

ST MARY'S WAR MEMORIAL SCHOOL WEST WYALONG

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Friday 30 November

St Mary's congratulates...

AWARDS	KEY LEARNING AREAS	MAKING JESUS REAL
Brock Downey	Science	Tyler Lawrence
Karl Orallo	English	Jamie Nicholson
Bridie White	Science	Georgia Gould
Winnie Lawrence	Mathematics	Laura Opdam
Rogan Nicholson	English	Jack Parkes



BLUE RIBBON BELLE

A full dress rehearsal will be held on Friday 7 December at the S&C Club. Please make sure outfits are brought to school before this date. White coats will be provided for students who need them, and if you are having trouble with any of the clothes, please contact the school and we may be able to help.

ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Date: Wednesday 12 December

Time: 6.00pm sharp for award presentations followed by performance.

Venue: WW S&C Club

St Mary's prays...



This Sunday marks the beginning of the church year with the beginning of Advent. This is a time leading up to Christmas when we are encouraged to take some time to reflect on how Jesus would wish us to act and then live accordingly. The

following prayers may help your family with your Advent focus.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we wait eagerly for your arrival. Come fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

The world isn't like you wanted it to be. We don't love each other as you love us. So come and help us change. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

The world is full of fighting and wars. We even find it difficult to get on with our friends and family sometimes. We need you, Jesus. Come show us how to live in peace. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

St Mary's thanks...

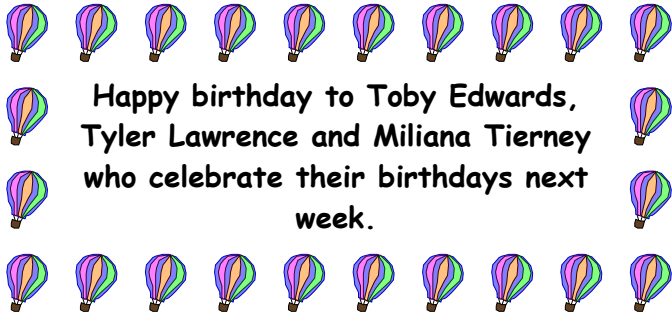
Belinda Gould who held a very successful colour recess day at the tuckshop on Friday. Thank you Belinda.

St Mary's Parish for the donation of The Lion Storyteller Christmas book for our library, in recognition of the school's participation in Operation Christmas Child.

Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,
Christ be in our ears and in our listening,
Christ be in our hands and in our making,
Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,
Christ be in hearts and in our loving.

ST MARY'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Sunday 2 December	9.00am
Saturday 8 December	6.00pm
Sunday 16 December	9.00am



Happy birthday to Toby Edwards,
Tyler Lawrence and Miliana Tierney
who celebrate their birthdays next
week.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30PM IN SCHOOL LIBRARY
ALL WELCOME**

SCHOOL CAPTAIN 2013

Everyone was very impressed with the speeches the nominees for 2013 School captains presented to their peers on Wednesday. There is one point each student thought most important from their speeches:

Lachlan Miller and Darcy White would be very proud to represent the school, especially by carrying the banner and assisting in giving the address on ANZAC Day.

Rogan Nicholson believes it is important to be responsible, trustworthy and a good role model for other students.

Jack Hetherington is very keen to have a go and to keep his promise to make the school a better place.

Laura Opdam has vowed to always be helpful to other students on the playground.

Winnie Lawrence would like to help organise more social events for the students.

Brandy Nicholson believes it is important to always be kind and caring.

Emily Ridley has said that her time at St Mary's has been fun and she has always aimed for our motto of "Whatever you do, do well."

The announcement of School Captains is kept confidential until Speech Night.

MASS CELEBRATIONS - TERM 4

Tuesday 4 December Year 4/5 10.00am in the chapel
Friday 14 December Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.15am
Wednesday 19 December 9.15am Whole School Liturgy

**Notes to be returned to school
by Monday 3 December:-**

Yr 6 students: blue note indicating attendance at school on Thursday 7 December

All students: yellow swimming note - classes commence on Wednesday 5 December. The draw for swimming goggles and season pass will take place on Tuesday.

SATISFACTION SURVEY: Thank you to those families who have returned the satisfaction survey. It has been very helpful, and people have added their names so Mrs Akehurst has been able to contact them and discuss important issues with them. It would be appreciated if surveys could be returned to the school by Friday 7 December.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4, 2012

Mon 3 Dec	Tues 4 Dec	Wed 5 Dec	Thurs 6 Dec	Fri 7 Dec
K Rowe	CLOSED	CLOSED	C Wilson	CLOSED
Mon 10 Dec	Tues 11 Dec	Wed 12 Dec	Thurs 13 Dec	Fri 14 Dec
N Ambrose	CLOSED	CLOSED	S Maslin	M Parkes

BARRICK XMAS PARTY

I am able to assist in the following way:

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Name _____ Phone contact: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE
School Counsellor 10.00am working with Year 6 students	Monday 3 December
Year 4/5 Mass 10.00am	Tuesday 4 December
Intensive Swimming program commences	Wednesday 5 December
Year 6 into Year 7 High School Orientation program	Thursday 6 December
P&F AGM 7.30pm	
"Blue Ribbon Belle" full dress rehearsal	Friday 7 December
"Blue Ribbon Belle" matinee performance 10.30am	Tuesday 11 December
Speech night and performance 6.00pm	Wednesday 12 December
School Board AGM 7.00pm	Thursday 13 December
Graduation Mass 9.15am	Friday 14 December
Year 6 Farewell dinner @ S&C Club	Tuesday 18 December
Christmas Mass 9.15am	Wednesday 19 December
END OF TERM 4	



FROM THE P&F: Thank you for the great response to our raffle ticket selling request.

