St Mary’s congratulates...

The recipients of our Whatever You Do, Do Well awards this week:

**Daniel Tachie-Menson**  **Vijil Viju**
**Kayla Edwards**  **Thomas Brown**
**Keelan Glasgow**  **Anna Nowland**
**Chelsea Thomas**  **Bridie White**

*Bronte Daniher*

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TECHNOLOGY AT ST MARY’S ON SHOW

On Wednesday this week Mr Nielsen and Mrs Meincke travelled to Canberra to do a presentation at the COSA+ Showcase. They had a display showing all the apps and their uses that the students carry out on their iPads. The school has recently installed two TV screens in each classroom to allow the students to share and collaborate on their work.

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St Mary’s prays...

Next Wednesday our Year 2 students will participate in a Retreat Day in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 19 November at 6.30pm. We pray for them and their families as they take this very important step in their faith journey.

**SAYING SORRY**

An apology is a friendship preserver,

is often a debt honoured,

is never a sign of weakness,

is an antidote for hatred,

costs nothing but one’s pride,

and always saves far, far more than it ever costs.

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St Mary’s thanks...

Thank you to those who offered to help sew the First Communion/angel robes. Mrs Rigney has very kindly offered to do all the sewing and we thank her for this very generous gesture.

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SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION:

At the end of this year, Mr Dan Mangelsdorf and Mrs Angela Tachie-Menson will be standing down from their positions on the school board.

If you would like to serve as a Board member, nominations are now being called for and will close on 30 November 2015.

Please fill in the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return to the school office if you wish to nominate yourself or someone else.

For more information phone the school office on 69723003
Happy Birthday to Oliver Brown who celebrates his birthday next week.

CLASS MASSES
All masses commence at 9.30am and parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to participate
Tuesday 17 November Yr 3
Wednesday 18 November Yr 2 as part of their retreat day
Tuesday 24 November Kindergarten

St Mary’s Speech night and school play performance will be held on Thursday 10 December commencing at 6.00pm.
Matinee Thursday at 11.30am

STAFF LEAVE WEEK 7:
Thursday: Mrs Akehurst at Principal’s retreat. Mrs Tulloch will take Year 4.

HELLO FROM THE ICT DESK: 2015 has been a huge year in ICT at St Mary’s. As you know students have brought in their iPads to use in the classroom. The school has had support from the CEO this year in the form of Mr Carter. He has had many visits this year and with his help we are using the iPads for a variety of different things. Kinder is doing amazing Puppet Pals and using Write About This to publish their writing. They also used Socrative to complete a survey on the use of iPads in Kinder. Year 1 & 2 are using Book Creator to publish their writing and record information in Science. They also use Pic Collage to create amazing posters. Year 3 & 4 are using Kid Blog and Book Creator to publish their work. They use Explain Everything and Showbie to record and share information and have made movie trailers on iMovie. Year 5/6 made imaginative characters in Art Studio and exported their images to Comics Head to create funny comic strips. They also uploaded their character to their Google site webpage. They have published a narrative written in Pages and a Puppet Pals clip to this site as well. The most recent technological advancement the school has made is the installation of 2 TVs in each classroom. The TVs have an Apple TV connected to them, which allows teachers and students to display their iPad screens so a small group can collaborate together.

Position vacant...

POSITION VACANT
St Mary’s War Memorial School is seeking applications from teachers for two positions to begin at the commencement of the 2016 school year. The positions will be made up to best suit our needs but will include the following responsibilities:

- One day a week teaching Yr 1 on Friday
- One day a week teaching Yr 3 on a day to be determined
- One and a half days a week teaching Yr 2 on days to be determined
- Two to three days a week, on days yet to be determined, teaching as a member of the literacy support team working with classroom teachers and leading students in small reading and writing groups.

This position does not require the teacher to work with students who have moderate or high learning and support needs.

It is highly likely that the positions will both begin at 3 days per week for term 1 and may be adjusted depending upon permanent staff returning from leave or continuing their leave.

Teachers will be required to work on Tuesdays and attend staff meetings.

