After they left the synagogue, they went directly to the house of Simon and Andrew. James and John went with them. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever. The first thing they did was to tell Jesus about her. Jesus went to her, took her hand, and helped her get up. The fever went away, and she prepared a meal for them.

In the evening, when the sun had set, people brought to him everyone who was sick and those possessed by demons. The whole city had gathered at his door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases and forced many demons out of people. However, he would not allow the demons to speak. After all, they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before sunrise, Jesus went to a place where he could be alone to pray. Simon and his friends searched for him. When they found him, they told him, “Everyone is looking for you.”

Jesus said to them, “Let’s go somewhere else, to the small towns that are nearby. I have to spread the Good News in them also. This is why I have come.”

So he went to spread the Good News in the synagogues all over Galilee, and he forced demons out of people.

(Mark 1:29-39)

Gospel Reflection

Today’s Gospel completes a picture of Jesus’ ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus’ compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ’s healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today’s Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus’ daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.
What is happening @ St Mary’s next week?

Wk3

Wed 14 Feb  ASH WEDNESDAY
  Yrs3-6 Mass at St Joseph's Church - 10.45am
  Yrs1-2 Liturgy at 9:30am at St Mary's Church
  Kindergarten Liturgy at St Mary's Church - 2.15pm

Thurs 15 Feb  Grade Meetings.
  Whole School Meeting - 6pm
  Yrs K,1,5 & 6 - 6:30pm
  Yrs 2,3 & 4 - 6.45pm

Fri 16 Feb  John Coutis visit to Yrs 4-6
  Flag Raising 12.30pm

SWIMMING RESULTS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Parents are invited to attend our school assembly on Friday 9 Feb at 12noon. This assembly will only be for the presentation of ribbons and special awards from our recent highly successful swimming carnival.

NO PLAY AFTER SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that students are not to play on the equipment as they leave the school grounds on their way home.

Insurance is one issue we have with this. Children are not covered by insurance after school hours.

Secondly, it becomes very confusing for our new students, particularly those in Kindergarten, who think that it is another sanctioned play time and then we have difficulties getting them to their bus or exit point.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and well.

BOOTCAMP
We had a fabulous attendance rate at our recent Parent Digital Technology Bootcamp. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A parent survey will be sent home seeking recommendations on further support we can offer to our parents.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES
Students at St Mary’s are not to keep mobile phones, iPods, iPads or other personal electronic devices in their pockets or school bags.

All students are expected to hand these personal devices to the front office each morning when they arrive at school. The devices are collected at the end of the day from the front office by individual students.
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their grade during Term One on our Student Representative Council.

Year 2 - Maddex Gosper & Kennedy Shephard
Year 3 - Eve Shore & Oscar Tracey
Year 4 - Madison Hillier & Edward Ashton
Year 5 - Emily Turner & Dougald Hook
Year 6 - Lyla Luxford & Elliot McDonell

The parents of these students are invited to our assembly on Friday 16 Feb at 12.30pm where badges will be presented.

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**Professional Learning for Staff at St Mary’s Primary**

On **Friday 23rd March** and **Tuesday 29th May** Professional Learning Days for Teachers will take place at St Mary’s Catholic Primary. These days will be **PUPIL FREE DAYS** for all students.

Literacy Consultant Sarah McDonagh will be leading our staff through Teaching Reading, Implementing effective strategies in Reading Groups, and what a Literacy Block should look like in Infants and Primary classrooms. We look forward to sharing some of these strategies with parents soon.

ICT with Meridith Ebbs. Meridith Ebbs is the NSW Project Officer for the University of Adelaide. She runs professional learning events for teachers and schools to introduce digital technologies, coding, robotics and computational thinking to NSW teachers. Meridith is an experienced teacher.

**AGENDA**
Coding and Computational thinking, What is it?
Where does it fit in NSW Curriculum - 1
Hands on activities with
Makey Makey
Ozobots
Spheros
Beebots
Microbits
Coding

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**GRADE MEETINGS**

All parents and carers are invited to our school/grade meetings Thursday 15th Feb. Come along and meet the teachers and learn about some of the things that happen in our classrooms.

We will meet together as a school in the hall and talk about things such as the new buildings, attendance and going home procedures. Then we will break to the classrooms where you can meet the teachers and receive a handout of all things important at this time of the year.

