Dear Parents and Carers,

St Mary’s welcomes the Registration Panel to our school this week. The panel will include Mrs Katrina McGrath (CE), Mrs Maree Williams (CE), Mr David Austin (Principal of St Francis of Assisi Calwell), Mrs Maree Wellsmore (Principal of Sts Peter & Paul Parish Primary School Goulburn), and Mrs Rebecca Cooper (AP Trinity Catholic School Harden). The panel members will spend the two days ensuring our school is meeting Government and system requirements in regard to compliance and maintenance regulations. The panel will sum up their findings tomorrow afternoon providing staff with both commendations as well as some recommendations for the future. We hope the panel enjoy visiting our lovely little school.

As you can see the new court area is taking shape nicely and we are hoping to see the finished product by the end of this week. Thank you to everyone for taking extra care and not entering the work area. A special thank you to our bus students for walking around the outside of the school fence from buses. A huge thank you to all the students who supported Pioneers Night and came along to sing. Once again we have received many delightful comments about our students happy smiles and great singing. Well done!

I will be attending the WR Principal’s meeting this Thursday followed by the annual Principal’s Systems Day on Friday in Canberra.

Enjoy the week ahead

Mrs Chris Baron
Principal

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PIONEER NIGHT

A huge thank you to all our families for their wonderful support of this special community event.

The students sang beautifully and we have received many positive comments from the Batlow community.

PSSA

Congratulations to Jack Wilkinson, Aidan Jones, Cassie Brennan and Molly Baron who represented Mackillop at the recent PSSA carnival at Homebush.

The team put in another wonderful performance and were proud ambassadors for the school.

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New Court Area of Playground

Work continues on the new multi purpose court area of the playground.

Work should be finished by this week.
WEEK 3

Year K/1: Ted Pearce for always being a kind, considerate and caring member of K/1.
Zayn Bartlett for his great effort in Literacy and great work helping other students.

Year 2/3: Liam Parker for his excellent work in English.
Lucy Pearce for her excellent work in English.

Year 4/5/6: Tendai Khuzwayo for being reverent during prayer reflection.
Skye Proud-Williams for writing a wonderful haiku poem about pollution.

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will be held on Monday 14th December in the Literary Institute.
This year we are starting the evening at 5.30pm and hoping to be finished by 7.00pm.
Please mark the date in your diary!

CAKE RAFFLE
This Friday 30th October the BARON FAMILY is asked to supply the cake for the cake raffle.
Tickets 20c.
Last weeks lucky winner was Makenzie.

HOME COOKING
This Friday the 30th October the IRWIN & BRENNAN FAMILIES are rostered on to cook.
All items sold for 20c.
Please label all ingredients used.

RADIO PRESENTERS
Charlotte & Makenzie will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of the Mountain’ FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next Tuesday 3rd November.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO........
Jie Min Shang who turned 8 yesterday 26th October and to Liam Wilkinson who turns 6 Friday 30th October. Many happy returns boys.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!
Year 6 Graduation Mass and dinner
- Wednesday 9th December
Rotary Carols by Candlelight - Thursday 3rd December
St Mary’s Award Evening – Monday 14th December 5.30pm.
Students are asked to be dressed in their full summer school uniform for each of these events. Girls need to be wearing their school dress.

ST MARY’S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
The count down is on...........
Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November.
On Wednesday 4th November students will dress up as their favourite book character or this years Book Week Theme “Books Light Up Our World” and have the opportunity to look through the books/posters etc during their library time and make a ‘wish list’.
Parents are welcome to come in and browse through the books and may purchase books before or after school hours.
Books always make great Christmas gifts!

GRANDPARENTS LITURGY
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER @ 12.30pm in
St Mary’s Church.

YEAR 7 2016
McAULEY ORIENTATION DAY
will be held on Friday 20th November for all Year 6 students who will be attending Year 7 at McAuley in 2016.
More details will be available soon regarding the program for the day.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER
Invitations will be sent home next week to the Year 6 families regarding the Year 6 Graduation Mass and dinner for their children which is being held on Wednesday 9th December.
Money and numbers attending are due back by Friday 20th November please.

ST MARY’S CHURCH NEWS
MASS THIS SUNDAY
1ST NOVEMBER
8:00am

2016 Kindergarten Orientation
Next Wednesday 4th November
9.00am to 1.30pm

KAYE LOWE Writing Night
All parents are invited to a special workshop to be held at St Joseph’s Adelong (Library) on Monday 23rd November commencing at 6.00pm.
You may remember Kaye ran a fantastic session on reading here at St Mary’s last year and parents went home with many great ideas on how to engage students in reading.
Please fill in the note at the end of the newsletter if you wish to attend. It will be most worthwhile.

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. We need over 600 so keep them coming in.

Thank you to Kelly Brown for spending so much time cleaning the canteen and washing everything in the cupboards.
And to the Ambrose family and Anne & John Chalmers for making our new flagpoles, repainting the Memorial Seat, repairing the awning over the art room doorway, guttering on the sports shed and repairs to the church building. Your gift of time is greatly appreciated.
Some More Reflection!

Saying SORRY is an important skill, to recognise and acknowledge that you have made a mistake and are able to apologise. Rate yourself as a FORGIVING person. Can I improve?

THANKS is one of the first words we learn when we are young, but by the time children get to Year 5 and 6 many have forgotten how to use it.

Did I thank my parents for tea last night and for making lunch for me this morning?

Did I thank my parents for driving me somewhere?

Did I thank my parents for my clothes being washed and ironed?

A day is wasted if you don’t reflect on it. Take 60 seconds to stop and reflect.

Melissa Hotham
Religious Education Coordinator