Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enter the Lenten season of the Church. The students enjoyed some pancakes today to mark Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally pancakes were an opportunity to use up all the luxury food eg butter, eggs etc before Lent officially began on Ash Wednesday. This is a period of fasting, prayer and abstinence for 40 days prior to Easter. An Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held in the church at 12pm for all students, families and parishioners who wish to attend.

This Thursday our Year 2-6 students will enjoy a cultural day at the Birrimbi Waga Amphitheatre in Tumut. The students will enjoy a bush Tucker walk followed by some traditional Aboriginal craft sessions led by Shane Herrington from the NP&WS. This is part of students’ HSIE unit.

This Friday six students will head off to the Western Region Swimming Carnival at Boorowa and our best wishes go with them.

Please remember the Parent Information sessions will be held TONIGHT. Refreshments will be served from 4.30pm. The K/1 session will be held from 5.00-5.30pm while the Year 2/3 and Yr 4/5/6 sessions will be from 5.30-6.00pm.

Baby sitting available.

Mary our Mother, look after us...

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2015 Swimming Carnival RESULTS!

Last Wednesday, St. Mary’s and St. Joseph’s held their annual Swimming Carnival at the Batlow pool. Although we were very surprised to encounter a rainy day it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students.

It was wonderful to see every child ‘having a go’ and challenging themselves in their swimming ability. Many personal best times were also achieved with students very proud of their efforts.

K/1 joined us at 2am and had some lovely fun in the pool. Hume was the winning house on the day, taking out first place with extra points gained for consistent chanting and cheering on their team mates.

Age Champion Swimmers on the day were……………

SENIOR GIRL – Cassie Brennan
RUNNER UP—Makenzie Glynn

SENIOR BOY – Aidan Jones

INTERMEDIATE GIRL – Molly Baron
RUNNERS UP– Corinne Jackson & Jessica Ovenden

INTERMEDIATE BOY– Ethan Birks
RUNNER UP– Peter Jones

JUNIOR GIRL – Melika Collins
RUNNER UP– Lucie McMahon

JUNIOR BOY– Sydney Radford
RUNNER UP– Jacob Ambrose

Thank you once again to the fantastic parents who helped set up and pack away on the day. Also many thanks to our scorers, timekeepers and race coordinators for the magnificent job they did all day. Also to Dylan Harmer, Jayden Kent & Aaron Russell Year 10 students from McAuley.

A special thank you also to Maria & Steve Irwin for setting up a large tarp to protect students from the rain. Without everyones help the Carnival could not have run so smoothly.

From this carnival students have been selected to represent St Mary’s at the Western Region Carnival in Boorowa on Friday 20th February.

We wish……

Aidan, Makenzie, Cassie, Ashley, Molly & Corinne the best of luck and fast swimming on the day! Good luck.

Congratulations are also extended to Aidan, Cassie, Makenzie & Molly who will make up the Small Schools Relay Team this year. Their team will have their first swim off at Boorowa.

Our best wishes are extended to the team!
COMMONWEALTH BANK

MONDAY is our school banking day. There are some great incentives to encourage students to bank their money for long term benefits!

CAKE RAFFLE

the FISHER FAMILY are asked to supply the cake for the cake raffle next Friday 27th February.
Tickets 20c each.

HOME COOKING

Next Friday the 27th February with the COOPER-WILSON AND WILKINSON FAMILIES are rostered on to cook.
All items sold for 20c.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

go out to Catriona Jackson who turns 6 on Friday 20th February.
Also to Sebastian Breward who turns 7 and Bridget Peel who turns 5, on Sunday 22nd February.

We hope you all have a wonderful day.

RADIO PRESENTERS

Molly and Tameika will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountain’ FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 24th February.
Please tune in to hear our exciting school news.

COMPUTER/INTERNET AGREEMENT FORMS:
The Student Acceptable Use of Agreement Forms (mandated by the CEO) that were sent home last week need to be signed for students to use the computers/internet.
Please return these forms ASAP.

Awards

Year K/1: Zoe Zovaro for always being on task and working well with others.
Zayn Bartlett for confidently sharing his ideas with the class.
Tom Wolfe for being a helpful, caring member of class.

Year 2/3: Joshua Ovenden for being a happy and helpful class member.
Oscar Dunlop for settling in well to his new school.
Ellie Wolfe for setting a great example for others.