6pm = Whole school meeting
6.30pm = K, Yr1, Yr5, Yr6
6.45pm = Yr3, Yr2, Yr4

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**CLASS FACEBOOK PAGES**

Class Facebook pages are not official school communication channels. However, standard social media protocol still applies.

If you need information in regards to school practice you are advised to contact the school to be assured that you are receiving correct information.
RE News

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. The ashes are placed on our foreheads in the form of a cross. This is a reminder that we have turned away from sin and are being faithful to Jesus.

Year 1 & 2 Liturgy - 9:30am at St Mary’s Church

Year 3 - 6 Mass - 10:45am at St Joseph’s Church

This is a combined St Mary’s and Catherine McAuley Ash Wednesday Mass. The students of St Mary’s will be travelling by bus to St Joseph’s Church.

Kindergarten Liturgy - 2:15pm at St Mary’s Church

We invite all parents, grandparents and families to join the school in celebrating our Ash Wednesday Liturgies or Masses.

Grade Masses

Year 5 Gold Class Mass - Tuesday 20th February (Week 4) at 9:30am.

Year 3 Grade Mass - Tuesday 27th February (Week 5) at 9:30am.

Grades or Classes will be joining the parish at mass. The children will not have roles during the mass instead they will be participating in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Parents, grandparents and families are invited to the parish mass.

2018 Sacramental Dates

RECONCILIATION – YEAR 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Parent Information Evening –
9:30am - Wednesday, 19th September – Kenna Hall – Week 9 (Term 3)
7:00pm - Thursday, 20th September – Kenna Hall - Week 9 (Term 3)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 13th November - St Joseph’s Church - 5:00pm & 6:30pm – Week 5 (Term 4)
Thursday, 15th November – St Mary’s Church - 5:00pm & 6:30pm – Week 5 (Term 4)
Tuesday, 20th November - St Joseph’s Church - 5:00pm & 6:30pm – Week 5 (Term 4)
Thursday, 22nd November – St Mary’s Church - 5:00pm & 6:30pm – Week 5 (Term 4)

FIRST COMMUNION – YEAR 3

First Communion Parent Information Evening –
9:30am - Wednesday, 11th April – Kenna Hall) - Week 11 (Term 1)
7:00pm - Thursday, 12th April – Kenna Hall - Week 11 (Term 1)

Sacrament Weekend – (Saturday, 2nd June & Sunday, 3rd June) – End of Week 5 (Term 2)

CONFIRMATION – YEAR 6

Confirmation Parent Information Evening –
9:30am - Wednesday, 13th June – Kenna Hall – Week 7 (Term 3)
7:00pm - Thursday, 14th June – Kenna Hall - Week 7 (Term 3)

Whole Parish Practise – 7:00pm - Thursday, 2nd August – Week 2 (Term 3)

Sacrament Weekend – (Saturday, 4th August & Sunday, 5th August) – End of Week 2 (T3)
**CODE CLUB**
Primary club begins next Friday in the computer room.

**CODE CLUB JNR**
Code Club Jnr will begin next Tuesday in the computer room with Year 2. Year 1 will be able to attend the following week.

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If you can help in the canteen please text Mandy on 0418 664 741 or contact the school office.

WEEK 3 SPECIAL

Nachos - $5.00
Mince, Corn Chips, Cheese & Sour Cream

Please do one note for EACH CHILD and enclose $5 payment.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Class: ____________________________

Day Required: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
UNIFORMS FOR TOMORROW (Friday 9/2/18)
Yr 1 - SCHOOL UNIFORM (Sports Uniform next Tuesday 13th Feb)
K, 2, 3, 4, 5,& 6 - SPORTS UNIFORM

Being Prepared:

I will bring my Chromebook to school fully charged.

I will bring my Chromebook in its protective cover.

I will not use my Chromebook on the way to and from school.

I will carefully place my bag on the hooks outside my classroom.
Using my Chromebook Safely:

I will carry my Chromebook with two hands.

I will not have food or drink near my Chromebook.

I will use my Chromebook on a flat surface.

I will keep my Chromebook in its protective cover when I am not using it.

