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ST MARY’S SCHOOL
Newsletter Week Seven Term Four

Branch Out, Blossom and Grow at St Mary’s

The World Peace Prayer

Lead me from death to life from falsehood to truth
Lead me from despair to hope from fear to trust
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

PLEASE NOTE:

Tomorrow Wednesday 18th November there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS available due to a power outage at Batlow Central School.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch tomorrow.

ST MARY’S TALENT QUEST

Calling all talented students to enter the St Mary’s Talent Quest on Friday 27th November commencing at 2pm.

There will be a uniform free day with a gold coin donation to come to school out of uniform.

All money raised going to the Missions.

Parents, carers and friends welcome to attend.

Mrs Saunderson and Mrs Levine are the talented judges!!

$1 to enter Talent Quest
$1 to come to school out of uniform.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER
6pm for all Exec Members

Last Monday the students of 4/5/6 visited the Batlow Museum. It was very interesting to look at the various artefacts and ask our guide Mr Robert Spencer about the history of Batlow. We were lucky to have a guest speaker - Mrs Debbie Burgess, who came to school later in the day to answer our long list of questions about the changes that have occurred in Batlow. We appreciate the time both of these people took to spend with us. Just a reminder that the 4/5/6 task on the History of Batlow was due yesterday!

HEAD LICE

We have a reported case of head lice. Please check your children’s hair and take the necessary steps to treat and control the head lice.

INTERNATIONAL GAME DAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2015
3.30PM - 5PM
BATLOW LIBRARY

Games afternoon - includes all your favourites

FREE TO PLAY

Afternoon tea provided.

FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM

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SCHOOL DATES 2016 TERM 1

Students in Years 1-6

Kindergarten students on Thursday 28th January and Friday 29th January until 1.30pm.

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FULL DAYS from week 2 with a half day each Wednesday throughout February.

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CLIMATE
This Friday the 20th November the
BRENNAN FAMILY
is asked to supply the cake for the cake
raffle.
Last week's lucky winner was Molly.

HOME COOKING
This Friday the 20th November the
COLLINS & ZOVARO FAMILIES
are rostered on to cook.
All items sold for 20c.
Please remember to list all ingredients used.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Happy Birthday wishes go to
Charlotte who turns 12 this
Thursday 19th November.
We hope you have an amazing
birthday Charlotte.

RADIO PRESENTERS
Molly & Makenzie
will be presenting our school news on ‘Sounds of
the Mountain' FM 96.3 at 2.15pm next
Tuesday 24th November.

Year 6 Awards
Jessica for always offering to lend a hand to help
others out and for being kind and caring to
everyone. A real W.E.S.T. person.
Annie for being a beautiful friend to
others and her kindness towards our new
Kindergarten students.

Bonza Award
Congratulations to Skye, Ashley, Gracie and Cassie for
successfully earning 24 apples and receiving the Bonza Award.

Awards
WEEK 6 AWARDS

YEAR K1: Dane for using the “Counting On”
strategy in Math.
Lochlan for fantastic work with measurement.
YEAR 2: William for using a variety of great
strategies when adding, subtracting, multiplying
and dividing. Super work.
Jessica for trying to use a variety of
strategies to adding numbers. Fantastic work.
YEAR 4,5,6: Ashley for contributing
fantastic ideas to our Science discussion.
Atea for writing a detailed summary on the story
of “The Echidna and the Shade Tree”.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Jie Min for his positive attitude and
application to all areas of work. Jie Min is also a
kind, caring and thoughtful friend to others.
Nadamary for her application and
effort to all areas of learning and her beautiful
kind and caring nature. Nadamary is a lovely
friend to others and always inclusive in her play.
A true W.E.S.T person.

YEAH 6 GRADUATION DINNER
ACCEPTANCES & MONEY DUE THIS FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER, PLEASE!

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ST MARY’S COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.
Tickets are being sent home
this week. Could sold or unsold
tickets & money please be
returned to school By Friday
11th December as the prize will
be drawn at the Awards Night on Monday 14th
December.
If you require more raffle books please call the
school.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAYS
The final Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day will be
held on
Friday 4th December from
9.30 to 3.15pm
Parents invited to stay and enjoy a
‘Kindergarten-All Parents Need to Know’
information session
beginning at 9.30am.
Please let any families or
friends with eligible
Kindergarten students for next
year know about this day.

McAuley & BTS YEAR 7 2016 ORIENTATION DAY
Another Orientation day will be held THIS
Friday 20th November for our Year 6
students who will be attending Year 7 at
McAuley Catholic Central School and BTS in
2016. Students are able to catch the regular
Goodes School bus to McAuley.