STABLE MANNERS COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:

(kindergarten): Annabelle Brown has generously offered to prepare papier-mâché over wire to resemble cracked eggs. Please contact her for more information or to offer assistance
Period costume: sheet belted with rope, robe like with tea towel on head

Year 1:
Sheep. Dress all in white (white shorts/long pants, white t-shirt/shirt)
Angels. White first communion robes with halos (all provided)

Year 2:
Cowboys and cowgirls. Jeans, checked shirt, cowboy hat, boots
Period costume: sheet belted with rope, robe like with tea towel on head

Year 3:
Hip hop heavenly choir. Hip hop/street clothes with a halo
Period costume: sheet belted with rope, robe like with tea towel on head

Year 4/5/6:
Period costume. Sheet belted with rope, robe like for both songs.
- Donations of old sheets or doona covers would be welcome. They can be plain or printed and will be cut to size at the school.
- Halos will be supplied by the school
- Costumes for principal actors will be provided unless students have been informed of their requirements.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 2015**

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE:** St Mary’s P&F has participated in an extensive decision making process in regards to important matters concerning our school uniform. As you are most likely aware we have had problems with the school shirts, due to manufacturers changing designs and/or going out of business. 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 if you are in need 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.
ST MARY’S SCHOOL BOARD provides the opportunity for members of the school community to be actively involved in decisions that directly affect the educational environment at our school. Working with the Principal, Parish Priest and staff, the Board members provide leadership to the wider school community.

The Board has a decision making role in certain policy areas and an advisory role in others. Discussion and actions are always set within the wider mission of Catholic education, the policy and procedures determined by the CEC and the CEO and St Mary’s Mission of Planting the Seed, Nurturing the Growth and Celebrating the Harvest.

The school board specifically works towards
· The fulfillment of St. Mary’s War Memorial School as a Catholic School and as a school with a vision for the future
· Promotion of the school in the local community
· The facilitation of communication among the various sections of the School community
· The planning for both the long term development of the School and its regular maintenance; and
· Financial planning accountability
· Developing and monitoring school enterprises

We are calling for nominations from our Parent Body to fill positions of those who will complete their terms of office at the end of this year.

If you are prepared to serve as a BOARD MEMBER and are able to meet the supporting criteria, would you please indicate your willingness by completing and detaching the slip at the end of this correspondence and forwarding it to the School Office. It is also recommended that nominees read a copy of the Constitution for Catholic School Boards, a copy of which may be requested from the school.

Alternatively, if there is a parent you would like to nominate for such a position, would you likewise complete the appropriate form after seeking his/her acceptance of nomination.

We would ask that you give serious consideration to whether you could be part of this body as our School depends so much upon the generous support of dedicated School community members.

The THANKS of the whole School community goes to members nearing completion of their term of office, for their invaluable service through many voluntary hours of contributions in the interests of St. Mary’s War Memorial School.

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ST. MARY’S SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

I AM WILLING TO ACCEPT NOMINATION for the School Board of St. Mary’s War Memorial School, West Wyalong.

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

PHONE: ……………………………………………….. DATE: …………………………………………………………

I WISH TO NOMINATE: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

for the School Board of St. Mary’s War Memorial School, West Wyalong

and have acceptance of his/her nomination.

NAME OF NOMINATOR: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

PHONE: ……………………………………………….. DATE: …………………………………………………………

NOMINEE’S SIGNATURE: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

PHONE: ……………………………………………….. DATE: …………………………………………………………
These items should be brought to school every day, regardless of the weather. If wet weather does occur, a decision on whether swimming goes ahead will be made on a daily basis.

Please do NOT send your child to school in their swimmers. For health and comfort reasons these should be packed and the students will get changed at the swimming pool.

SUNSCREEN- Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before coming to school and to bring it to school with them. There will be sunscreen available at the pool for those who forget to bring their own.

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**HOLLAND PARK POOL, KURRAJONG STREET WEST WYALONG**

**1 on 1 Learn To Swim** (20min lesson) Times: start at 3:40pm - 6pm
- Days: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri
- Saturday morning from 10:20

**Water Skills Water Skills**
- 6 week block Lessons are 20 minutes duration and are one on one with a qualified instructor.
- Book your child in for the same time, same day, every week for 6 weeks duration.
- Cost: $10 casual or $96 for 2 sessions per week ($8 a session)
- Water Skills (30min) Time: 4:30pm - 5:00pm Days: Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri
- Cost: $12 casual or $108 for 2 sessions per week ($9 a session)

Please ensure that your child has the following for swimming classes:

- **Sunscreen**
- **Swim shirt if they require it**
- **Swimmers**
- **Towel**
- **Plastic bag to put wet belongings in**
- **Drink bottle**
- **Goggles (if they require them)**

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**Santa Photos**

Where: 184 Main Street (old Elders Building), West Wyalong.

When: Friday 4 December 5pm to 8pm @ Christmas Carnival

Saturday 5 Dec 9am-2pm & Sunday 6 Dec 10am-2pm

Cost: $20 includes CD of photos or bring your own thumb drive and photos will be saved onto it.

Bookings for Friday and Saturday can be made but not essential.

Bookings for Sunday are essential.

For bookings contact Belinda Duncan
0429720544 or bazbelduncan@gmail.com