Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 6. It is amazing to think we are already half way through Term 1! It was wonderful to have a short visit from Bridget Peel last week with her mum Sara. Bridget is continuing medical treatment in Sydney Children’s Hospital but was well enough during her break to visit her friends at St Mary’s. We look forward to Bridget joining our K/1 class once her treatment has finished. In the meantime ‘Pip’ the monkey is looking after Bridget’s chair, desk and classwork and is a class favourite!

Congratulations to our team Cassie, Makenzie Molly & Aidan who are representing St Mary’s at the Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival in Queanbeyan today. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing the results of their swimming events.

I will be attending the WR Principal’s Meeting followed by the annual Principals’ Retreat in Bowral this week. Mrs Murray will fill in for me while I am away.

Next week is an important week for all Catholic Schools across NSW and the ACT as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Please see opposite how St Mary’s will celebrate and we invite all family members to join us on Monday for our Whole School Assembly.

Please keep in your prayers Pia Zovaro, Lucy Pearce, Joshua Ovenden and Aiyana Ironside (BTS) who will receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for the very first time on Sunday morning during Mass. This is a very special time for these children and their families.

May the week ahead be a happy one!

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal
WEEK 5:

Year K/1 – Ryley Bartlett for working well with his classmates and always being kind and caring to others.

Jade Booby for her great illustrations and artwork in class.

Year 2/3 – Lucy Pearce for using effective strategies when doing multiplication patterns.

Hazel Paton for staying on task and completing lots of work.

Year 4/5/6 – Molly Baron for completing all homework tasks to a high standard.

Meika Collins for contributing to all class discussions with great ideas.

HOME COOKING
This Friday the 6th March the Garner Family is asked to supply the cake for the Cake Raffle.
Tickets 20c each sold at recess & lunchtime.
Last week's lucky winner was Aidan Jones.

RADIO NEWS
Next Tuesday 10th March
Aidan & Atea
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!

FIRST RECONCILIATION
Please pray for Pia, Joshua and Lucy as they prepare for their first Reconciliation this Sunday at 10am Mass.
Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU!
A big thank you to Coral Membrey and Kerrie Ambrose for taking the second hand clothing to wash and bag for us!
Your help is very much appreciated!

LEARNING GOALS AND PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
Every student K-6 with the support of their teachers, have set a personal learning goal that they would like to work towards during the first semester.
Students have displayed a wonderful ability to self reflect and assess areas that they could improve on or work towards. These learning goals have been laminated and placed on each student’s desk.
Parent/Teacher meetings will be held later in March and parents are asked to come along and meet with their child's teacher to discuss where their child is and how we can work together to support your child’s learning.
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Mrs Baron will be attending the WR Principal’s meeting followed by a Principals’ Retreat in Bowral from Tuesday until Friday. Mr Marcus Turnbull & Mrs Jenny Jackson will cover Mrs Barons teaching load. Any queries can be directed to Mrs Murray.

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

Our Year 6 students, Ashley, Cassie, Charlotte, Makenzie, Molly, Monique and Aidan & Jordan 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, sausage or vegetarian pattie sandwiches with coleslaw.

Please fill in the order form on the back of the newsletter (if you haven’t already done so) 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!

CROSS COUNTRY/ST JOSEPH’S DAY
On Thursday 19th of March, St. Mary’s will travel to Adelong to celebrate St. Joseph’s Day with Adelong and compete in the annual combined Cross Country.

We will be travelling by bus.

The bus will leave St. Mary’s at 9.10am.

The students will arrive at the Adelong Golf Course at 9.40am, ready to walk the course at 10.00am. After the children have run the Cross Country Course we will return to St. Joseph’s School to have lunch and join in their special liturgy for St. Joseph’s Day.

We will be leaving Adelong at approximately 2.20pm to return to Batlow.

Cost of travelling on the bus will be $3.00 per child or $5.00 per family.

Students will need to wear their sport uniform and bring a packed recess and lunch (if not ordering) plus plenty of water to drink.

Permission notes need to be returned by Wednesday 18th March, please.

DRUM WORKSHOPS
Last week students participated in Drumming Workshops hosted by Kate Pickering from Positive Rhythm. The younger students workshop consisted of being told a story with drums and body percussion and learning a small dance and chant. The older children were taught drumming rhythms, body percussion as well as learning to use a tool called a boom whacker!!!

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CROSS COUNTRY PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child/ren _______________________________ to travel by bus to the Adelong Golf Club and participate in the St. Joseph’s/St Mary’s Cross Country.

I understand the students will then travel to St Joseph’s School Adelong to participate in a St. Joseph's Day liturgy and special lunch before returning by bus to Batlow.

I give permission for staff to administer first aid or seek medical attention if deemed necessary.

I have enclosed $3 per child or $5 per family to cover the cost of travelling to the excursion.

SIGNED: ___________________________                 DATE: _______________

Healthy Kids
A Community Health initiative - Getting active

Kids and teens need at least 60 minutes of activity each day – including vigorous activity that makes them “huff and puff.” This can be accumulated throughout the day.
Active kids will have the skills they need to be active adults.
Be a good role model – have a positive attitude to being active.
Make time to be active as a family – walk to the park, go bike riding, or take the dog for a walk.
Encourage active play – buy gifts that get kids moving, such as balls or skipping rope.
Limit ‘screen time’ – such as watching TV or using computers – to no more than 2 hours a day.

WELCOME LITURGY LUNCH ORDER
Wednesday 11th March 12pm.

The ________________________ Family would like to order
___________ x rissole sandwiches
___________ x sausage sandwiches
___________ x vegetarian patty

NO COST  Thank you

Year 5/6 Melbourne Excursion

If you wish to pay instalments by direct deposit school banks details are

BSB: 062786 Acc# 000010032.

Please fill in family name and ‘Melbourne Excursion’ in details, if you would like to pay this way.

100 Year Anniversary
ANZAC Day 2015

We are after anyone who has a photo of a family member who served in any war.
We would like to have a commemorative wall of our local heroes for such an historic event.
So please send in any photos and any information, ie: name, rank, war etc

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