Dear Parents,

Swimming Carnival
Big congratulations to all our swimmers who attended the Primary Swimming Carnival last Friday and gave it everything they had. By all accounts the day was fantastic. Well done to Mrs Stephen and her dedicated team organising the day behind the scenes and to all our teacher and parent helpers on the day that assisted in making sure it ran smoothly.

Parent Information Night
Thank you to all our families that attended the Parent Information Night this week. It was a great night and we thank you for making the effort, especially in the rain. Thank you to all the staff for their preparation, time and energy that went into making the evening so informative and relaxed. Notes that were handed out to parents will be uploaded onto the Skoolbag App for you to access.

Nude Food Day
What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday with our first Nude Food Day of the year. It was great to see so many children participating—their lunches were creative, colourful and very nutritious. A special thank you to our parents for ensuring their child/ren had a healthy lunch and our environment thanks you for being proactive with reducing the amount of rubbish at St Mary’s.

Opening School Mass
Our Opening School Mass is always an important event in our calendar when we come together as a community to give thanks for another school year and to pray that we have a wonderful and safe year ahead. Our Opening Mass is tomorrow Friday 10 Feb at 9:15am in the Church. All Year 6 Leaders, Captains, SRC and Mini Vinnies Representatives will receive a special blessing and their badges. All family, friends and parishioners are more than welcome to join in this special occasion with us.

Please update your details
It is that time of year when we are updating student files and medical records. If your child has a medical condition that requires treatment at school, could you please send in your child’s current 2017 plan, updated medication that is clearly labelled and step-by-step instructions for administration as soon as possible to the front office.

Classroom Helpers
Thank you to those parents/grandparents/parishioners who have already offered to assist in classrooms whether it be listening to children read, supporting Art and Craft, assisting with Gross Motor, sporting events or sharing your special talents to support our students at St Mary’s. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference. A current Working With Children Check is ESSENTIAL for all our parent helpers. This can be obtained by registering on the following website: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check
We would encourage all St Mary’s parents to obtain the WWC as soon as possible so that you are able to help out. Once you receive your clearance, bring this to school so we can copy, validate and keep on record.

KidsMatter
We will be continuing with our Kids Matter School Wide Program this year. This program focuses on student mental health and wellbeing. It aims to improve and strengthen student mental health and wellbeing, reduce mental health problems amongst students and achieve a greater support network for our students. There are over 2500 schools around Australia implementing this program with wonderful results within their school community. KidsMatter focuses on four areas:
1. Building positive school community
2. Social and Emotional well being of students
3. Working with parents and carers
4. Helping students with mental health difficulties.
We are looking forward to seeing the benefits of this program throughout 2017.

Weekend Masses
Moruya: Vigil Mass – Saturday 6pm
Tuross: Sunday 8am
Moruya: Sunday 10am

Week 3 Term 1
Monday 13 February
Award Assembly 2:30pm

Tuesday 14 February
Valentine’s Day

Wednesday 15 February
Kindie Rest Day

Thursday 16 February
SR Swimming Carnival Narooma

Friday 17 February
Year 6 Class Mass 9:15am
Sydney Conference
Mrs Keough & Mrs Hadley

This week’s notes:
• Narooma Swimming Carnival
• 2017 school fee schedule

Have you received these notes? If not, please phone the office to have a copy sent home with your child.

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Continued overleaf...
As part of the KidsMatter program staff have reviewed the way we use awards at St Mary’s. From this discussion we will be implementing the following new awards format during 2017:

Each school term we will focus on an Overarching Value. Each fortnight we will break that Overarching Value down into areas that show students how to accomplish the value. The fortnightly focus Value has a scripture passage that will be used in class as part of our Religious Education and faith development.

For Term One our Overarching Focus Value is: **Welcome**

**WEEKS 3 & 4: ‘WELCOMING’**

At St Mary’s we are a welcoming environment. We achieve this by:

- Smiling at each other
- Greeting each other and saying hello
- Looking at people in the eyes when greeting them
- Acknowledging and noticing one another by responding in the classroom and playground environment.

