The St. Mary’s School Community offer congratulations to Amanda, Joshua, Layla, Lexis, Lilith and Loulou on the birth of their daughter and sister Lucy. Welcome to Donald Lucy and we are pleased to hear you are settling into home well.
Looking forward to meeting you at St. Mary’s.

Term Four School Leaders:
On Monday morning the three Term Four leaders Jessica Mellings, Jade Devine and Jestine Panares were presented with their badges. The students shared their addresses with students and staff. Congratulations Simon Morgan, Liam McLachlan and Luke Slater on your job as school leaders during Term Three.

School Photos: Next Friday, October 21st from 9.00am the school photos will be taken. Students are asked to wear or bring their school jumper for the photos.
Families are asked to return the forms by Monday, October 17th at the latest. Please return the forms even if you are not purchasing the photos.

Grade Five and Six Melbourne Camp:
Last Thursday afternoon the Grade Five and Six students returned from a very busy and fulfilling 5 days. Students have shared some favourite parts with the other students and staff. Attached to the Newsletter are each student’s brief comment of a memorable part of the excursion.
Many thanks to Mrs Hogan for her organisation and supervision; Mrs Molloy Drum for driving the bus and Mrs Hughes for helping the students and Mrs Hogan throughout the week.
October Mission Month Socktober: Sock It to Poverty
During October the students will be focusing on our role as Christians to help people in need. This year the money we raise will go to help Our Lady of the Missions nuns work in India helping poor families. This work includes providing venom to these people when bitten by snakes.
This order of nuns worked at the school until the 1960’s and their work focuses on working with the very poor.
In keeping with the theme tomorrow, Friday October 14th students will be invited to wear a favourite pair of socks and give a coin donation for being able to wear them.

Nude Food Week: Monday, October 17th – Friday, October 21st.
During Week Three Students and staff are being encouraged to bring their food to school in as little wrapping as possible. This focus is to remind us of the rubbish each of us contributes to landfill.
During Week Two the students will weigh the rubbish and compare it when participating in Nude Food Week.
Ideas: Bring drink bottles.
       Pack lunch in reusable containers

Walk To School Program: Again the Buloke Shire are supporting the Walk To School Program. St. Mary’s have received some funding to implement the program. Each morning students and staff are commencing the day with a walk.
To conclude the program the students and staff will take a bus out to Lake Wooroonook and enjoy a walk after lunch. The walk will be held on Monday, November 14th.

Student Free Days: There will be no school for students on Monday, October 31st for St. Mary’s and the other Donald schools. Tuesday, November 1st is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.
Book Week Colouring Competition: Congratulations Erika Bicket, Angel Shiju and Ollie Berry for winning the competition.

Principal's Award: Congratulations to Ethan for your writing.

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

The Bounce Back! Program - No Bullying unit
To conclude our No Bullying class activities, we will be revising good ways to handle bullying situations and the skills that help us to stop bullying when we see it happening. For example, thinking for ourselves not just doing what others do, having courage to speak out and say stop, understanding the difference between asking for help from a teacher to solve a problem, and wanting to get someone into trouble. With the older students we are also covering the influence of peer pressure and how rumours contribute to the process of bullying.

The Parents and Friends News
Meals on Wheels – Monday Oct. 24 - Friday Oct. 28
St Mary’s final MOW is approaching - we’re looking for helpers to take on the role of driver for a delivery run. A Working With Children (WWC) card is needed to escort the senior students as they make the deliveries (parents of senior students may take their own child if no WWC). Alternatively a shift can be taken by an adult alone with no WWC required.
If you're interested in learning the ropes, please contact Candece on 0400 709 981 and we can arrange a ride for you. A MOW shift generally takes about an hour from 12-1pm.
Fete Lunch Meeting Friday October 14, 1p.m.
A lunchtime meeting is being held tomorrow to discuss the upcoming fete at the Jeffcott Hotel at1p.m. All welcome.
Upcoming Events
Fete Meeting Friday, October 14th
Meals On Wheels Monday, October 24th to Friday, October 28th
St. Mary’s School Fete Friday November 4th
P&F Dinner Meeting Tuesday, November 15th

Candece Jay St Mary’s P&F President
**Donald Junior Cricket 2016 - 2017 Season**
Registration and Training will be held at the Jeffcott Oval on **Friday, October 14th at 5.00pm**.
Download Donald Junior Cricket Team App for regular updates. The App will have all updates and information regarding the Junior Cricket.
Players must be 8 years of age during 2016 and Under 16 years of age on the 1st September 2016.
Shirt Presentation and Training will be held on Friday, October 21st at 5.00pm
The Season commences on Friday, October 28th.
For additional information contact Glenn Westerland 0429858244

**Aussie Hoops - Donald Basketball.**
A 10 week program for ages PREP upwards.
Commencing on Wednesday, **October 26th from 3.45 pm - 4.30 pm**
New Participant $65.00 including pack. Returning Participant $40.00 no pack.
Register online at [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au) Click on Centre Locator and enter 3480, Donald Program. For more information call Kylie 0408971038

**VICSWIM Program:** Over January this program will be running. The cost is $30.00 per week.
Bookings are scheduled to open from the 17th October via the VICSWIM website. [www.vicswim.com.au](http://www.vicswim.com.au)
Program 1 – Tuesday, 3rd January – Friday 6th January 2017
Program 2 – Monday, 9th January – Friday 13th January 2017
Program 3 – Monday, 16th January – Friday 20th January 2017

**Kinder Enrolment:** A reminder if you have a child to commence Kinder in 2017 it is time to enrol them. More details are on the School App or contact Jen Birch at the Kindergarten.

**Lunch Orders:** The Term Four Lunch order is not yet ready.

**FREE TREAT DAY AT THE TUCKSHOP:** Tomorrow there will be a free treat day for all students so students do not need to bring their lunch.
Any student who would prefer please bring a packed lunch as usual.