



ST MARY'S WAR MEMORIAL SCHOOL WEST WYALONG

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St Mary's thanks & congratulates...

There are lots of people to thank and congratulate following our Speech Night and Stable Manners performance last night. Congratulations to our students on their wonderful performances. They were delightful to watch!

Thank you to the teachers for the hard work they put in to bring the production together, especially Mrs Harland.

Thank you to our parents for your continued support in providing costumes and encouragement.

We would also like to thank our sponsors Goldenfields Water, West Wyalong Lions Club, West Wyalong Rotary Club West Wyalong Returned Services League, Commonwealth Bank, the Scott, Nicholson, Wungluck, Nowlan and Kennedy families. Thank you to the West Wyalong Services & Citizens Club for the use of the auditorium for rehearsals and performances.

Thank you to Laura Harland who handled the spot light during the performances.

Congratulations, not only to those who were awarded prizes last night, but to all our students for a very successful year.



Pictured below are captains for 2016 Max Wilson and Anna Rogers flanked by outgoing captains Yllana Waller and Luke Cameron with Mrs Akehurst.



St Mary's prays...

Lord God, in these busy days of shopping and gift giving, feasting and merry making, it can be easy to lose sight of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Keep before our minds and hearts the simplicity and joy of Mary in the stable, holding the newborn Saviour who has set his people free.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our thoughts are with the Worner family at this terrible time. It is impossible to make sense of what has happened and we hope they can gain some small comfort from the support of family and friends.

Let Us Pray:

*God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow, sun without rain,
but He did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the tears and light for the way.*

St Mary's farewells...

Next Wednesday our Year 6 class will formally finish their schooling at St Mary's. We wish **Luke, Bronte, Georgia, Joey, Abi, Will, Varshan, Charlie, Yllana and Talia** every success as they begin their senior schooling.

During their time at St Mary's, these students have been quiet achievers who have always appreciated their school environment, have lived out our school motto and fostered our positive school culture.

It is also significant to formally farewell the **Daniher, Gould, Maslin and Waller families**. We thank them for their support of our school over many years and send our best wishes to all members of their families. We also recognise that this is an important milestone in the **Cameron, Tulloch and Wharton** families as their eldest child moves onto High School.

The Graduation Mass next Monday will be a very special ending to our Year 6 students' school years at St Mary's and thanks go to Fr Emil, Mr Nielsen and Mrs Haworth for their work with the students to organise the Mass.



Happy Birthday to Jamie Nicholson, Hamish Blampied, Abi McCubben, Matthew Nowland, Ella Pettit and Aiden Phillips who celebrate their birthdays over the coming weeks.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil
West Wyalong 6.00pm
Weethalle 9.00pm
Christmas Day
Ungarie 8.00am
West Wyalong 10.00am



World Vision

Thank you to all our students who joined in the fun today to raise money for our World Vision child Khaluin. There were lots of Christmas outfits and plenty of red and green in the school.


Staffing Term 1 2016

Kinder Mrs Meincke
Year 1 Mrs Harland & Ms Megann Davies
Year 2 Mrs Haworth & Miss Stacey Barber
Year 3 Mrs Nielsen & Ms Megann Davies
Year 4 Miss Kelly
Year 5/6 Mr Nielsen & Mrs L Daniher
Library Mrs Daniher
Learning Support Team Mrs Akehurst, Mrs Tulloch, Miss Barber & Ms Davies
Release from face to face Mrs Tulloch, Miss Barber & Ms Davies

CHRISTMAS WISHES

On behalf of the students I wish to thank the staff at St Mary's for their love, care and concern over the past year. Their high level of professionalism is appreciated. I would also like to wish all our families a happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 28 January 2016.

Robyn Akehurst



LOLLY RUN
SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER
FROM 7.00PM

THE WEST WYALONG FIRE BRIGADE WILL BE HANDING OUT LOLLIES ON SAT 19 DECEMBER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO CALL AT YOUR STREET, PLEASE TEXT YOUR ADDRESS TO TANYA FOSTER ON 0448725287




St Mary's Parents & Friends would like to thank all those in the community who purchased tickets in their Christmas raffle.

