Loving God,
You call each by name
And speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.
Speak to us of love for all people.
Speak to us of hope for our world.
Speak to us, for we are listening,
We ask this through Christ our Lord
AMEN

The Principal's News

Personal Information for Funding Arrangements
DEEWR is collecting information for the purpose of administering funding to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government Assistance to non-government schools. DEEWR will only use this information for this purpose. For this reason we are sending home a list of all your contact details for you to clarify. Please look at the information very carefully and make any changes necessary. Once completed please return to the office by Friday 2nd March for processing. Please note we are also in the process of administering a SMS Text system where we will be able to contact you for emergency reasons. We will use the information clarified on this form for this purpose as well.

Chicken Coop
Calling anyone with big trailer or truck... We have been given a chicken house with dimensions on 5-6m long and 2 ½ m wide. If anyone could assist us in transporting it to the school it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office.

Playgroup
Thanks to those who showed interest in coming along on Friday for our playgroup. We will be commencing this Friday. It will be held in the room at the front of the new hall and the canteen will be available for you to use.
Enrolments 2013
We will be holding interviews for Prep 2013 in Term 2. If you know of anyone who would like to join our school next year please inform them that enrolment forms can be collected from the office.

Collect-A-Cap
The Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program is continuing into 2012 with even more opportunities to raise funds for our school!
So don't forget to keep collecting & bringing in your specially marked Pauls Collect-A-Cap lids!

Hosting a Family
Thank you to those families who have indicated they are interested in hosting a Japanese family. If anyone else is interested in hosting a family please contact the office.

Invitation to P&F meeting
George Kendall from Brisbane Catholic Education will be a guest speaker at our P&F meeting which will be held Thursday 8th March. He is coming to talk to us about the establishment of a school pastoral board at St Mary's School.

Clean Up Australia Day
As part of the Clean Up Australia Day Campaign, the Clean Up Schools Day will be held on Friday. Our school will be involved in this. We will be holding a quick clean up of our school grounds after our Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Bank Details
Please note our BSB and Account number for payments directly into our bank account are:
BSB 064766
Account # 005966003
Please state your surname in the description for ease of reference for Terese.
Tim Stinson – Principal

RELIGION
2nd Sunday in Lent
This Friday the children will listen to the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus-Mark 9:2-10
Jesus took his disciples, Peter, James and John up a mountain to be alone to pray. Jesus is transformed whilst up there.
The disciples are included in the sacred mystery by God telling them that Jesus is the son of God and to listen to him.

This is the message that we could take from this scripture passage- alone times are good for prayer, and to really listen to the Word of God.
You could read this passage together or watch a clip on Youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI-6pTDa1yU

Year 5 Parents
A reminder about the parent information sessions for preparation for the Sacrament of Penance, 1st Rite, this Thursday March 1st 3:30pm or 7:00pm in Mercy Hall. Baby sitting provided for the 3:30pm session.

Care and Concern Meal Roster.
A big thank you to the staff and parents who are cooking meals for this family in need. We have all meals covered up till the end of term.
If any one would like to make biscuits or treats, I am sure they would be appreciated.
This is all about our school motto in action-Belong, Grow and Serve and is really the Gospel message of reaching out to others, in action.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme
We have two school mums who are currently in this Parish run programme. They have been attending weekly discussion groups for a few months now learning about the Catholic faith. They will be received into our Catholic Church at Easter. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey towards their final initiation into our faith community.

Caritas AUSTRALIA
Project Compassion, Week 1, brings you the story of Flabiana.
Flabiana lives with her family in the remote province of Oe-cusse in Timor Leste. With training from Caritas Australia, Flabiana and other members of her community have started a business producing tofu and tempeh which has enabled them to improve their livelihoods.
Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion provides villagers like Flabiana with the opportunity to learn new skills, enables them to move away from dependence and debt and assists them to become self-supporting.
Making Jesus Real-
This week our focus is on Self Discipline -
making good choices even though it is
sometimes really hard to do.
This complements the School Positive
Behaviour we are teaching the children this
week for toileting:
Be Quick, Be Quiet, Be Safe, Be Clean

This also helps our Lenten acts of Self Denial -
going without things that we like (lollies,
favourite TV programmes) or doing things that
we don't always like doing eg jobs at home, or
including someone in our games that we don't
like.
It is a real growth moment in our lives when we
can say that we don't need any external
discipline, that is, people watching over us to
make sure we are doing the right thing.

Trish Dunn – APRE

IN THE CLASSROOM
Last week the Grade 7 students each had a one
day workshop with Mark Taylor from Opera
Queensland. They had fun while learning that
opera is simply a narrative told through drama
and song. The day helped to improve their
literacy skills and they even were given the
opportunity to write their own narrative for an opera.

