Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone managed to survive the adverse weather conditions on the weekend! The rain was a welcome relief to the extreme heat over Friday and Saturday!

Congratulations to all our swimming competitors last Wednesday. Under perfect weather conditions our 2017 Swimming Carnival was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. Students heading next to Western Region level would have received their letter last Friday. The down side of our wonderful school enrolments this year, is that we are no longer eligible to enter the Small Schools relay division. School numbers must be under 55 to be eligible to enter. I am sure our team of 10 students will represent our school admirably on Thursday in Cootamundra.

Our Parent Information Evening is set down for TOMORROW afternoon commencing with K/1 class talk at 6pm. I will give a short address at 6.15pm for all parents. If Year 4/5/6 parents are unable to make this time, I am happy to give another short address following the Year 4/5/6 class meeting at 6.45pm.

We have several important events coming up over the next few weeks:
- Tuesdays-Indonesian Classes
- Year 5/6 Leadership Program-St Patrick’s Gundagai Thursday 23rd February
- Opening School Mass-Friday 24th February commencing at 12pm.

FREE BBQ lunch for ALL families at 1pm following Mass
- Parent/Carer ‘Maths’ Night-Monday 27th March

More information to come. Happy and cooler week…..hopefully!

Mrs Christine Baron
Principal
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NO HAT NO PLAY
Please remember our school rule, ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’ during Term 1.
Students will be asked to sit in the shade if they do not have their school hat.

A note is required if students are wearing a hat (or any item of clothing) that is not school uniform.
Thank you for supporting our school policy.

SUNSCREEN
During this hot weather we highly recommend students wear sunscreen to school and have some in their bag to reapply throughout the day as needed.
Due to recent changes in recommendations from the Cancer Council and allergy concerns, parents are now asked to provide their own sunscreen for their child.

HAI R ACCESSORIES/JEWELLERY
All hair accessories should be navy blue please.
Other coloured hairbands, hair clips or ribbons are not part of the school uniform.
Jewellery should be minimal eg watch, necklace with a religious symbol only, stud or sleepers earrings only in silver or gold. Unusual haircuts are also NOT permitted and parents are asked to support policy.

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences each morning at 9.00am.
Students who walk, are driven or ride a bike etc to school are asked to not be at school before 8.40am please unless prior arrangements have been made as they are not supervised before this time.
Bus children who arrive at school before this time are asked to sit in the weather shed.
Staff members commence morning duty at 8.40am but are available if needed beforehand.
School concludes at 3.10pm.

If your child/ren need to leave early for any reason please see their class teacher prior to pick up and please remember to sign the ‘Sign-Out Book’.
Parents are reminded that a note/phone call is required if a student is to be picked up after school by someone different than usual.
Parents are asked to come to the gate to collect their child, so that the teacher on duty can maintain their duty of care to the other students waiting to be collected.

Home Cooking
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CAKE RAFFLE
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APPOINTMENTS WITH STAFF MEMBERS
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8:30am Mass each Sunday
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Senior Girls Champion– MEIKA
Senior Girls Runner Up– ALIVIA
Senior Boys Champion– JACOB (Adelong)
Senior Boys Runner Up– DYLAN M
Intermediate Girls Champion– ADELAIDE
Intermediate Girls Runner Up– LOTTIE (Adelong)
Intermediate Boys Champion– EDWARD (Adelong)
Intermediate Boys Runner Up– JAYDEN (Adelong)
Junior Girls Champion– ANNABEL (Adelong)
Junior Girls Runner Up– MIKAELA (Adelong)
Junior Boy Champion– WILLIAM
Junior Boy Runner Up– DANIEL
Meika, Dylan, Caitlin, Adelaide, Lucy, William, Daniel, Dane, Annie and Catriona will now represent St Mary’s at the Western Region swimming carnival to be held in Cootamundra THIS Thursday 16th February.
We wish them all a wonderful day of competition fun!

AWARDS - WEEK 2
Year K/1: Thomas for showing care and compassion towards his classmates.
Katana for working well with numbers in Mathematics.
Year 2/3: Joel for settling into his new school.
Liam for improvement in swimming.
Year 4/5/6: Caitlin for being able to read big numbers.
Gracie for being able to read big numbers.

Reading Helpers
Helpers wanted on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to read with individual children between 8.45am and 9.30am.
Any help during this time would be greatly appreciated whether you can spare 15 minutes or half an hour. We hope to commence next week— Tuesday 21st February.
Please see Mrs Murray or call the school on 69491270.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy belated birthday wishes go out to EJ who turned 7 and Hannah who turned 10 on the 7th February .... Sorry we missed your birthday girls. Birthdays THIS week are Jade who turn 8 on the 16th, Katana who turns 5 on the 18th, Troy who also turns 5 on the 19th, and Catriona who turns 8 on the 20th.
We hope you all have an amazing time on your special day.
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2017 Swimming Carnival Champions and Runners Up

OPENING SCHOOL MASS-FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY
FAMILY LUNCH ORDER-FREE

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________

Sausage sandwich _____
Rissole Sandwich _____
Vegetarian Pattie _____

(Please place the number required of each item on the line provided)

All family members are welcome to order lunch. Please return to school ASAP.