Winners were drawn at Speech night last night:
 \$50 Thom Dick & Harry's voucher—Bernadette Pettit

\$80 West Wyalong Butchery voucher—Bernadette Pettit

\$50 S&C Sports Club dining room voucher—Garry McCoullough

Year 6 Graduation Mass
9.30am Monday 14 December
Please join us as we farewell our Year 6 students and celebrate the end of the school year

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE
Year 6 Graduation Mass and dinner	Monday 14 December
2015 School year ends	Wednesday 16 December
Term 1 2016 commences for all students	Thursday 28 January 2016
St Mary's Twilight swimming carnival	Thursday 4 February 2016
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 10 February 2016

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 2015

Mon 14 Dec	Tues 15 Dec	Wed 16 Dec
L Thomas	CLOSED	J McDonell C Loudon

SCHOOL UNIFORM:- It is expected that all students will commence the 2016 school year in regulation school uniform including shoes.

****The situation at the moment is that new shirts similar to our original summer shirt are being sourced from a new manufacturer and will be available within the coming months, hopefully by the end of this term and will be stocked by Wendy's Embroidery and Outwest Clothing. Wendy's Embroidery have a few selected sizes of the shirt still in stock. d of a shirt before the end of term. If you are having problems and are unable to find a shirt in your child's size please call at the school. It is not mandatory to purchase a new shirt if your child's current shirt is not worn out.**

****If shirts are not available at the beginning of the school year Kinder 2016 students may wear their sport shirt each day until the new shirts arrive.**

Christmas Liturgies—If your child would like to participate in any of the Christmas liturgies as a reader, altar server or take a part in the nativity procession please send the permission note in that was sent home yesterday. The note can also be found on the Skoolbag app.

Stationery Requirements 2016

All students K-6 require the following items for school, clearly labeled:

art smock, box tissues

Students in Years 1-6 require the following:

Scissors, glue sticks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, black lead pencils (HB), plastic ruler (narrow), coloured pencils and/or textas

Students in Years 5 & 6 only—biros – blue and red

Students in Kinder, Years 1 & 2 require a Library Bag.

Kindergarten students are provided with other stationery requirements by the school.

Back packs are available from the school office at a cost of \$40.00 (small) or \$46.00 (large). The flap can be embroidered with the school logo and child's name for an extra cost from Outwest Clothing or Wendy's Embroidery.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT MEETING TIME & PLACE

Even if you haven't had time to return your permission slip, all students are welcome to participate in the Carols by Candlelight singing. Please arrive at Barnardo Park by 7.30 and see Mrs Harland.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Please put my name on the tuckshop roster for 2016 _____

My preferred day is _____

once a month
 once a term

Please roster me on with _____ Contact number _____

SPEECH NIGHT AWARDS 2015

2016 School Captains	Anna Rogers & Max Wilson	
Sisters of Mercy Primary School Dux:	Yllana Waller	
Genevieve Nowlan Award for Christian Living:	Taylor Phillips	
Nicholson Trophy:	Max Wilson	
RSL Award for Most Improved Year 6 into Year 7 student:	Joey Mai	
Rotary Club Citizenship Award:	Luke Cameron	
Scott Family Award:	Jamie Nicholson	
Graeme Wungluck Creative Arts Award:	Bronte Daniher	
Lions Club Community Service Award:	Anna Rogers	
St Mary's Parish Award:	Emily Rogers & Mia Pettit	
Commonwealth Bank Sportsmanship Award:	Jade Lawrence	
Joyce Kennedy Memorial Scholarship	Varshabradan Pranavendran	
Sport Achievement Award for a Primary Girl:	Bridie White	
Sport Achievement Award for a Primary Boy:	Luke Cameron	
Year 3 Class Awards:	Academic Achievement Excellent results across all KLAs Outstanding Attitude and Effort Excellent application and achievement	Alexander Murdoch Braharshita Pranavendran Isabella Blampied Harry Tulloch
Year 4 Class Awards:	Academic Achievement Excellent attitude and application Consistent progress and aptitude in Literacy	Joseph Mangelsdorf Madison Foster Anna Nowland
Year 5 Class Awards:	Academic Achievement Outstanding attitude and effort Significant classroom contribution Improvement across all KLAs especially Literacy	Ella Pettit Anna Rogers Georgia Miller Jamie Nicholson
Year 6 Class Awards:		
For consistent application & improvement across all Key Learning Areas	William Maslin	
For significant classroom contribution	Abi McCubben	
Sporting House competition award	MacKillop	

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls

As is customary tonight my role is to acknowledge what a fantastic school St Mary's is and to congratulate and thank all of you.

