St Mary’s congratulates…

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

- Layla Player
- Alexander Rees
- Seaton Crouch
- Madison Foster
- Sebastian Rees
- Matt Heffer
- Woody Ambrose
- Georgia Gould

St Mary’s prays…

Congratulations to our Year 2 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. Thanks go to Fr Emil, Mrs Haworth and those who assisted at the Retreat day on Wednesday.

*To be grateful is to recognise the love of God in everything He has given us.*

*And He has given us everything.*

Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

St Mary’s thanks…

Thank you to those families who have finalized their school fee accounts for this term. Families with fee payment plans...these will continue over the holidays, but please check that your payment amount is sufficient to meet your obligations.

Swimming arrangements—Week 8

Swimming will commence on Monday 23 November.

Students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will leave the school at 9.05 to walk to the pool. They will be back at school by 11.00 when they will have recess.

Students in Kinder, Years 1 & 2 will leave the school at 10.00 and be back by 12.00. They will have an early fruit break before they leave the school and recess when they return.

Due to the swimming program the Canteen WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR RECESS on Monday 23, Wednesday 25 & Monday 30. Students should bring their recess to school on those days.

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

- Sunscreen, swimmers, swim shirt if they require one, towel, plastic bag to put wet belongings in, drink bottle, goggles (if they require them).

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.

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 Lachlan Foster, Talon Crouch and Talia Wharton who celebrate their birthdays next week.

CLASS MASSES
The Kindergarten class Mass set down for next Tuesday has been postponed due to swimming.

STABLE MANNERS
All students are asked to bring their play costumes to the school by Monday 30 November so they can be checked by teachers. A full dress rehearsal will take place at the S&C Club on Friday 4 December.

An invitation is extended to grandparents and community members to attend the matinee production on Thursday 10 December commencing at 11.30am at the S&C Club auditorium. Please RSVP to the school office on 69723003 with attendance numbers by Friday 4 December.

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

STABLE MANNERS COSTUME REQUIREMENTS:

**KINDERGARTEN:** Egg costumes—provided
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 with tea towel on head 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.

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.

Applications close on 27 November 2015. Please contact the Principal for more information.

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club will close on Tuesday 24 November. This is the final book club for 2015.
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<td><strong>St Mary's school matinee 11.30am @ S&amp;C Club</strong></td>
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<td>Awards ceremony and play Stable Manners 6.00pm</td>
<td>Thursday 28 January 2016</td>
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<td>Christmas themed mufti day</td>
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<td><strong>Year 6 Graduation Mass and dinner</strong></td>
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**CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 2015**

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**FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Please note that lasagna is no longer available for lunch from the school canteen.

**MORNING SUPERVISION:** Parents are advised that morning supervision does not commence until 8.30am. Please do not drop your children at the school earlier than this time. If there are extenuating circumstances regarding this matter, please contact Mrs Akehurst.

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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:.................................

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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:.................................
THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Acknowledging the many gifted individuals across our Archdiocese, I am writing to invite membership of the CEC, commencing in 2016. The Catholic Education website has an information section on the CEC at:

To assist Archbishop Christopher in furthering the mission and ministry of Catholic schools of the Archdiocese, you are invited to forward an expression of interest in one of the following CEC positions for 2016, noting that the Commission meets of an eight times per year (this may change):

Chair, Catholic Education Commission. Experience and expertise in the chairing of meetings and an understanding of the Mission of Catholic Education are essential.

Member, with experience and expertise in the financial area

Member, with experience and expertise in the legal area.

A one page CV including a reference from your Parish Priest is to be sent to:
Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Email: archbishop@cg.org.au

Closing Date: 4 December 2015

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Sunday 13 December 2015
All students are invited to attend.
We will be singing Something Is Happening Tonight and Celebrate This Christmas, both songs from our upcoming performance of Stable Manners.

If your child is able to attend please fill in and return the slip attached to this information.

Family Name: _____________________________
My child/ren _____________________________ will be performing at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 13 December.

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
All proceeds to West Wyalong Public School rubber soft fall under the play equipment.
## JANUARY VACATION CARE

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<td>Come dressed as your favourite Star Wars character and be prepared to spend a day in a Galaxy far, far away.</td>
<td>$25 per child Bring your own morning tea and lunch</td>
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<td>Tuesday 12 January</td>
<td>Enjoy science? Then why not try some wacky science experiments with us?</td>
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<td>Wednesday 13 January</td>
<td>Make, paint and create with clay and plaster!</td>
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<td>Thursday 14 January</td>
<td>Slip, slop, slap and SPLASH! Help to create our very own on site water park. Bring your swimmers, towel and change of clothes!</td>
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<td>Friday 15 January</td>
<td>Be prepared to be scared! Dress up as witches, zombies, ghosts and more.</td>
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<td>We're turning back the clock! Dress up in your best 80's Clothing and fluoro gear.</td>
<td>$25 per child Bring your own morning tea and lunch</td>
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<td>Tuesday 19 January</td>
<td>EXCURSION We'll catch the bus down to Splatter Gallery and see what great things Claire has install for us. Lunch at Barnardo Park.</td>
<td>$35 per child Bring your own morning tea and picnic lunch</td>
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<td>Wednesday 20 January</td>
<td>Another day of water play! Bring your swimmers, towel and a change of clothes.</td>
<td>$25 per child Bring your own morning tea and lunch</td>
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<td>Thursday 21 January</td>
<td>What would you like to do? Lots of free choice games, crafts and fun... You decide!</td>
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Christmas
Vacation Care Program

Three days of all things Christmas!
Make Decorations, yummy treats and share the Christmas Spirit.

Monday 21 December
Tuesday 22 December
Wednesday 23 December

Enjoy a hot Christmas lunch on Wednesday 23 December 2015

Vacation Care costs $25 per child per day.
Please bring your own morning tea and lunch each day (except for Wednesday!)

Bland Shire Council
West Wyalong

Vacation Care is located at the Children's Services Unit, 130 Pine Street, West Wyalong

Bookings are essential
Bookings commence from Monday 23 November and Christmas dates will be finalised Wednesday 18 December 2015. The January dates will be finalised Wednesday 6 January 2016.

For permission slips, enrolment forms and/or payment for the Vacation Care program, visit the Children's Services Unit or contact us on 6972 2795.

Please note: Vacation Care bookings and fees are taken for a full day of care only. The Vacation Care service is a licensed and fully supervised service where children must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian. Your child is welcome to attend for a part day but must be enrolled in the service prior to attending and full fees will apply. Minimum number of 5 children required to conduct these sessions.