Dear Parents and Carers,
A huge thank you to Mrs Beth Smith for conducting the swimming lessons for our Year 2/3/4/5/6 students last week. It was a great lead up to our swimming carnival tomorrow. Thank you also to Mr Worrick Shaw who transported students to and from swimming lessons each day by bus. It was most appreciated!

We are all gearing up for the Annual Swimming Carnival TOMORROW with our friends from St Joseph’s Adelong. Students have been busily practicing their team chants and gearing up for an exciting day. Ramos Music begin lessons again THIS Thursday and all students involved are asked to remember musical instruments and books please.

This Sunday, First Reconciliation lessons will begin for those students participating in this special Sacrament. Lessons begin at 5pm in the Church Annex prior to 6pm liturgy. Some major changes will take place for the Catholic Churches in our area commencing the weekend of Feb 28th/March 1st. One priest will service the area of Gundagai/Tumut/Batlow and Adelong. This area will be known as the Hills Mission. Please see the timetable for Mass times opposite.

Looking forward to a great day of swimming tomorrow.

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal

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**THE HILLS MISSION**
The proposed changes for this area were discussed at a Deanery Meeting last Thursday and agreed to by the Archbishop.

**Beginning the weekend of Feb 28th/March 1st Mass times will be as follows:**

- **Gundagai:** 6pm Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass (weekly)
- **Tumut:** 8am Sunday Mass (weekly)
- **Adelong:** 10am Mass (1st Sunday of month)
- **Batlow:** 10am Mass (2nd Sunday of month)

Fr Bernie Hennessy will be the priest for this area.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY will be held at 12pm in St Mary’s Church next Wednesday 18th February.

All welcome.

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**DRUMMING/RHYTHM WORKSHOP**
St Mary’s students have been offered an opportunity to participate in a FREE Drumming and Rhythm workshop on Wednesday 25th February. Kate Pickering will conduct the workshops and government funding from Inter-Reach has enabled the program to be delivered free to our students.

St Joseph’s Adelong will join our students for the program.

The program for the day is as follows……

K/1-Body Percussion/Dance/Chant Year 2/3-Drumming
Year 4/5/6-’Boomwhackers’
The students will all come together at 2pm to perform a small concert with parents most welcome to attend.
ST MARY’S CANTEEN SNACK ITEMS
Focus Water $1.50
Juice pop tops 100% natural $1.50
Flavoured Milk Straw & Choc $1.50
Zooper Doopers .50c
Yoghurt sticks etc priced from .10c

Please remember students are limited to 50c for lolly purchases.

CAKE RAFFLE
The Ellicott family is asked to supply the cake for the Cake Raffle this Friday 13th February.
Tickets 20c each.

Batlow Brownie/Guides
Come along and join in the fun every Tuesday afternoon at Batlow Brownie/Guides!
Craft, songs, games, activities, badges, camps etc.
For girls aged 6-12
5.00-6.00pm in the Guide Hall at TOC H Park.
(TOC H park is located across the road from both schools)
For more information please contact Deb Burgess on 0427 474833

HOME COOKING
begins This Friday 13th February with the Ingle & Glynn FAMILIES rostered on to cook.
All items sold for 20c.
Thank you to all the extra families offering to assist on the roster—we are very grateful.
Money raised from the Cake Raffle and Home Cooking go towards our end of year ‘fun’ day.

RADIO PRESENTERS
Makenzie and Peter will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountains’ FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 17th February.
Please tune in to hear our exciting school news.

SPORTS UNIFORM:
to be worn each Monday and Friday by ALL students K-6, please.
All sport shoes must be firmly fitted around the ankles—skate/converse shoes are not permitted for sporting or school activities.

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

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT
St Joseph’s Adelong will host their annual “Movies by Moonlight” evening THIS Friday the 13th February at the Adelong Showground.
The feature movie will be ‘Boxtrolls’
Gates open at 6pm.
Gold coin donation
BBQ facilities available.
Bring your chair, pillows, blankets for a lovely family evening under the stars!

LIBRARY CLASSES
Year K/1 - Tuesday
Year 2/3 - Wednesday
Year 4/5/6 - Thursday
All students require a library bag to enable them to borrow books from the library.
Please ensure the CEO Student Acceptable Use of Agreement Form (mentioned above) has been returned by each child to enable them to use the computers in library as well as class time.
ST MARY’S/ST JOSEPH’S COMBINED ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival will take place TOMORROW Wednesday 11th February commencing at 9.30am.