Firstly I wish to recognise our many volunteers, parents and grandparents, who support our school and assist the students. Your contributions are very valued and I hope that you know we appreciate your efforts in ensuring that as a school we provide the best possible opportunities for all students in their academic, social, sporting, cultural and spiritual development.

Tonight some students will go home with well deserved, special awards and I know you will join me in congratulating these students on their achievements. This does not mean that we are not proud and pleased with the achievements of every student at St Mary's. Tomorrow the parents of all our 105 students will receive their semester two reports. Over the past two weeks, as I have read the words our teachers have written to describe the student's progress, I can't help but be impressed with each child's growth and development. Students, teachers, support staff and families are to be congratulated on the progress that has been clearly achieved in all academic areas. It is also evident that the students also have shown themselves as caring and loving young people who always strive to respect others.

If I was asked to give one sentence to describe learning and teaching at St Mary's in 2015 I would say this is the year of "bring your own device" to school. Each child, from K to Yr 6, has his or her personal iPad that is used as an educational tool ensuring that the learning at St Mary's is at the forefront of educational reform. This initiative has only been possible because teachers, parents and the Canberra Goulburn Catholic Education Office have had trust in the integrity of the school and our ability to ensure that this initiative would be successful. I sincerely thank the teachers and support staff for their willingness to implement new tools into their lessons, to spend time learning how to best combine the technology, the student and the content to achieve syllabus outcomes and to be confident in their own ability, especially when they know that the students will sometimes know more about an app than they do. We are grateful to the student's families for providing the financial resources necessary for this initiative and ensuring that the iPads are looked after and that their child's use of this device is safe and stays within acceptable use guidelines.

Early in 2016 Mrs Melanie Meincke will travel to Canberra for a very special celebration. Mel was nominated by the P and F and will be awarded a Canberra Goulburn Catholic Education Award in recognition of her wonderful work in Kindergarten in using best contemporary practice to ensure excellence in teaching and learning at St Mary's. Congratulations Mel.

In 2016 St Mary's will continue to further foster innovative learning. Teachers will all undertake extensive professional development in best practice pedagogy including looking at new ways to foster growth in inquiry and collaborative learning and how to embed philosophy in lessons so that learning is extended to fully include personal questioning and deep level thinking. As we know the world is changing at a rapid pace and our children need the skills to live full, productive and happy lives. We will also be extending the Making Jesus Real Program by implementing a program that focuses on providing the students with skills that will enable them to take greater responsibility for their own personal wellbeing.

This year we welcomed Fr Emil to the west. With his gentle manner Fr has not only guided our spiritual development but has also demonstrated a genuine and caring interest in all of us and what makes up the culture of our school. The students appreciate his presence on the playground, especially with the hose and ice blocks on a hot day and the chariot and donkey rides are very special experiences.

I wish to congratulate our Year 6 students who have completed their primary school education. Fortunately our school is just the right size for all senior class students to accept and carry out valuable leadership roles. As School Captains Luke and Yllana have led school assemblies and represented the school at important community functions. As ICT leaders Charlie and Varshan have assisted staff and students with technology; Bronte has led the SRC team; Will, Abi and Talia have encouraged and supported students in sporting endeavours and Georgia and Joey have led our welcome to country each week at assembly and kept the front notice board up to date. In addition to this you have all taken your work seriously, have led your Making Jesus Real groups and you have all been excellent role models for other students ensuring that our positive school culture is maintained. I also wish to say thank you and best wishes to the Daniher, Gould, Maslin and Waller families who will no longer be with us in 2016.

