Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 2! There is much to report on this week despite still being in the early days of the year. On behalf of everyone at St Mary’s, THANK YOU for all your contributions over the last week and a half which have helped to give our school a great start to 2017!

Swimming Carnival 2017

We were blessed with a perfect day weatherwise for the Swimming Carnival and a great day was had by all! The children had a fantastic time; this event is always a highlight of Term 1. 2017 year was bigger and better than ever with the four colour houses competing with great enthusiasm to earn points for their teams and an extended programme of novelty events. The final point score reflected the increased participation rate with each house scoring around 1000 points! As well as enthusiasm, there were many virtues shining on the day including friendliness, perseverance, courage, determination and cooperation. The House Captains were outstanding in their leadership and the children showed amazing school spirit as they encouraged their teams. Races were won, records broken and achievements celebrated throughout the day. A highlight was Abbey Hall breaking the record for Senior Girls 50m backstroke which had been held since 1983 by Sarah Stratford. How special that Sarah was there to pass the mantle! The school community was out in force supporting the events and helping out to make sure all the arrangements ran smoothly, including the hardworking team of helpers from Hennessy College. Congratulations to the children for competing with such enthusiasm and perseverance! Thank you to all the many parent volunteers who make such an event possible and thank you teachers and LAs for all your work to make sure everything ran smoothly. Finally, we extend our gratitude and congratulations to Mrs Leonne Challen for coordinating this event and to Mrs Amy Ryals for leading proceedings on the day.

Happy Birthday to the students who celebrate their Birthday this week

Marnie Smith
Brianna Caldwell
Sean Thomson
Sam Graziani
Corben Bloor
Hayley Grotegoed
Meet the Teacher Conferences
It has been a busy week with parents coming to school to meet with teachers on Monday and Tuesday afternoons
and evenings. Thank you teachers for making these important meetings possible and thank you parents for your
attendance! Thank you parents also for completing and returning the Parent Surveys which are so helpful in assisting
teachers to bond with the children as they concentrate on getting to know their new students in these early days of
the new school year. We trust everyone found these sessions helpful and that the children will now have clear goals
in mind as they focus on the learning ahead.
If you did not get the chance to meet with your child’s teacher this week, please contact us as soon as possible
so that an appointment can be arranged. Thank you!

Mary’s Farewell
Thank you to parents for the fantastic support for the events surrounding Mary’s send off! It was a very special week
for Mary and she thoroughly deserved such fitting tributes. A special thank you to the Year 4 parents for your gener-
ous donations to the delicious morning tea! Our thanks also to the YRSM and Mrs Presser for their support; it was
great to have the performances by the Choirs and the Band. Thank you also to all our guests! Mary just loved having
you all there to celebrate her years at St Mary’s. Finally, a special thank you to the teachers who went out of their way
to show their love and esteem for Mary at a busy and demanding time.

Congratulations Erin!
It’s always great to catch up on news from our school after the long holidays and we
would like to share some special news with you all. Over the break, Miss Erin Scouller
became Mrs Erin Rumble marrying Royce just after Christmas and then departing for a
wonderful honeymoon cruising around New Zealand.

We are delighted for Erin and Royce and on behalf of us all, I extend our
congratulations and wish them every happiness for the future!

IPad Meeting
Thank you to the Year 5 parents and parents of children new to Year 6 who attended the IPad Information Meeting last
Thursday evening. We trust you found this event worthwhile and thank you for your contributions; there were some excel-
 lent discussions and it is great to be working together as a team.

Thank you to Mr Collins and the Stage 3 Team, Mr Birks and our IT Support Officer Mr Simon Maher for making the even-
ing possible!

The children were engaged and actively participated in Internet Safety Day on Tuesday. Thank you to Mr Collins, Ms
Scouller and the Stage 3 teachers.

