St Mary’s congratulates...

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

- Grace Kellahan
- Tashreet Kaur Sidhu
- Olivia Russell
- Jason Mai

*Toby Edwards*  
*Harry Kelk*
*Joseph Mangelsdorf*  
*Georgia Miller*

Anna Rogers

St Mary’s prays...

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

*I love you, Lord, my strength*  
*my rock, my fortress,*
*my savior.*

*My God is the rock where I take refuge;*
*my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.*

*The Lord is worth of all praise:*
*when I call I am saved from my foes.*

**Year of Consecrated Life Parish Luncheon.** This event will be celebrated on Sunday 15 November at 12noon at the Metro Hotel, West Wyalong. We have invited the religious who served in the mission area & St Mary’s War Memorial school to be our guests to celebrate their ministry for and amongst us. All welcome to meet some religious pioneers of our school. Tickets on sale at parish office ($15).

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

Please return to the school office:
- Perpetual trophies so they can be engraved for this year’s winners
- Basketball singlets (still a couple outstanding)
- Swimming permission notes by 9 November
- Swimming payment by 20 November

St Mary’s thanks...

This morning at assembly we extended a huge thank you to students, parents and those who coached and managed the teams at the recent CPS basketball championships. Our teams showed great sportsmanship on and off the courts and our parents were great supporters of the children. A report on the games appears later in this newsletter. We would also like to thank Mrs Nielsen who attended as the school representative.

Thank you to the P&F who organized a hugely successful disco last Thursday evening. All the students had a great time and parents enjoyed catching up with each other.

Thank you to all our families who so generously supported the Parish Melbourne Cup raffle—Fr Emil is very appreciative of your participation.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING**

Thursday 12 November

Commencing at 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME
Happy Birthday to Harry Tulloch, Varshan Pranavendran, Tommy Anderson and Tyler Wilson who celebrate their birthdays 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

Call for volunteer seamstresses:
If you are able to sew and would like to help with the costumes for the school play, then we would love to hear from you! We are making new angel robes for the students in the play, so please contact the office on 69723003 for more details.

STAFF LEAVE WEEK 6:
Tuesday: Mrs Haworth at REC meeting.
Wednesday: Mr Nielsen & Mrs Meincke at COSA showcase in Canberra presenting our Innovations program. Mrs Rigney will take the Kinder class.
Friday: Mrs Haworth will be on leave and Mrs Mangelsdorf will take the Year 2 class.

Kinder 2016 orientation program
Monday 9 November 8.55-3.20
Children should bring a piece of fruit, recess, drink bottle, a hat and their lunch.
We are looking forward to welcoming these young students to St Mary’s again this week.

St Mary’s Parish Melbourne Cup raffle results:
1st prize - Terry Lemon, 2nd prize - Liz McGlynn, 3rd prize - Liam Swanson. A big thank you to all who sold and bought tickets, some families were particularly generous. Fr Emil Milat

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

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 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.
On the weekend of October 23rd and 24th, St Mary’s school West Wyalong was represented by four teams at the CPS Basketball challenge in Albury/Wodonga. The weekend was officially opened with a wonderful liturgy which involved all schools participating in the tournament. The following is an outline of the fabulous results from each of the teams:

The Senior Boys team coached by Peter Kelly played fantastic basketball on Saturday, which placed them 14th overall and in Division 2. These boys gave it all they had and showed great determination in the qualifying final against Narrandra on Sunday morning, but unfortunately went down which meant the end of their campaign. Congratulations Senior Boys and Peter!

The Senior Girls Team coached by Renee Pettit demonstrated great skill and determination to be placed 10th overall and in Division 2. They played Temora in the qualifying final on Sunday and defeated them, which put them into the semifinal against Griffith. Once again these girls put in an incredible effort to win and progress to the grand final against Leeton. Unfortunately they went down by 6 points, but it was an amazing effort to be runners up in their division. Congratulations Senior Girls and Renee!

The Junior Boys Team (Year 4) coached by Tony Parkes displayed great skill and teamwork to be placed 16th overall and in Division 2. The boys played Queanbeyan in the qualifying final on Sunday and defeated them, which put them into the semifinal against St Patrick’s B Albury. They played an amazing game to win and progress to the grand final where they came up against Holy Spirit Lavington where they went down. A massive effort by the boys to be runners up in their division. Congratulations Junior Boys and Tony!

The Junior Boys Team (Year 3) coached by Tammy Heffer experienced their first CPS tournament. They finished 24th overall and placed in division 3. It was amazing to witness the growth in skills and knowledge of the game in the boys over the training period and then at Albury/Wodonga. They played incredibly well in their qualifying final against Yoolgali on Sunday, but unfortunately were defeated. All of the Year 3 boys put in 100% in their games and played some great basketball. Congratulations Junior Boys and Tammy!

A big thank you to all the parents who allowed their children to participate in this tournament. It is such a wonderful bonding experience for both the players and families.

Thank you so much to the fantastic coaches, Peter Kelly, Tony Parkes, Renee Pettit and Tammy Heffer who gave up their own time to train the students in preparation for the weekend and then coached and supported them right to the end on Sunday. Your effort is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the team managers, Natalie Mangelsdorf, Nicole Cameron, Bronnie Rogers, who too assisted and supported each team by scoring and doing numerous jobs over the weekend, thank-you!
## UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Whooping Cough Information for Schools:

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

* If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

* Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

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:**..................................................

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**NOMINEE’S SIGNATURE:**.............................................................

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