School Fete: Next Friday, November 4th is the annual School Fete. This event is the main fund-raiser for the Parents and Friends and a great social event for the school community. All families are invited to assist.

Assembly: Tomorrow, Friday, October 21st at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room the Grade 3 & 4 students are leading the Assembly. Families are invited to attend.
Awards: Foundation, Grade 1 & 2: Angel Shiju, Zachariah Clapham and Skye Spencer
Grade 3 & 4 Charlotte Bicket, Zac Griffiths, Nicholas Belleville and Brianna Harmer.
Grade 5 & 6: The Senior Class for their enthusiastic participation in all events on the Melbourne Camp.
Principal’s Award: Daniel Slater, Ian Rachinsky and Grace Leeder for leadership shown towards other students and for caring for the school facilities.

Meals On Wheels: Thank you to Annette Gilmour, Pam Mellings, Candece Jay and Karla Griffiths for driving the senior students to deliver the meals this week.

October Mission Month: Sock It To Poverty: Many thanks to the students and their families for supporting each event held during Mission month. Parishioners have also donated to our fund-raising and together we are sending the Our Lady of the Missions project in Northern India

Nude Food Week: Thank you to all families for supporting our week of reducing rubbish by placing food in reusable containers. It is great to see students still using containers not wrap.

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. October has provided opportunities to walk in all types of weather. 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 Skye Spencer and Zackery Menhenett for your writing this week.

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**Pastoral Care Worker: Anne Boadle**
Works at St. Mary’s each Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm.  
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**The Bounce Back! Program**
In our first class activities on positive humour, we will be considering why we laugh and what makes us laugh, including funny stories, rhymes, riddles and jokes.  
**Ideas from the BounceBack program for parents, to help children learn about humour.**
Share funny stories, songs, movies and TV shows with your child. This is a great way to connect and enjoy each other’s company. Share riddles and jokes that don’t rely on put downs or insulting humour.
The Parents and Friends News:
Thank you to the volunteers who were able to help with Meal on Wheels this week. MOW is such a valuable experience for the senior students, and your help enables this to continue.

Fete Reminders:
Raffle Money
Thank you to the families who have already returned raffle ticket money. A reminder that the raffle is drawn next Friday, November 4 so please return all money and unsold tickets to the front office by then please.

Lucky Bags
The collection baskets are ready and waiting in each classroom, please send your ‘lucky bags’ in to school ready for the fete. Any new parents who are unsure what a lucky bag is, please feel free to ask another parent, a teacher or call Candece on 0400 709 981.

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
Thank you to those who have been able to contribute an item for our silent auction. We’re still looking for a few more donations to maximise impact. Some 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 suggestions welcome.

Fete Set up Fri. Nov. 4 - help needed
We begin to set-up for the fete around 9-9.30 Friday morning (Nov. 4) and continue throughout the day. Helpers are needed for set-up (even if you can only spare 20 minutes), please pop in to the multi-purpose room if you are able to assist.

Upcoming Events
St. Mary’s School Fete Friday, November 4th
P&F Dinner Meeting Tuesday, November 15th

Candece Jay
St Mary’s P&F President
Less of fun for everyone at the
St Mary's School

Twilight Fete

Friday 4 November 2016
Starting at 4.30pm

Fun for kids & adults

Live Entertainment
Jumping Castle
Hair Colour & Face Painting
Heaps of great kids' activities
Lucky Bags
Silent Auction
Cake Stall
Raffle & Lucky Squares
Lollies
Produce & Plants

Fantastic food

Lunch and outside catering
Hot meals from 5.30pm

Roast Beef Rolls
BBQ & Baked Potatoes
Curry & Rice
Fruit Salad & Ice-cream
Coffee & Cake
Ice cremes, Milkshakes & Sippers
Fairy Floss
Licensed Bar