TUCKSHOP
1st Friday
02.03.12
Trish Dennis
Barbara Smith
Nita Tilney

1st Monday
05.03.12
Leanne Stevenson

Please be reminded that Fr Bernie has asked the
children to not buy licorice during the Lent
season.
Thank you
Fiona Tilley – Convenor

LIBRARY NEWS
Don't forget our "Books and Bubbles" night this
Friday at 7pm (Cost $5). Please RSVP by
tomorrow. We have a few photos of children
reading for our competition on display in the
library but would love to fill the board.
Tomorrow is World Book Day so our library will
only be opened at lunch time for reading. If
children wish they could bring a pillow and toy
again but we do have a supply of cuddly toys
and comfy places to read. (Preps are not
included this time.)
Next Wednesday is World Read Aloud Day so
please try to read aloud to or with your
child/children on that day.

Mary & Carmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday and best wishes from
everyone at St Mary’s to the
following students:
Lauren Moffatt, Jessica Aitken,
Caitlyn Larkin,
Mikayla O’Donnell,
Reuben Tyson, Cooper Gough & Lily Vink

PARISH NEWS
World Day of Prayer: ‘Let Justice Prevail’
Friday 2nd March, 2012 at
9.30am, Lutheran Church,
46 Tina Street, Beaudesert
Morning Tea in
Church Hall following the Service.

SPORTS NEWS
DISTRICT NETBALL REPORT

Last Friday, 14 girls from Year 6 and 7 attended
the Beaudesert District netball trials. The
weather was very inclement and it rained for
most of the day but the trials went ahead on the
bitumen courts at Mavor Park, Beaudesert.
The girls were nominated as individuals and
played in teams with girls from other schools. I
would like to congratulate all of the girls on their
behaviour and spirit in which they participated. I would also like to thank the parents who assisted with team management and organisation on the day.

Congratulations to the following girls were chosen to play in the possibles / probables playoff:
Junior - Georgia Wilkie, Claire Watt, Megan Gillespie, Jacinta Hickey
Senior - Maddy Johnston, Isabella Irwin, Esther Harm, Caitlin Johnston, Paris Keavney, Elyssa Teese

The following girls have been selected to represent the Beaudesert District at the Regional trials which will be held at Beenleigh Arena on 27th March:
Junior - Georgia Wilkie, Claire Watt, Jacinta Hickey
Senior - Isabella Irwin, Paris Keavney, Elyssa Teese, Maddy Johnston (shadow player)

We wish them all the best at next level of competition.

District Swimming

On Monday night five of our students: Joshua Greber, Jack Pearce, Patrick Shay, Lily Teese and Charlie Boyd swam 50m freestyle at the South Coast Regional Swimming Trials. Ms. Lisa Parlett, the swim coach of most of the students, said they all swam competitively in a very tough competition. Most of our swimmers swam personal best times - CONGRATULATIONS!

Patrick Shay and Joshua Greber will compete in the 50m backstroke tonight at the South Coast Regional Trial. We wish both swimmers all the best.

Thanks
Diane

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL

We are looking at holding visual arts classes and Highland Dancing as part of our Arts After School Programme for Term 2. All other classes will remain. If you are interested in either one of these activities please contact Anne Mitchell on:

For Enrolment Contact
Ph: 0412 628 431
Email: artsaftersschool@bigpond.com
Facebook: Arts After School

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rathdowney Heritage Festival
Gum Boot Painting Competition
Free Entry – Prizes to be won
Categories: Adult & School Age
Drop off your painted gum boot to Rathdowney Information Centre
By Saturday, 7th April, 2012

Join our St Mary's NRL Tipping Competition now!

1. Go to http://www.oztips.com/
2. Click the 'REGISTER' button on the homepage and setup a Login (if you don't already have one with OzTips).
3. Once you have successfully registered a Username and Password, click the 'JOIN A COMP' button.
4. You will be asked to enter an OzTips Comp Number and Password.

The Comp you've been asked to join is:
Comp#: 278354
Password: Tim

Entry Fee-$25 to be paid at the Office

Prize - Half the prize pool will be donated to the school to purchase sport resources the rest divided between 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
29th February 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians

As mentioned in the newsletter, the Year 3 students will be holding a sausage sizzle for a cost of $2.00 for the next three Thursdays at lunchtime to help raise funds for their excursion to Australia Zoo.

This will commence on Thursday 8th March. Please complete the form below and return with payment to the office indicating the number of sausages your family would like. The children will then be issued with tickets to show that they have paid for their sausage.

Children are welcome to pay on the day however it will be first in first served basis for those who have not pre-ordered their sausage.

Please return the form by Tuesday 6th March so sausages can be ordered.

Thank you for your support.

Jackie Henry & Ros Gillespie

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Year 3 Excursion – SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Family

Amount of sausages 8th March ..............................
15th March ..........................
29th March ..........................

Signature ........................................ Date ..........................

Amount Enclosed $........................................