Casserole Bank
For those parents new to St Mary’s we would like to invite you and returning parents and teachers to participate in this initia-
tive which means we are able to provide families with support during challenging times such as
illness, the passing of a loved one or just when the going is tough for some reason. If you would like to
contribute a frozen meal which can be stored here at school until needed by a family, please complete and
return the slip later in this newsletter. Regular or occasional contributors are most welcome!
Please do contact us at any time if you are experiencing difficulties and we can support your family by providing a meal or
any support we can.
Parent Help – Starts Week 7
Thank you to the many parents who have already offered to assist in classrooms whether it be by leading reading groups, supporting Art and Craft, hearing individual readers or any of the other ways parents give of their time and talent to support the children at St Mary’s! Your assistance is greatly appreciated and makes a difference!
A current Working With Children Check is ESSENTIAL for all our parent helpers. This can be obtained by registering on the following website: http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check
We would like to encourage all St Mary’s parents to obtain a Working With Children Check as soon as possible so that you are able to help at school or on trips whether on a regular or occasional basis. Once you receive your clearance, please bring this to school so we can copy and place on file. You are then welcome to be a parent helper!
Please note, parent help will commence in Week 7 after the children are well settled in their new classes and routines.

Canteen Helpers
Thank you to the many Kindy parents who have volunteered to help out in the canteen! Megan will be in touch with you to make the arrangements for you to make a start and we look forward to seeing you at school.
If you would like to help out in the canteen this year, please complete and return the slip later in this newsletter.

Infants Choir, Primary Choir, St Mary’s Band, Drum Corps
Over the last few months, many of you will have had the pleasure of being entertained by the music groups we have happening at St Mary’s. These groups are in the process of starting up at present and we have included an enrolment slip later in the Newsletter. All children, returning and new to the school are encouraged to join.

In Conclusion…
Our first get together, the Community Council Fun Night, is planned for Thursday 23rd Feb at 5.30pm at the Young Aquatic Centre and we would like to invite everyone to come along for a relaxed evening together – a great opportunity to catch up after the break and welcome our new families. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and the usual snacks available from the shop. A fun and relaxing evening is assured. Please watch for the flyer in the next Newsletter.

The Opening Mass is always an important event in our calendar when we come together as a community to give thanks for another school year and to pray for the safety and wellbeing of all members of the community. This year the Opening Mass is scheduled a little later than usual on Wednesday 22nd February at 9.00am at St Mary’s Church. Children Yr 1-6 will attend and should be dropped at the Church rather than at school that morning (children who travel by bus will be dropped at Hennessy and escorted to the Church by St Mary’s teachers). Kindy children do not attend school on Wednesdays during the month of February but they are very welcome to join us for Mass accompanied by a parent or adult.

Later this week the Garden Committee will be meeting and, after all the work last year, we are excited to be getting the gardens going. We need your help though and encourage you all to read the flyer later in this newsletter and sign up.

Thank you again for your attendance at the Meet the Teacher Conferences this week! Please remember we are always happy to get together to discuss your child’s progress and wellbeing and appointments can be made by contacting the Office.

With best wishes,

Louise Grant
Principal
Kids Matter
At St Mary's this year we are introducing a program called 'Kids Matter'. This program focuses on student mental health and wellbeing. It aims to improve student mental health and wellbeing, reducing mental health problems amongst students and achieve greater support for children experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties. There are over 2 500 schools around Australia already involved in Kids Matter. Kids matter aims to help by focusing on four areas: 1. building a positive school community, 2. social and emotional wellbeing for students, 3. working with parents and carers and 4. helping students with mental health difficulties. We are looking forward to initiating this program and seeing the proven benefits of it at St Mary's.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action Plans
We have a number of children listed as asthmatic and we encourage parents to update Asthma Plans for all of these children as soon as possible and send them into their child’s classroom teacher. An Asthma Plan is essential for us to be able to support the children.

Also, any Action Plans for Anaphylaxis that may have changed or slightly altered over the last year should also be sent to class teachers. Again, these plans are essential for staff to be able to support students with anaphylaxis.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Final Royal Commission
Hearings Starting
Dear friends in Christ,

In the days ahead, the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse will review evidence it has already received and seek reasons why this tragedy has occurred.

It will involve the Catholic Church. Victims and survivors and many in the Catholic community may find these days distressing.

Many bishops and other Catholic leaders will be participating. I will be one of the bishops appearing.

Once again, I offer my sincerest apologies to those who suffer due to the criminal behaviour over many years of some among us. As Pope Francis has said recently, “It is a sin that shames us.”

I can assure you that many measures are now in place in the Archdiocese, please God, to prevent these horrendous crimes from happening again. From these troubling times, I am hopeful that new mentalities and structures within the Church in Australia will assist us to move ahead humbly with the work of the Lord.

