Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and hoping that the holidays were a refreshing break before we head into our final term for the school year.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Richards for looking after everyone so well while I was on LSL last term. It is lovely to come back and know that everything is well prepared and organised for the term ahead.

While I was on LSL, I had the privilege to undertake a spiritual reflection to a variety of places in Europe. Part of my journey included a visit to St Peter’s Basilica in Rome, experience Mass in a variety of venues such as Notre Dame Cathedral and the highlight of my journey was a visit to the Sanctuary of our Lady of Lourdes in the South of France. This was a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal and deep immersion in Catholic faith, history and culture.

It is hard to believe that we are heading into our final school term for the 2017 school year. I would like to wish our Year 6 leaders, Caitlin, Gracie and Meika all the very best for their final term of Primary School. I know they are well prepared for high school life and will value the opportunities they have had through their seven years of Primary Schooling. We wish them a happy term ahead.

Please find attached our school calendar and please take note of our end of year celebration dates.

We welcome Leonie Anstey and Madonna Pianegonda from CE to our school this week to support teachers and students in Mathematics developments.

Christine Baron
Principal

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**Christmas Boxes - 28 sent**

Thank you to the very generous St Mary’s families who filled Christmas boxes. This will make children in under privileged countries have a very merry Christmas.

**Year 6 Graduation Mass**

We will farewell our Year 6 Leaders on Friday 8th December at a special Mass at 10:00am, followed by an Assembly at 11:45 and a Disco at 1.45pm.

**Pioneers Night**

The students have been invited to sing at the annual Pioneers Night to be held at the RSL club Tuesday 17th October at 7:00pm.

Please arrive at 6.45pm wearing summer school uniform. (Dresses for girls).

Please return the slip on the back of the newsletter if your child will participate at the evening.

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7th December - Carols by Candlelight
8th December - Yr 6 Graduation Mass
11th December - Award Evening
14th December - Last Day of Term
Batlow Pool

As in previous years, St Mary’s has been asked to sing at the Apple Blossom Festival Saturday 21st October.

The students will sing a song at 10:30am then combine with Batlow Technology School to sing the National Anthem at 11:00am.

Students are asked to meet staff members near the grandstand **no later than 10:15am**.

We ask that all students please be in attendance on the day dressed in full SUMMER school uniform. **Please complete the slip on the back of the newsletter and return to school.**
FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

All students K-6 will participate in the FOOTSTEPS DANCE program this term which commenced yesterday. This will form the basis of the students P.E lessons this term.

The cost of the lessons will be funded through the Outer Regional School Support (ORSS) funding and Sporting Schools Funding, this is a saving of over $40.00 per student.

HOME COOKING

Week 1 (Friday 13th October) with the Wilkinson & Dunlop families rostered on to cook.

All items sold for 50c each

CAKE RAFFLE

Week 1 (Friday 13th October) The Wolfe Family are rostered on to cook. Tickets 20c each

RADIO PRESENTER

Gracie, Meika & Caitlin will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountain’ FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 17th October.

Awards

TERM 3 - WEEK 10

Year 2/3: Annie for sharing great ideas in Maths.

Ryley for being a wonderful class member.

Year 4/5/6: Liam P for achieving his personal goals.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

this week go to Sophie Garner who turned 8 yesterday 9th October.

We hope you had a lovely day.

FOOTSTEPS DANCE program.

Year 2/3 busting the moves at Footsteps yesterday. This will form the basis of P.E. lessons this term.
SUMMER SCHOOL & SPORTS
UNIFORM
may be worn from the beginning of Term 4.
Please ensure your child has his/her school hat at school each day.
School sunglasses are also available to purchase for $10 if you wish.
Parents please note that girls will require a school dress for the Apple Blossom Festival, school photos, Pioneers Night, Year 6 Graduation Mass and Speech night.

“Tryday Friday!!”
$70 was raised for Catholic Missions.

Every year, more and more emphasis is placed on achieving good results in exams causing many students to feel extraordinary pressure and having unrealistic expectations. This month on SchoolTV, parents will find advice on how to help students cope with the pressure and how students can work smarter to achieve the results they desire.

Exams are like a game. Once you know how to play the game, your chances of achieving great results rapidly increase. Parents can learn how to assist their kids to maintain perspective and keep their sanity intact during exam time.

Diet, exercise and sleep all play an important part in helping a student balance a busy schedule and study smarter. Keeping stress levels to a minimum and reducing anxiety can be easily achieved through careful planning and having a supportive environment.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month’s edition and we always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information.

http://stmarysbatlow.nsw.schooltv.me/newsletter/exam-jitters

Western Region Mission Mass - Cootamundra
Year 4/5/6 will participate in the Western Region Mission Mass in Cootamundra this Friday 13th October as it is World Mission Month. This is an opportunity for our students to combine in faith, fellowship and prayer with other students from Western Region Schools. The money raised from “Tryday on Friday” last term will go into a larger fund with other Catholic Schools who also support Catholic Missions. The focus this year is on purchasing an ambulance and other equipment for a small community in Uganda. More information can be found on their website: www.catholicmission.org.au
Regional Bowls Manager David Inglis attended St Mary’s last Term to demonstrate how to use our Jr. Jack Attack kit. The kit comes with 32 lightweight rubber bowls in two colours, mats, jacks, cones and activity cards. Bowls is the most inclusive sport available, there’s no advantage in being tall or short, strong or not so strong, male or female.

The kit was purchased through Sporting Schools Funding.

Do you currently access mental health supports which help you live independently within your local community?

Do you care for, advocate for or are a family member of someone who lives with a psychosocial disability?

Then the NDIS and YOU presentation is for you.

Come along for a FREE fun and interactive two hour session with Flourish Australia to learn about:

- What the NDIS is
- How you access the NDIS
- What the NDIS can do for you

Location: Council Chambers, Bridge St, Tumbarumba
Cost: FREE Date: 30th October 2017
Time: 11.00am-1.00pm
For more information contact Ash 0400 003 407

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

My child/ren ____________________________________________ will be able to sing at the Apple Blossom Festival on Saturday 21st October.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

PIONEERS NIGHT

________________________________________ will be able to sing at Pioneer’s Night on Tuesday 17th October at the Batlow RSL Club.

SIGNED: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________________