I will not use my Chromebook at recess, lunch or wet weather breaks.
Using my Chromebook for Learning:

I will only access sites that my teacher tells me to.

I will not share username or password with others.

I will only use my Chromebook for learning.

I will not use anyone else's Chromebook.
P&F Meeting

Sunday 4pm at RobinHood Hotel
Or
Friday 9.30am at The Greenhouse

All families and friends are invited to our first P&F Meeting on Sunday. Our Major fundraiser and calendar of Events will be on the Agenda, so please come along and have a say in how or what you would like to see happen this year.

We are also still on the search for a Grade 5 year rep and a rep to assist in Year 3 and 5.

Thank you for your support at the Swimming Carnival with our 100 Club and congratulations to Eileen Simmons for picking the lucky number.

Michaela Benton
P&F President

Year 1 & 2 enjoying the novelty events at the swimming carnival.
Welcome to the first term of 2018. What a wonderful start to Term One we have had! All students are engaged and ready for the year ahead. Our new school leaders are to be congratulated for beginning the new school year with such enthusiasm and confidence.

Year Six presents itself with many extra-curricular activities, supporting their academic and personal growth. This term all students will participate in Peer Support Training. The training allows students to put their leadership qualities into practice and facilitate their own group of younger students at a later stage throughout the year.

We have met our Kindergarten buddies, this was the highlight of week one in year 6! The Kindy’s wandered through our classroom so they could see where we work then we helped them complete a cut and paste activity before having a picnic lunch.

In Religion we have reflected on our School Motto ‘Learning, Justice, Love’. As leaders we are the role models of St Mary’s. We have brainstormed how we can have a lifestyle based around our motto. We will ensure to abide by this in our daily lives. Further to this we will be studying ‘The Reign of God’ - recognising our responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus by reaching out in love and justice to people.

Our literacy focus in English this term is on the story ‘Boy Overboard’ by Morris Gleitzman. This novel has engaged us from the very first chapter. ‘Boy Overboard’ will lead us to topics discussed in our History unit, ‘Australia as a Nation’.

Fractions and decimals has been our opening Mathematics topic. We will also look at Addition and Subtraction, Whole Numbers, Multiplication, Reading Timetables and participate in ‘Blitz Master’ three mornings a week.

Science this term will see us become ‘Change Detectives’. This week we came across a mess in the classroom. The mess was staged with some clues to allow us to work in small groups to observe and solve the different stages of change. Ice-blocks had melted, chocolate was burnt, bicarb soda had made bubbly water and salt dissolved. The biggest question was; can these products return to their original state once they had changed?

Our swimming carnival was a great success. House leaders stepped up and lead their teams with fantastic school spirit.

Now we move to athletics. All skills will be taught in weekly PE lessons. These skills will allow everyone to participate as best they can in our school carnival.

Thank you to parents who have already covered student workbooks, this is such a tedious task, however allows for such lovely presentation of work.

We look forward to seeing what other great things will happen in 6 Blue as the term progresses.

Sjaan Wilson and 6 Blue Students.
ORANGE RUNNING FESTIVAL  
Sunday 25th February 2018

We would love you to join us at the Running Festival for a bit of fun & fitness! It is a fabulous day with fantastic school spirit!! You can run, jog or walk the 5km course!

There is even the opportunity for our school to win some great prizes!

If your child is interested in joining the team, you will need to Google Orange Running Festival and follow the links to join a school team. You enter the team name (St Mary’s) and use the password "Mary" to register.

Although teachers will be present to organise children on the day, parents are responsible for their own child/children.

School sports uniform MUST be worn.

Let's make 2018 our biggest year ever & support this fantastic event!!!
Go St Mary’s!!!

WASTE FREE DAYS

Our school is active in school waste reduction. We do this by using green and yellow bins to reduce the amount of recyclable materials and food scraps in our red general waste bins. We also have compost, chickens and worm farms.

Much of the school rubbish we generate and send to landfill comes from food packaging we buy for lunch boxes. With this in mind we will continue to further implement a 'WASTE FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE' on TUESDAY and THURSDAY.

On these days reusable containers are favoured and disposable packages are discouraged. Any packaging waste brought to school is taken home, as no red bins will be provided on these days.

Thank you for helping our students become more environmentally aware.