Dear Parents & Carers,

Our school numbers continue to grow as we welcome more families to our St Mary’s School community. We have finally passed the 50 mark and this is the first time in many years our school numbers have been over 50! Thank you to families who continue to promote our lovely school! The ‘50’ party that we have been promising will be held during Catholic Schools Week as we celebrate the achievements of all Catholic Schools and particularly our own school.

Congratulations to our WR Swimming Team that put in a huge effort at Boorowa last Friday. We are very proud of everyone’s efforts. Please see inside for a full report.

This Wednesday we are looking forward to the Drumming/Rhythm workshops being offered by Kate Pickering. Kate has been able to offer these workshops free of charge due to ‘Inter-Reach’ funding. Parents please remember to come to the Literary Institute at 2pm for the finale concert!

Please remember that Sunday Liturgy/Mass times will change to Sunday mornings at 10am from THIS Sunday 1st March onwards. Mass will be held on the second Sunday of each month.

Enjoy the week ahead

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
EXEC MEMBERS
TONIGHT TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY
COMMENCING AT 6pm
Please contact an executive member if you wish any items to be raised.

WELCOME TO ST MARY’S!
St Mary’s would like to say a big welcome to the Minogue family who have joined us this week. We especially welcome Jordan in Year 6, Cameron in Year 5 and Johnny in Year 3.

DRUMMING/RHYTHM WORKSHOP
Kate Pickering will hold her Drumming/Rhythm workshops this WEDNESDAY for all students. St Joseph’s Adelong will join us for the workshops. All of the workshops will be held in the Batlow Literary Institute.

Kinder- 9.20am-9.50am
(Body Percussion/Dance/Chant)
Year 1- 9.55am-10.25am
(Body Percussion/Dance/Chant)
Year 2- 10.30am-11.00am
(Drumming)
Year 3- 11.30am-12.15pm
(Drumming)
Year 4/5/6- 12.15pm-1.00pm
(Boomwhackers)

PARENT CONCERT: 2pm
All parents & friends are welcome to attend the concert at 2pm in the Batlow Literary Institute.
**SUNDAY MASS/LITURGY**
will now be held EVERY Sunday morning at 10am.
On the second Sunday of each month Mass will be celebrated with Fr Bernie Hennessey.

**CAKE RAFFLE**
This Friday the 27th the Fisher Family is asked to supply the cake for the Cake Raffle.
Tickets 20c each sold at lunchtime.

**HOME COOKING**
This Friday the 27th February the WIKINSON & IRWIN FAMILIES are rostered on to cook. All items sold for 20c.

**RADIO NEWS**
Next Tuesday 3rd March
Charlotte & Cameron E will present our school news on Sounds of the Mountain FM 96.3 at 2.15pm.
Please tune into to hear what is happening at St Mary’s!

**LEARNING GOALS**
Students have set personal learning goals over the past week. These goals are something that each student identifies as an area they would like to work towards or improve on during Terms 1 & 2.
Goals have been laminated and placed on the students desk to help remind them of what they are trying to achieve.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**
9th March - 15th March
Week 7
St Mary’s will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with -

- Mon 9th Whole School Assembly 2pm
- Wed 11th Welcoming School Liturgy
- 50 Party date to be advised.

**AWARDS**

**WEEK 4**

**YEAR K/1** - Sophie Garner for settling into Kindergarten and showing maturity.
Sebastian Parsons for great work learning his sounds.
Catriona Jackson for settling into Year 1 and being a caring, considerate classmate.

**YEAR 2/3** - Pia Zovaro for using different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

**YEAR 4/5/6** - Gracie Cooper-Wilson for showing enthusiasm toward all school activities.
WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our Western Region Swimming Team: Aidan Jones, Makenzie Glynn, Cassie Brennan, Ashley Christian, Corinne Jackson and Molly Baron who proudly represented our school last Friday at Boorowa.

