Dear parents, friends and carers,
We are all counting down the days to the Batlow Apple Blossom Festival on the weekend. It is always a fantastic community day and a chance for visitors to witness our wonderful region and experience the warmth and hospitality of the Batlow community.
Students are asked to please meet us at 10.10am near the main stage dressed in their SUMMER school uniform (dresses for girls please). Students will be invited to join in singing the National Anthem and then perform several school songs.
Our Footsteps Dance Program began yesterday and it was wonderful to see all students highly engaged in the dance activities. The theme is ‘Hollywood Hits’ and their were some great classic songs being enjoyed by all yesterday.
It was wonderful to welcome Sr Carmel back on Sunday. Sr Carmel has made a good recovery from her accident and is slowly pacing herself back to her parish commitments. We also welcomed Fr Barry-Cotter back last Sunday as well. Fr Barry-Cotter will be helping out once again with Sunday Mass.
Looking forward to another wonderful festival!

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal

Pioneers Night will be held NEXT TUESDAY at the RSL club.
Please meet staff at 6.45pm outside the RSL club ready for 7.00pm performance.
Students can be picked up at approx. 7.15pm
Thank you for your support of this wonderful annual community event!

PSSA Athletics Championships
Best wishes are extended to the Small School Relay Team as they prepare to participate in the final level of the PSSA Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush on Thursday.
The team members………….
Cassie Brennan, Molly Baron, Jack Wilkinson and Aidan Jones have spent many hours training for this event in their own time.
A huge thank you to Michelle Brennan for the wonderful job she has done in training this team.
Good luck!

I pray that I may not be dismayed over life, and its trifles. Help me to master difficulties great and small, and give me patience through all until I reach the untroubled way. Amen.

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal
CAKE RAFFLE  
THIS  **Friday 16th October**  
the Wolfe Family is rostered on to cook.  
20c per ticket

HOME COOKING  
Home Cooking will also begin again THIS  
**Friday 16th October**  
with the Jones (Annie) & Ingle families rostered on to cook.  
All items sold for 20c.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO.......  
Corinne Jackson who turns 11 this Saturday 17th October. We hope you enjoy celebrating your special day.

RADIO PRESENTERS  
Cassie, Skye & Jack  
will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountain’ FM  
96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 20th October.

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SINGING  
All students are asked to attend the Apple Blossom Festival THIS  
**Saturday 17th October** to sing at the opening.  
The students will combine with Batlow Technology School to sing the National Anthem followed by St Mary’s students singing 2 other songs.  
The students will need to meet staff members near the stage no later than 10:10am  
The official opening will commence at 10:15  
Please notify the school if your child/ren will not be attending.  
Thank you for your support!

**WEEK 1**

Year K/1: **Bridget Peel** for her enthusiastic approach to Literacy and always being cheery.  
**Ryley Bartlett** for his application to Maths.

Year 2/3/: **Sebastian Breward** for his excellent improvement in spelling.  
**Riley Hotham** for his excellent improvement in his application to his presentation.

Year 4/5/6: **Meika Collins** for outstanding work in Creative Writing.  
**Caitlin Giblin-Crane** for great work in Literacy groups and sharing some great thoughts and ideas.

**National Nutrition Week**  
11-17 October 2015  
Visit [www.pickrightfeelbright.com](http://www.pickrightfeelbright.com) for a bunch of recipes and fresh ideas to help you buy, grow, cook and enjoy fruit and vegetables.
The Apple Blossom Festival committee are looking for volunteers to help on the gate from 11.30am. They will make a donation to the school on a per hour basis. They need the gate covered from 11.30am until 4:30pm but any amount of time the school could cover would be fantastic. They do have a few volunteers to help cover spots if necessary. There are wristbands to give out at the gate and a postcode collection sheet to fill in. Nothing too difficult.

Please let Tracee Korn know by Wednesday.

**Working Bee this Sunday 18th October, 10am**

If you cannot attend this day but can help at another time please contact the office or Community Council Secretary Tracee.

# wash all outside windows
# clean down cobwebs on outside of all buildings
# put bark in any garden areas needed
# move bark pile for later use
# rebuild sandpit
# sweep & wash weathershed concrete
# sweep & wash down paths
# clean out tuck shop - walls, cupboards etc

Please bring along any equipment you may need.

**EXCITING NEWS!**

*Our new court area will begin being built from next Monday on the bottom playground.*

Students will be asked to play in an alternative area while the court construction is taking place.

The courts are being constructed by Riverina Sports and they will take several weeks to complete the project.

The wait will be well worth it!

**CHANGE OF DATES**

Please note the change of dates for the following school activities:

2016 Kindergarten Orientation days will be held on:

- **Wednesday 4th November** 9.00-1.30pm
- **Wednesday 11th November** 9.00-1.30pm
- **Wednesday 18th November** 9.00-1.30pm
- **Wednesday 25th November** 9.00-1.30pm
- **Friday 4th December** from 9.00-3.30pm

*(Friday 4th will include a parent session from 9.00-10.30am)*

K/1 Assembly will be held on **Friday 4th December**

Grandparents Liturgy/lunch will be held on **Monday 2nd November** beginning with liturgy at 12.30pm and followed by lunch.

**FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM**

All students K-6 will participate in the FOOTSTEPS DANCE program this term which commenced yesterday *Monday 12th October* and will conclude on *Monday 9th November*. This will form the basis of the students P.E lessons this term.

**ST MARY’S CHURCH**

Mas this Sunday 8am

**MILK BOTTLES**

Mrs Irwin has asked if you could please wash out and bring your used milk bottles to school, for a project that she is organising for the students.

**Fruit First**

If anyone has any fruit they could donate to the school for “Crunch & Sip” or our “Fruit First”, could you please drop it into the school. Thank you.

**BOOK FAIR 2015**

St Mary’s will be holding a Book Fair on the 2nd to the 6th of November. Students will have the opportunity to have a look at the books in their Library lesson and take a wish list home. Parents are more than welcome to also come and have a look at the display.

On Wednesday 4th of November there will be a book parade, students are asked to come along dressed as their favourite book character.

**Christmas Boxes**

Could all generous families please return their filled Christmas Boxes by THIS Friday 16th October.
### Making Jesus Real

#### Happy Chappy

Grinners and Winners  
Givers  
Welcoming  
Wave  
Smile  
Thumbs up  
Wink

Make eye contact with any member of the school community.  
Don’t look away

We want a school full of Happy Chappies!

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#### School Registration

will take place on **Tuesday 27th October and Wednesday 28th October.**

All parents are invited to join the staff and members of the panel for morning tea on **Tuesday morning from 11.00am.**  
Alternatively you are invited to drinks and nibbles on **Tuesday evening from 6.00pm.**

It would be lovely to have as many parents as possible to come along and meet the panel members.

Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the Newsletter and return by this **Friday 16th October** for catering purposes please.

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### Two Great Upcoming Free Community Events.

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### 2015 Registration

- I/we ________________________________ would like to join the staff and panel members for morning tea on Tuesday 27th October from 11.00am.

- **OR**

- I/we ________________________________ would like to join the staff and panel members for drinks and nibblies on Tuesday 27th October from 6pm

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**THANK YOU**