than Thursday the 15th of December, 2016.
Thank you,
Mary Hogan

Student's Name: ____________________________________________________

Rugby Jumper Size: ________

T-Shirt Size: ________ Quantity: ____________

Parent Signature: ____________________________________________
**Principal’s Award:**
Congratulations to the Grade Prep and One students for their fantastic writing and Skye and Daniel Spencer for their excellent work during the last week. Well done!
Reports:
The Semester Two reports are being sent home tomorrow afternoon. They are addressed to the parents and will be placed in the oldest child’s bag.
The reports include the marks of the student’s achievements. The yellow area indicates the expected standard for a student in that year level.
I urge families to compare their child’s progress since Semester One rather than focusing on other class member’s results.
The written comments commence with a brief overview of the Semester’s areas of focus. The individual comments include achievements of the student and areas of focus for the beginning of 2017.
Thank you in advance, for taking the time to read and reflect on the report. I encourage you to share the achievements with your child.
Families are invited to make an appointment, in the coming week, prior to Friday, December 16th if you would like to discuss your child’s report with the classroom teacher. Please visit or telephone the Office for an appointment time. Regards, Anne Anderson.

Road Safety:
Students that walk or ride to school are reminded to take care in the coming week as the roads are very busy owing to harvest. The large trucks are unable to stop quickly.
Families are asked to stress to their children to take additional care.

Tuckshop:
There will be no tuckshop in the coming week. Many thanks to Katie Bicket and Jen Birch for organising Tuckshop this year. The students have enjoyed the delicious food.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME:
The carpet from the Library has been replaced owing to a small area being water damaged. The carpet is available to anyone who could use it. Please let me know as soon as possible as it will be disposed of if no one is interested. Anne