THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Tomorrow the school photos will be taken. Could all students wear or bring their maroon jumper and wear their school uniform not their sport’s uniform.

**Hats:** Students are required to wear their hat during recesses or when outside completing activities and for Physical Education. Hats can be purchased at Mensland.

**Meals On Wheels:** HELP NEEDED Next week Monday, October 24th – Friday, October 28th St. Mary’s are delivering Meals on Wheels. Help needed.

**Monday, October 31st and Tuesday, November 1st** Melbourne Cup Day are Student Free Days.

**Friday, November 4th – School Fete.**

**Camps and Excursions:**
Grade 3 & 4 – Warrnambool will be held on Wednesday, November 9th – Friday, November 11th.

Foundation, Gr 1 & 2 excursion to Bendigo will be held on Friday, November 18th.

**October Mission Month: Sock It To Poverty:** Many thanks to the students and their families for supporting the crazy sock day. Money raised $110.85. Our final activity will be held next week which is a snake coin trail. This is to focus on the area our money is going to in northern India where snake bites take many lives of poor farmers. The Our Lady of the Missions work includes providing anti venom to people unable to afford it. The school leaders are making a long snake and students, staff and families are invited to place a coin on the snake throughout the week.
T20 Cricket: Yesterday, Wednesday October 19th the Grade 5 & 6 students participated in a cricket competition at the Donald oval. Both boys and girls had a win and all enjoyed the day. Congratulations to the students on their sportsman like behaviour and it was pleasing to hear this from people from other schools. Thanks to Mrs Cumming and Mrs Hughes for their help.

Nude Food Week: Monday, October 17th – Friday, October 21st.

During this week 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.

Thank you to the families for your support.

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.

Principal’s Award: Congratulations to John Clapham, Piper Smith and Libby Griffiths on their oral retell. John also received another award for his counting on in Mathematics.
**Bendigo Bank Colouring Competition:** Daniel Spencer received a nice surprise in the mail informing him of winning the colouring competition.

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**The Bounce Back! Program**

We conclude our No Bullying class activities this week, and move to the new topic of Humour.

The aim of the BounceBack Program is to assist children to build resilience and mental wellbeing, through developing the skills to ‘bounce back’ from everyday challenges, and other difficult situations they may encounter in life.

The BounceBack Program describes the importance of humour and enjoying a laugh with others, as the unique human bond that helps us to connect with others. Humour can help us throw light on an otherwise dark situation and help us feel more hopeful. It allows us to release the tension created by strong and uncomfortable feelings. Having a laugh also helps us stay healthy and well, because of the change laughter created in our bodies. In our activities for this topic we will be considering, why people laugh and what they laugh at, how positive humour helps us, and not using humour in a hurtful way.

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**Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boodle**

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

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**Donald Junior Cricket 2016 - 2017 Season**

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

**Milo Cricket:** Names are being taken for Milo Cricket. There is a sheet to place names down in the School Office. The names will be collected next Wednesday, October 26th. For additional information contact Marcia Berry.

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**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.auussiehoops.com.au](http://www.auussiehoops.com.au) Click on Centre Locator and enter 3480, Donald Program. For more information call Kylie 0408971038

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**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.

The Parents and Friends News:
Meals on Wheels NEXT WEEK – Monday Oct. 24 - Friday Oct. 28
Helpers urgently needed to take on a MOW delivery run any day next week. A Working With Children (WWC) card needed to escort the senior students as they make the deliveries (parents of senior students may take their own child if no WWC) OR solo shift can be arranged (if no WWC). 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.

St. Mary’s Twilight Fete
The fete is coming up shortly - information packs have been sent out to each family, please ask for another if needed.
Raffle Money
Raffle money can be returned to the office from now on. More tickets available if your’e eager!
Lucky Bags
It’s time to start sending in luck bags for the fete. A collection basket can be found in each classroom.
Monster and Christmas Hamper Items
A collection box for donated hamper items can be found in the office foyer. These items will be collected together and made into our raffle prize for the fete.
Silent Auction Items Needed
We’re still looking for items to add to our Silent Auction. Items ideas include: Old wagon wheels, eye-catching machinery pieces that can be used as garden art, bales of pea straw, tradesman services, vouchers, holiday home vouchers etc. You or a friend may have an unwanted item around the home that would suit. All contributions and ideas welcome.

Upcoming Events
Meals on Wheels Monday October 24th to Friday, October 28th
St. Mary’s School Fete Friday, November 4th commencing at 4.30pm
Candece Jay
St Mary’s P&F President

Lunch Orders: The Term Four Lunch order will be sent out in the coming week.

Children's Week Saturday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 30th

“Children have the right to reliable information from the Media”