Year 4/5/6: Jessica Ovenden for being a friendly and caring student.
Atea Karauna for great use of strategies with place value.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:

Monique Fisher for being a wonderful "buddy" and her excellent example of leadership to the younger students.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep in your prayers Pia Zovaro, Lucy Pearce and Joshua Ovenden who are currently preparing for their First Reconciliation.
The students are attending preparation sessions with their parents each Sunday.
The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sunday 8th March at 10am Mass.
**WELCOMING LITURGY**

**Wednesday 11th March at 12.00pm in St Mary’s Church.**

Our Year 6 students, **Ashley, Cassie, Charlotte Makenzie, Molly, Monique and Aidan** will be formally inducted as this year’s school leaders during the Liturgy. Year 6 parents or a nominated representative are asked to be present at the liturgy to present their child with their leader’s badge.

**Kindergarten and all new students** as well as their parents are also asked to attend as their children will be officially welcomed to St Mary’s.

**A FREE lunch will be available for everyone to enjoy …….. rissole or sausage sandwiches with coleslaw.**

Please fill in the order form on the back of the newsletter and return to help us know how many hamburgers/sausages to order—thank you.

**Students in Years 1–6 (excluding new families) are asked to supply a plate of food for after lunch.**

**Everyone Welcome to Liturgy and lunch!**

Students are required to wear their full school summer uniform for this special event please (dresses for girls).

We are looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with everyone!

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**WELCOME AURORA!**

St Mary's would like to say a big welcome to **Aurora Chant-Connelly** who has joined our Year 1 class.

We also welcome her family to our school community.

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**RAMOS MUSIC LESSONS**

Music Lessons **Every Thursday.**

Drums, keyboard and guitar. For more information contact **Julie at Ramos Music** - Year 2 and over.

**Email: ramosmusictumut@gmail.com**

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**Drumming/Rhythm Workshop**

Next Wednesday 25th March students from St Joseph’s Adelong will join us in the drumming rhythm workshops conducted by Kate Pickering at the Literary Institute.

Parents are invited to attend a concert at 2pm where all students will participate in a concert.

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**Aboriginal Cultural Day**

**Years 2 to 6** will travel to **Tumut THIS Thursday 19th February.**

The students will visit Birrimil Waga Amphitheatre, where they will enjoy a Bush Tucker Tour. This will be followed by an aboriginal art and craft session at Billa Park.

The bus will need to leave St Mary’s at 9.00am and will return by 3.00pm.

Students will require a packed recess, lunch and drinks and are asked to wear **Sport Uniform** please sign the permission note on the back of the newsletter and return to school TOMORROW please.

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**Change of date!!**

The Whole School Assembly originally scheduled for Thursday 12th March will be now be held on **Monday 9th March at 2pm in the School Library. All welcome!**
WELCOMING LITURGY LUNCH ORDER

Wednesday 11th March 12pm.

The ________________________ Family would like to order

__________ x rissole sandwiches

_________ x sausage sandwiches

NO COST  Thank you

THANK YOU!!!!

A big thank you to Maria Irwin and Clare Pearce for putting library books back on the shelves after our painting in the Holidays and to Gay Ryan for covering all our new resources. Your help is appreciated!

MISSING!!!!!!!

Last year someone borrowed one of our new navy blue ‘school gazebos. This has not been returned as yet.

We ask that it be returned as soon as possible as it is needed for school events.

Thank you

WELCOME TO MELBOURNE

has been booked for 25th - 28th August

A letter outlining a payment plan will be presented tonight at the Parent Information Evening.

$50 deposit for all students IS required BY Friday 27th March please.

Direct Deposits can be made by:
BSB 062786 Acc # 000010032.

Please use Family Name - Melbourne in details.

SUNDAY MASS/LITURGY

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On the second Sunday of each month, Fr Bernie Hennessey will offer Mass.

All welcome!

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DAY PERMISSION NOTE

(Years 2-6 ONLY PLEASE)

☐ I give permission for my child ________________________ to attend the Aboriginal Cultural Day to be held in Tumut on Thursday 19th February 2015.

☐ I understand they will travel by Shaw’s bus to and from Tumut.

☐ I give permission for staff to render first aid or call an ambulance if necessary.

Signed: ________________________  Date: ________________

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