This makes everyone feel welcomed and valued in our school.

Scripture: Matthew 25:35 “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

The rest of the focus areas for term one will be:

- Weeks 5 & 6 will be MANNERS
- Weeks 7 & 8 will be ENVIRONMENT
- Weeks 9 & 10 will be SPORTSMANSHIP

I will elaborate in each newsletter prior to the week starting so that you can discuss the focus areas at home with your children.

Families in need

We have many families at St Mary’s that need the love and support from our school community during hard times, the loss of loved ones and challenging times. We established our Casserole Bank many years ago for those families to lessen the burden and to know that they don’t have to go through these things alone. We are at the beginning of the year and our Casserole Bank is extremely low. If you would like to contribute a homemade family meal, please do so with the name of the meal and how many it can feed on the container. Regular or occasional contributors are most welcome!

Homework Survey

The link to our parent survey regarding homework will close later this evening. The survey is very short (two quick questions) - so please don’t miss out on having your say! The link is here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQDTV6F](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQDTV6F)

We wish all our students representing St Mary’s at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival next week at Narooma all the best. We also send our prayers and thoughts to Mr Lowe and hope that he is on the mend and feeling better soon.

Wishing God’s Best for you

**Catrina Niddrie**

Assistant Principal

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**WELCOME**

**WEEK 2 CLASS AWARDS**

To be presented at Assembly: 2.30pm, Monday 13 January

Congratulations to the following children who received class awards this week.

- **Kinder K**: Xavier H, Billie F, Meeka C
- **Kinder CH**: Liam C, Jakayda T
- **Year 1/2D**: Winter L, Roary C, Baley D
- **Year 1/2J**: Kaleb D, Tyler C, Vivienne J
- **Year 1/2S**: Bailey P, Brooke S, Charlie G
- **Year 3B**: Isaac B, Dane G, Millie H
- **Year 3D**: Tarlaya T, Max I, Leana B
- **Year 4JP**: Jet L, Beau M, Chloe H
- **Year 4HN**: Sarmaya T, Kara H, Alex C
- **Year 5H**: Bernadette B, Samantha E
- **Year 5HN**: Lachlan D, Lachlan B, Chloe C
Religion News

Sunday’s Gospel
Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s reading deals with the Law. When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew’s Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. Matthew’s community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through “the Law and the prophets.” But God’s work goes beyond that to be embodied by Jesus the Messiah who reveals the will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the revelation of the will of God.

Whole School Opening Mass
All parents and friends are most welcome to join us at Mass in the morning at 9.15am when we will celebrate our first school Mass for the year. The Year 6 leaders will participate in the Mass by reading the Prayers of the Faithful and bringing forth the gifts in the Offertory. At this Mass the Year 6 students. Mini Vinnies and SRC representatives will be presented with their badges.

Year 6 Class Mass
Mrs Keough and her Year 6 students will attend their class Mass next Friday 17 February at 9.15am. All parents and friends are welcome to join their children at this Mass.

Combined Schools Mass
We will travel by bus to Carroll College on Friday 24 February to join with Carroll College and St Bernard’s staff and students in celebrating our K-12 Pathways and the beginning of the school year. The choir and students from St Marys will be involved in various parts of the Mass. A note will be sent home in the next couple of weeks giving your child permission to travel by bus to Carroll College.

Reconciliation Enrolment Night
An invitation is extended to all parents to attend an information night for Reconciliation on Wednesday 22 February at 5pm in the Year 2 room. Any parent interested in their child making their First Reconciliation is very welcome to attend this meeting. A light supper will be provided.

Lord God,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us
At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need
So that You are honoured and glorified Amen.

Have a safe and happy weekend
Marg Croese
Religious Education Coordinator
In all things may God be glorified
NUDE FOOD DAY
St Mary’s Swimming Carnival 2017

What a fabulous day we had. Great weather, great sportsmanship and fantastic results. It was wonderful to see so many students participating and swimming in a variety of events this year.