Be assured of my prayers for you in the weeks ahead, especially those most needing of the Lord’s consoling love and healing.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
2nd February 2017
Let your light shine…

Matthew 5:14-16

Virtue of the Week
Friendliness- we are continuing to open our school year with the virtue of Friendliness. It has been wonderful to see all the new children welcomed into the St Mary’s School community by their new friends. We hope you have felt welcomed and are settling into the new school routine.

Some important information for you:

Opening School Mass
Wednesday 22nd February 2017
9am at the St Mary’s Church – Children to be dropped off at Hennessy. Will be bused back to school at the conclusion of Mass.

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 1st March 2017 – Liturgies at school.

Sacraments
Confirmation- 31st May 2017
First Reconciliation- 7th September 2017
First Eucharist- 16th and 17th September 2017

YEAR 6 PARENTS- PLEASE SEE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR TOM BELOW.

SACRAMENTS 2017 CONFIRMATION Year 6 (or older) Catholic parents who desire this Sacrament for their child need to phone the Parish Office on 6382 2222 between 9.30am and 1.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to have an allotted time given to them so the Catholic parent can come and enrol their child with Fr. Tom. Enrolment dates are SATURDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY or SATURDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY - it will take TEN minutes.

Altar Serving/Reading
An invitation is extended to teachers, parents and students (not already on the roster) who would like to be involved in the parish ministry of reader during the period 4 March to 25 June 2017. Please let me know your Mass of preference and dates during this period that you are unavailable to be rostered. For those already on roster you will need to advise of dates unavailable to be rostered. Cut off date is 9th February.

Brian Hislop 63823288 bhislop2@bigpond.com

Wishing you a peaceful week ahead.
Emma Taylor and Sarah Sullivan

FAREWELL TO BR STAN MADDEN
After spending the last 30 years in Young, Brother Stan is moving to Mulgoa at the end of the month.
The Presentation Associates and Family Groups are organising a Farewell Morning Tea which will be held in the Parish Centre after 9.30am Mass on 19th February. All welcome.
We have had such a wonderful start in PE at St Mary's! It has been fantastic to meet so many new year 3's who are so excited to be in my PE classes this year.

We started off last week with fitness & games. A big focus for me this year is teaching the basic fundamental movement skills such as running, hopping, skipping, balance, side step, basic straight jump etc.

Congratulations on all the wonderful swimmers who participated in our St Mary's swimming carnival last Friday!!! What a fantastic day! Best of luck to all the swimmers who will be swimming in the WR in Cootamundra next Thursday!

This week we have been so fortunate to again have David Inglis from Lawn Bowls Australia come and volunteer his Jr Jack Attack Kit and his time to St Mary's! I love seeing the students learn discipline & patience with the Bowls! It was great to see how well the students picked this up again; those who participated last year in our two weeks of Lawn bowls. The have shown great listening skills & self discipline!

Just a reminder my role at St Mary’s this year is PE Teacher on Tuesdays & Wednesdays only!

We have a fabulous year of sport ahead in 2017. We have a few weeks of learning Athletics then we have 4 weeks of a fun Football (Soccer) program run by Sydney FC!

Just a reminder that all students are to have a hat & water bottle for every PE lesson.

Yours in Sport
Mrs Amy Ryals
Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic day of swimming. It was particularly uplifting to see all our students participating in the relays at the end of the day – it was a very special way to end the carnival and their enthusiasm and sense of fun was heart-warming for us all!

A big thank you to our teachers and parents who assisted on the day. Your generosity was amazing and the carnival was a success because of you!

Special mention to Brooke McCann who organised the most amazing group of Hennessy students to assist us on the day. The girls were tireless and involved in all aspects of the carnival. Thank you!

The winning house was McCarthy!

Our age champions were:

Junior Champions: Evelyn Scott, Bayden Day  
Runner Ups: Mia Davidson, Oliver Burgess  
Intermediate Champions: Seb Stratford, Isabella Turner  
Runner Ups: Riley Burgess, Olivia Crawford  
Senior Champions: Louis Clark, Abbey Hall  
Runner Ups: Ned Hufton, Charlotte Crawford

What a huge achievement well done!  
Congratulations and well done also to our record breakers on the day:

Hugo Davidson – 8 yrs 50m freestyle
Oliver Burgess – 9 yrs 50m Freestyle
Sebastian Stratford – Intermediate Backstroke
Abbey Hall – Senior Backstroke & Butterfly

Western Region notes have been given out and need to be returned as soon as possible with payment please. This carnival will be held in Cootamundra on Thursday 16th February. Mrs Jodie Heggaton will be attending with the students.