I wish to thank Mr Dan Mangelsdorf but also for continuing to lead the school 2015 board as chairperson who along with Mrs Myfi Kellehan, Mrs Angela Tachie-Menson, Mrs Annabelle Brown, Mr Justin Pettit, Mrs Shannon Nicholson, Miss Lauren Kelly and Mrs Nickey Harland have ensured that the key areas of the school: catholic identity; academic, social sporting and cultural programs; resources and enrolment and growth are all attended to in a manner that promotes the best possible learning environment for our students.

St Mary's is also very fortunate to have a fully functioning and vibrant Parents and Friends Association that this year has been led by the executive team of Mrs Renee Pettit, Mrs Erin Pettit and Mrs Jodie McDonnell. I wish to thank these ladies and all other families who have supported the P and F, especially parents who have attended meetings and assisted in the making of some very important decisions that have benefitted every student in our school.

We are very grateful to Mrs Tammy Heffer, who this year has taken on the voluntary position of canteen manager. This has included menu organisation and keeping the fridge and cupboards stocked, preparing the roster, cleaning and muc, much more. Please know that all your hard work is appreciated and without your generous efforts we would not have a school canteen.

I would like to now invite Mrs Pettit and Mrs Heffer to the stage for a special presentation and to draw the raffle.

Thankyou

WHAT'S ON AT HOLLAND PARK POOL



WATER WORLD

EVERY SUNDAY 1PM to 5PM
STARTING Sunday 20th December
\$4.50 per person

Great day out for the whole family

Water Slide

Monday to Friday
1pm to 5pm
Saturday
1pm - 6pm

\$2.70pp unlimited use



IN THE HOLIDAYS WATER CRAWL SWIM SCHOOL

Learn to Swim

Over the holidays we have five intensive blocks available. Our 115 lessons are 20 minutes duration and are one on one with a qualified instructor. Book your child for the same time, for 3 consecutive days.

3 lessons for \$54, which works out to be \$18 a lesson which also includes child's pool entry and 1 adult spectator.

Block 1: Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December, 2023

Block 2: Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th December, 2023

Block 3: Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th January, 2024

Block 4: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th January, 2024

Block 5: Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd January, 2024

Squad Training

All of our squad programs run throughout the holidays with no squad on Public Holidays.

SEALS FITNESS SESSION

Saturday 10:15pm to 11:15am

Water Exercise

Monday 11:15am - 12:15pm

Wednesday 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Water Wise & Water Skills

Monday 28th DEC through to Friday 29th JAN
CHOOSE YOUR SESSION... YOU CAN BOOK AS FEW OR AS MANY SESSIONS AS YOU LIKE...ONCE, TWICE, THREE, FOUR OR FIVE TIMES EACH WEEK, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO BOOK A WEEKS INTENSIVE BLOCK... WHATEVER SUITS!

Speak to our friendly staff if you have queries.

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& PROMOTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



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Holiday Water Skills & Water Wise



Water Wise

Time: 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Days: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri

Cost: \$12 casual or

\$9 a session when booking 2 or more a week

Dates: 28th December to 29th January (excluding public holidays)

Lessons are 30 minutes duration and are at a ratio of one to four: 1 qualified instructor to a maximum of 4 students.

Children can independently and continuously propel themselves through the water. They haven't yet developed stroke technique, body position and breathing which is the main focus of Water Wise.

Bookings are essential as we have limited spaces.

Water Skills

Time: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Days: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri

Cost: \$10 casual or

\$8 a session when booking 2 or more a week

Dates: 28th December to 29th January (excluding public holidays)

Lessons are 30 minutes duration and are at a ratio of one to six: 1 qualified instructor to a maximum of 6 students.

Children are now displaying correct freestyle techniques. We advance the distances of swimming to 15 m. Backstroke is also introduced along with more advanced skills and drills to refine the child's stroke and to continue water confidence.

Bookings are essential as we have limited spaces.

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Learning to swim at an early age not only increases physical development, but also dramatically improves concentration & coordination.

Contact Reception to make your Childs booking or for more information on our programs, squads and fitness classes.

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