Dear Parents and Friends,

This Sunday’s mass was truly a celebration of the Sacraments - not only was there a baptism, but our group preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion were presented to the parish. In a Sacrament we celebrate the wonder and the love of God. We reflect on our own experiences so we can relate God’s love to our own stories, our own lives. We recognize God's presence in both human and natural things.

The Road to Emmaus
This week’s Gospel tells of two disciples walking to Emmaus on the third day after the death of Jesus on the Cross.

Jesus came up and walked by their side,
but something prevented them from recognising him.

(Lk 24:15-16)

Before they could recognise Jesus, their expectations had to change. Knowing his physical appearance wasn’t what was important. What was important was to know how God had worked through him and how to love like him.

(Take 2 with Jesus)

Please keep in your prayers the following students, as on their faith journey, they prepare for Confirmation and First Communion:

Ebony James, Ella Wilson, Erin Brooks, Harry Dietrich, Holly Boyd, Kate Kelly, Jack Myers, Mak Hindmarsh, Riley James, Sam Boyd, Hollie Dietrich, Teashia Dietrich, Archie Congues, Darcy Hicks, Ryan Bell and Matt Walsh.

A special thank you to all those who, despite the cold and the rain, made our movie night such a success, including the audience wrapped up in doonas and onesies! It takes a lot of planning and organisation to put on events such as this, well done.

Wishing you a great week,

Veronica Williams

There is no way to be a perfect mother
And a million ways to be a good one.

Jill Churchill

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS!
UNIFORM UPDATE

As of this week all students are expected to be wearing correct winter uniform.

SPORTS TRIALS
Good luck to Sam Boyd who is representing our school at Zone level in football today. Well done to Tammy Woods who participated in Soccer at the next level on Monday, and then returned to school in time to run the Cross Country - a huge effort!

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
We remind families that the Parents Club is holding a Mother’s Day stall at school this Thursday, 8 May 2014. All the lovely gifts are just $5.00 each. There are gifts suitable for Mum’s, grandmothers or just a special lady in your child’s life. To enable the stall to run smoothly the Parent Club have requested that money be sent to the school office prior to Thursday, where a list is being kept of how many presents each student wishes to purchase and whether they are for Mum, or Mum and grandparents etc.

RUNNING CLUB
Running club is still happening on Wednesday mornings commencing at 8.40 a.m.

WINTER SPORTS
Our first winter sports event for the year is being held this Friday, 9 May 2014 at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. Only our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students are involved in winter sports. Students will walk to the Recreation Reserve leaving school at approximately 12.30 p.m. with the games commencing at 1.00 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to come along and cheer our students on.

ALLERGY AWARENESS DAY
Allergy Awareness Day is being held on Friday, 16 May 2014. Further information about what we have planned for that day will be in next week’s newsletter.

PREP/GRAGE ONE EXCURSION
The Permission Form for the Prep/Grade 1 excursion, to be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2014, has been sent home. Please ensure this form is returned to the office as soon as possible.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Our Grandparents Day is this week, Friday the 9th of May. We will begin in the Church with Mass at 9.10am and this will be followed by an opportunity for grandparents to have a look through, and spend time in classrooms, before having morning tea in the library. Everyone is welcome.
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is **Responsibility**

The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour this week.

Chloe Hildebrand, Hamish McLeod, Ally Francis, Mia Bell, Ella Wilson Kiarah Hibberson, Riley James.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

We had a fantastic day yesterday at Cross Country and, although the skies looked a bit ominous at times, thankfully the weather held. All of our students put in a great effort and tried their best, which was absolutely fabulous. We had a large number of parents who came and watched the Cross Country event, which was lovely for the students. Thank you to all our helpers - parents, teachers and year 9 students, who made the day such a success. It was a very close event with Red and Blue teams tying for third position, Green team was second and Yellow team were the winners. Below are our individual place getters. Well done everyone!
Information Evenings to be held at these locations
St Mary of the Angels – Nathalia - Monday 12th May 2014 (7.30pm)
Sacred Heart Primary School – Tocumwal - Wednesday 14th May 2014 (7.30pm)
St. Joseph’s Primary School – Cobram - Monday 19th May 2014 (7.30pm)
St. Joseph’s Primary School – Numurkah - Wednesday 21st May 2014 (7.30pm)

Open Day - Wednesday May 28th 2014
Guided Tours (9.30am – 2.30pm)

St Mary’s is renowned for it’s:

- Yr 7 & Yr 10 Scholarship Programs
- Camps Program Yr 7 – 11
- Indigenous Immersion Opportunities (Yr 9)
- Performing Arts Opportunities
- Rigorous VCAL & VET Programs
- Comprehensive VCE offerings and academic curriculum
- Supportive Environment with clear behavioural expectations for students

All interested parents and students are welcome to attend.

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