All of these swimmers put in their best effort on the day and swam exceptionally well. Cassie Brennan had a magnificent day on an individual level and was placed in the following strokes:
- 2nd in the Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke
- 3rd in the Senior Girls Backstroke
- 4th in the 12 years Girls 50m Freestyle
- 4th in the 100m Open Girls Freestyle
- 5th in the Senior Girls 50m Butterfly

Cassie was awarded Senior Girls Runner Up for this fantastic effort! Well done Cassie!

The Small Schools Relay Team comprising of Cassie, Makenzie, Molly & Aidan swam a very exciting race to take out second place!

Cassie along with the other members of the Small Schools Relay Team will now go on to compete at the Archdiocesan Carnival in Queanbeyan next Tuesday 3rd March.

All in all, it was a wonderful day and each one of the students should all be very proud of their fantastic effort and achievements on the day.

Special congratulations to Ashley and Corinne as this was their first time representing the school in swimming.

Thank you to parents for providing transport and support to all our swimmers.

WR Swimming Team

SMALL SCHOOLS RELAY TEAM

DAY CARE VISIT

Year 5/6 will visit the Day Care at the Batlow Hospital TOMORROW Wednesday 25th February from 11.30-12pm. The students will walk to the hospital accompanied by Miss Molloy.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I will be attending the Western Region Principal’s Meeting followed by a Principal’s Retreat/Conference in Bowral, from Tuesday 3rd March until Friday 8th March. Please direct all enquiries to Mrs Murray in my absence.

Whole School Assembly

Monday 9th March commencing at 2pm in the school library.

Each class will present an item for entertainment.

Parents and family members all welcome!

RECONCILIATION

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Pia Zovaro, Lucy Pearce and Joshua Ovenden as they prepare to make their First Reconciliation Sunday 8th March in St Mary’s Church.

Reconciliation will be celebrated during Mass with Fr Bernie Hennessey commencing at 10am.

All families are welcome to come along and support these students as they make this special sacrament.

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT

Friday 6th March at Adelong Showground.

Movie ‘The Boxtrolls’

Gold Coin Donation

Gates open at 6pm.

BBQ Facilities available

Bring your rug, chairs etc

Keeping a Holy Lent
Generous Donation

Thank you to Ashley’s grandparents Robert & Margaret Christian for the very generous donation of much needed sporting equipment. The students will get many hours of fun thanks to these thoughtful people.

HELP WANTED

We have some second hand uniforms that need washing and to be bagged and sized. Please see Tracee in the office on Thursday or Friday mornings if you can help out.

ANZAC Day Writing Competition

Students are invited to enter the annual ANZAC day writing competition offered by Federal Member for Riverina Mr Michael McCormack.

The topic for this year is “ANZAC Centenary in the Riverina”.

Entries are due by Friday 13th March. This is an optional homework activity for Years 2 to 6.

Also the Batlow RSL Sub Branch are conducting a colouring competition to mark the 100th anniversary. There will be 3 divisions -

- Kindergarten to Year 2 - ages 5 to 7 years.
- Year 3 to 4 - ages 8 to 10 years.
- Year 6 to 6 - ages 10 to 12 years

All entries will be collected from the school on Wednesday 1st April, and the school will be informed of the winners before ANZAC day.
Aboriginal Cultural Day

Year 4/5/6 Comments on the day

Jack: It was an amazing experience through aboriginal country, learning about their culture and choice of weapons.
Cassie: It was fantastic and fun. I liked when we played clap sticks and the didgeridoo, we also made string from bark.
Charlotte: It was very fun and we had bush tucker and made rope and played music and threw boomerangs.
Cameron: It was very good.
Aidan: I enjoyed the didgeridoo playing because of the funny noises I made.
Peter: I think the aboriginal day was fun because we got to throw the boomerangs and make the didgeridoo work.
Ashley: I enjoyed the ochre.
Atea: It was cool when the man played the didgeridoo.
Monique: We learnt how to make rope and make axe heads.
Corinne: It was a fantastic day.
Molly: I thought the Aboriginal Day was fantastic. I loved all the activities and the aboriginal experience.
Makenzie: I really enjoyed the day, it was interesting and fun.