The roster for Saturday 1 December is:

9.00-10.00	Lesley Duncan
10.00-11.00	Rachelle Nowland
11.00-12.00	Kerrie Rowe
12.00-1.00	Jan Mackenzie
1.00-2.00	Marie McCann
2.00-3.00	Jenny Nicholson

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP ARRANGEMENTS

Due to swimming lessons and play rehearsals, the following arrangements will be put in place for the school canteen:

CLOSED on Wednesday 5 December, Friday 7 December & Wednesday 12 December - students need to bring fruit, water bottle, recess & lunch to school.

On swimming days staff will assist students who need recess before going to swimming lessons.

Have Your Say..... ST MARY'S SCHOOL BOARD 2013

We are still seeking nominations for the School Board and have extended the deadline to 12.00midday on Monday 3 December. One way to really know the ins and outs of the school and to have insight into the decisions that the school executive make, as well as having your own input into the collective wisdom and knowledge that is essential for sound decision making is to become a School Board Member. We would love to hear from you. Please give this careful consideration and return the nomination form on the back of this newsletter. More information available by phoning the school on 69723003.

REHEARSAL ARRANGEMENTS @ S&C CLUB Monday 3

December - 12.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 5 December - 12.00-3.00pm

Friday 7 December - 9.30 –3.00pm

Tuesday 11 December—Matinee at 10.30am

Wednesday 12 December—9.30-2.30pm

Not all students will be at the Club at all of these times, and groups will work around swimming lessons.

Students will walk to and from the Club with their

UPCOMING EVENTS



West Wyalong Little A's

Friday 30.11.12 – Program 4 Events

Friday 7.12.12 – Catch up week

Friday 14.12.12 – Presentation Afternoon

Hot Weather Cancellations:

In the interest of children's safety
if the temperature rises above 38 degrees Celsius

Little A's will be cancelled.

Schools will be informed by 2.30pm Friday afternoon.



FROM BLAND SHIRE LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club launch and Registration Day

Friday 30th November @ 4pm for
School children age 5-16

Reading Rewards, Competitions, prizes, activities and
much more! All welcome.

Christmas Book at Bedtime: Night time story time

Thursday December 6 @ 6pm

Come dressed in your PJs or Xmas theme and don't forget to bring your teddy!!

For Preschool and Kindergarten aged children
Light snacks will be provided

Location: Bland Shire Library, for more information call
6979 0272

P&F HELPERS FOR BARRICK CHRISTMAS PARTY

<u>FRIDAY 7TH DEC</u>			
DUTY	PEOPLE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
Erect marquees	8	9.30AM	Tommy Wood, Moi Parkes, John Parkes, Ryan Pilon Shannon Nicholson, Jack Wilson, Bronnie Rogers Michael Rees, Dan Mangelsdorf , Grant Robertson
Table/Chair Setup	4	1.00pm	Sue Daniher, Kylie Tulloch, Nat Mangesldorf NEED 1 MORE VOLUNTEER
Stock Coolroom	4	1.00pm	Loren Waller, Tammy Heffer, Karly Pilon NEED 1 MORE VOLUNTEER
<u>SATURDAY 8TH DEC</u>			
Decorations/tablecloths/eskies	3	10.30am	Loren Waller, Louise & Lizzie Daniher,
Collect 70 bags ice from IGA	2	1.00pm	Michael Rees, Bronnie Rogers
Fill eskies with drinks	2	1.00pm	Maree Hetho, Tracey Robertson, Suzie Maslin
Man Bar tent	3 to 4	5.30-10pm	Anna Kelk, Tania Foster, Andy Nicholson, Jason Nicholson
Man kids tent	1 to 2	5.30-10pm	Helen Rees (til 8.30pm) Shirley Anderson
Hand out Xmas presents	2	7-8pm	2 - possibly students
Serve finger food	10	5.30-9.00pm	Tammy Heffer, Tracy McCubben, Ellen Hume Laura Hume, Shannon Nicho, Bec Miller, M Parkes Anna Davis, Bronnie Rogers, Christie Wilson
Clear tables	Everybody	From 5.30	Continuously all night
Stack chairs/clear rubbish etc	Everybody	10.30-12.pm	All available volunteers
<u>SUNDAY 9TH DEC</u>			
Dismantle marquees, decorations, stack tables/chairs, clean up	10	7.00am	Maree Hetho, Tracey Robertson, Loren Waller, Jason Nicholson <u>DESPERATELY NEED 6 MORE VOLUNTEERS— preferably someone who hasn't worked till midnight the night before!!!</u>

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL BOARD – NOMINATION FORM

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.

In exercising its advisory function, members of the Board assist the Principal and staff in the following areas:

- The fulfilment 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

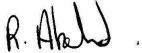
If you are prepared to serve as a **BOARD MEMBER** and are able to meet the supporting criteria, would you please indicate your willingness by completing and detaching the slip at the end of this correspondence and forwarding it to the School Office. It is also recommended that nominees read a copy of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

<http://www.ceocg.catholic.edu.au/parents/Document>

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.



Mrs Robyn Akehurst
Principal

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:**.....