Years 2–6 will take the bus to the pool at 9.20am.

K/1 will take the bus at 10.50am.

After the carnival all students will take the bus back to school where they can be collected by parents.

K/1 students will have recess & lunch at the pool and will participate in some fun water activities.

All children K–6 will need a packed recess, lunch (if not ordering) and plenty of water to drink.

Students may also bring a small amount of money to purchase snack items from the pool canteen at lunchtime.

Students are asked to come to school dressed in their sports house colour of red or green, but please ensure all tops have sleeves. Students must have a rashie or t-shirt to wear in between races please.

Streamers, posters, mascots etc are encouraged.

No hair spray please.

Thank you to all those who have offered to assist on the day – we are most grateful to all those who have offered.

The roster is attached today

From this carnival students, 8 years and older may be selected to represent the school at the Western Region Carnival in Boorowa on Friday 20th February.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday wishes to

Ryley and Zayn Bartlett who both turn 6 tomorrow the 11th February

Riley Hotham who turns 7 on Thursday the 12th

Jade Booby who turns 6 on Monday the 16th February.

We hope you ALL have a fabulous day.

HOME COOKING

13th February - Ingle & Glynn
27th February - Wilkinson & Irwin
6th March - Collins-Jones & Pearce
13th March - Cooper-Wilson & Jackson
20th March - Brennan & Baron
27th March - Zovaro & Jones
3rd April - Good Friday

CAKE RAFFLE

13th February - Ellicott
27th February - Fisher
6th March - Garner
13th March - Glynn
20th March - Hotham
27th March - Ingle

CONSENT TO PUBLISH WORK OR IMAGES

Please complete the consent to publish your child’s work or image.

There are three sections to the consent form which ask for permission to publish work/images on the Internet (please note this includes our school newsletter which is placed on our school website) and also print media including the newsletter, local newspaper, brochures etc.

CLASSROOM HELPERS

If any parents are able to help in the classroom with reading/writing/maths etc, this would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are required between 9.30am and 12.30 pm. If you could spare a half hour on any day of the week at a time that suits you, please fill in the note attached and return to school ASAP.

Also Mrs Murray would like some help with re-shelving books in the library. If you can help just phone the school.

SKULL ISLAND

will be coming to the Batlow Pool again on Sunday 22nd February from 1-3pm.

Great fun!

ELECTRONIC ROLL MARKING

St Mary’s has just moved to an electronic roll marking system.

Students attendance is now recorded twice each day ie morning and afternoon.

Absence notes are a MANDATORY requirement for any student who is not present at school on any designated school day.

Parents please note that absence notes are required within 7 days of the students absence.

We appreciate a phone call on the day if your child is absent, however it must be followed up with a written note.

For all known absences over two weeks an "Application for Exemption from Attendance at School" form must be completed which can be obtained from the school.
Thank you to everyone for ensuring their children are wearing the correct school uniform.

Please remember white socks are for both girls and boys on sport days and grey socks for the boys on the other days—Tues/Wed/Thurs.

Girls wear white socks every day.

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

RAMOS MUSIC LESSONS
Students who are learning musical instruments with Ramos are asked to ensure that they have their musical instruments and music books with them EVERY THURSDAY for lessons. Information packs available for anyone interested in learning a musical instrument.

HEAD LICE
Several cases of head lice have been reported to the school. We ask every family to check their child/ren’s hair carefully please. If head lice are detected please treat accordingly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
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CLASSROOM HELPERS
I am able to help in the classroom on-Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday (please circle) between 9.30 and 12.30.

__________________________________________ (please write the time that suits best).

SIGNED:_________________________________

2015 CONSENT TO PUBLISH FORM

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________

☐ I give permission for my child’s image to be published on the Internet.

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s image to be published on the Internet.

☐ I give permission for my child’s work to be published on the Internet.

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s work to be published on the Internet.

☐ I give permission for my child’s image or work to be published in the print media eg Newsletter, Newspaper, Brochures etc

OR

☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child’s image or work to be published in the print media eg Newsletter, Newspaper, Brochures etc

SIGNED:_________________________ DATE:_________________________