Summer Trials
These nominations are now closed. We wish the following students all the best in their upcoming trials!

Tennis – Riley Powderly, Riley Burgess and Lucy Foster
Basketball – Maddison Druett, Keely Prest, Abbey Hall, Olivia Crawford, Charlotte Crawford & Cleo Baldwin
Cricket – Josh Noakes, Max Jones, Hamish Minehan, Oliver Minehan, Cooper Anderson, Daniel Canellis, Daniel Smith & Ned Hufton
School Crossing Supervisors
Both Marie and Gay the School Crossing Supervisors welcome new and current students for the 2017 school year. The Roads and Maritime Services have very strict rules regarding the safety and well-being of everyone using the St Mary's School crossing during the hours of 8.20am to 9.20am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We both ask everyone to wait on the cement footpath as we walk out into the middle of the road, turn and indicate to people waiting to cross, TO DO SO. It may be a waste of time to a busy person with a deadline to meet this request but it is put in place for the student and adult safety. The traffic going through the crossing is very heavy from about 8.30am to 8.55am and 3.00pm to 3.15pm so some delays may occur. Marie and Gay are not allowed to stop trucks, busses and any other heavy traffic so again some delays cannot be avoided. We do our very best to cross every one as safely and as quickly as possible keeping to the Roads and Maritime rules and regulations. At times we may indicate to cross and because of some trucks coming around the bottom corner to fast or a car ignoring the crossing regulations we may have to say STOP loudly and get everyone off the road. Unfortunately in the past this has caused some upset but be reassured it is done in the best interest and SAFETY of the children.

Canteen Roster

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HOLDEN
LET'S GO THERE
Infants Choir

do you have a child in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 who loves to sing? Then the Infants Choir is one place where they can sing with other children who share their passion!

The Choir practices weekly and often performs at assemblies and some community events throughout the year. There is a fee of $20 per child per term.

If you would like your child/ren to participate, please return the reply slip along with $20 to the school office.

If you have any questions please contact Jade Presser at school (Thurs/Fri) or via email jade.presser@cg.catholic.edu.au

BOOK SALE

Venue: St John’s Anglican Church Hall

Dates and times:
- Wednesday 8th Feb 11:30am-4:00pm
- Thursday 9th Feb 9:30am-3:00pm
- Friday 10th Feb 11:30am-6:00pm
- Saturday 11th Feb 9:30am-12:00pm

Music Reply Slip

Name_____________________________Class_____________________

I wish to enroll my child in the following

☐ Infants Choir ($20 per term)
☐ Primary Choir ($20 per term)
☐ St Mary’s Band ($65 per term)
☐ St Mary’s Drum Core ($65 per term)

Parent/Carer Signature_________________________________________

Reply Slip—Casserole Bank

Name___________________________
Phone_________________________
Eldest child's class_____________________

am able to contribute to the Casserole Bank
Do you have that green thumb about you? Would you like to help out in the schools gardening club?

If so please contact the following people:

**Contact Us:**
St Mary’s Primary School,
Elizabeth Street
Young NSW 2594
Ph: (02) 6382 6844
Fax: (02) 6382 5157
Email: Office.StMarys.Young@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Principle Mrs Louise Grant**
- Louise.Grant@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Canteen Manager**
- Megan Coddington - (02) 63825671

**Parents**
- Ashley Smith - ph 0438 393 564 & Dianne Brunton - ph 0452 420 643
Group Triple P @ **Young**
Takes the guesswork out of parenting

New positive parenting course starts soon...

Family Chain and Parent Education & Support Network presents Group Triple P for Parents and Carers with children aged 0 – 12 years.

This **FREE** Parenting Course runs for a total of 8 weeks. Light refreshments available.

**DATE**  
Starts Wednesday, 1st March 2017

**TIME**  
6pm to 8pm

**VENUE**  
2c Campbell St, Young

**PRESENTERS**  
Jenny Spring and Cathy Daley

**BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION**

To register for this course or for more information please contact **Jenny** or **Cathy** on 6382 6328

Alternatively email to **jennys@youngnc.org.au** or **cathy.d@youngnc.org.au**

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