These fabulous days don’t run themselves. I’d like to thank the St Mary’s staff who contributed to a very successful day. Also thanks to the help we received from parents timekeeping, starting and recording. This greatly assisted the teaching staff in running a smooth carnival. I also need to thank the students for the mature way they conducted themselves, cheering for teammates and friends from other houses. A big congratulations to our new sports captains and year six leaders for taking on their role so successfully.

A final thank you must go to the Moruya Swimming Club for allowing us to use their clubhouse and equipment.

Age Champions: Congratulations to the following 2017 Age Champions for their spirited performances.

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House Champions

In the end there could be only one winning House despite the outstanding efforts from all participants. The winners were Cassidy. Congratulations to all house members for competing on the day.

A big congratulations to those who have been selected to represent St Mary’s at the Southern Region Carnival at Narooma on Thursday February 16.

St Mary’s Swim Team - Southern Region Carnival Narooma

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Good luck at Narooma.

Jacqueline Stephen
Sports Coordinator

More swimming carnival photos over the page!
Thank you for the beautiful photos, Mary Whiriskey!
RUGBY WANTS YOU!
The Broulee/Moruya Rugby Club is looking for more players to join us in the 2017 ACTRUJRU competition.

Under 10’s to 18’s
All teams are graded. There are six home and six away matches on Saturdays over terms 2 and 3.
Training is at Captain Oldrey Park, Broulee on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm
We are looking for players who are willing to learn the game, respect their team mates, officials and opponents and do themselves, their families and their club proud. You do not have to be experienced to sign up.

NEW PROGRAMS in 2017 – Held on Friday evenings in Term 2:
Dusky Dolphins Mini Rugby – Mini rugby for 4-9 Year Olds
Dolphins Access Rugby – Modified rugby for players with disabilities

For more information please contact:
Michelle Katuke: brouleedolphins@gmail.com
Jon Brady: dolphinsjuniors@gmail.com
www.dolphinsrugby.com

NETBALL REGISTRATION
Registration day is Saturday 18 February
1-4pm at Tuross Country Club
Training is in Moruya once a week after school (day depends on coach availability).
If you’d like to play with Tuross, you need to come to our registration day to try on a new dress. The Tuross Country Club is our new major sponsor kindly sponsoring new dresses for the players so we need to confirm numbers and sizes. Dresses will be on loan and must be returned at the end of the season.

Cost:
Net Set Go! Skills (5-7 years) = $85
Net Set Go! Competition (8-10 years) = $85
Juniors (11 - 17) = $115
Seniors (18+) = $145

We are looking for coaches! We especially encourage High School students with a love for sport to coach a team.

For further information please contact
Narelle McFadyen on 0403 933 352.

WANT TO PLAY HOCKEY
SEASON STARTS 18 MARCH
GAMES PLAYED IN MORUYA ON SATURDAY’S SENIOR + JUNIOR COMPS AVAILABLE

facebook eurobodallahockey
eurohockeyclub@gmail.com
or call 0423 956 330
Moruya Broulee Giants Football/Netball Club 2017 Season

With our 2017 Season Fast Approaching we are calling all Netball Enthusiasts looking for a team to register their names early.

We are a family friendly club that promotes FUN while supporting all girls to give their best and have a go.

After finishing as Intermediate premiers last Season we have decided to enter a 12yr girls an Intermediate (13,14 & 15 y.o’s) and an Open Ladies (16y.o—Ladies) Team for the upcoming Season.

So don’t be shy if you are new to the sport or returning from retirement give us a call and please register early as teams will fill fast.

Phone Jo Broad: 0418 489 123

First game for the season – Saturday 29 April 2017. There will be a 14 round season with finals being played in September.

Training — Tuesday Afternoon, Broulee Courts, 3.30-5.00pm