TERM DATES FOR 2012

Anzac Day 25th April (Public Holiday)

Term 2 16th April – 22nd June

Term 3 9th July – 21st Sept

Term 4 8th October – 7th Dec

Mass Friday 8:45am led by – 7T

Friday Whole School Assembly –

• 11th May
• Cross Country 15th-17th May
• NAPLAN (Yrs 3, 5 & 7) 16th May
• Family Night Confirmation 22nd May
• District Cross Country 24th May
• School Feast Day 25th May
• Confirmation 7th June
• Tidalik the Frog (P-I)

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Easter is the time of Jesus’ resurrection
For remembering the love that triumphed over death
Easter is the time for joy and celebration
A time for Alleluias with every waking breath.
Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust everyone had a safe and happy break. It was lovely to see smiles on the children’s faces on the first day back.

Term 2 is a 10 week Term. We will be issuing our End of Semester Report Cards this term.

ANZAC Day
Next Wednesday is ANZAC Day. I have included a permission slip for those interested in marching with me at the parade. We will meet at the Woolworths car park at 11.00am. Full school uniform is to be worn. It would be great to see everyone come along and represent our school.

We will be holding a ceremony here on Monday 23rd April at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend this. We are also selling ANZAC Day Badges for $1.00. These are available from the office.

Paul’s Collect-a-Cap
In Term 1 we raised $244.20. We will be using this money to subsidise the cost of buses where needed. Thank you for bringing the caps in to us. Let’s see if we can beat this figure for Term 2.
Fundraising Efforts
Thank you to Year three parents who gave up their time to help fundraise our excursion to Australia Zoo. Due to your hard work and effort we have managed to get the expense of this excursion down from $42.00 to $15.00. As you can see this is a huge difference in costs. Once again thank you for your efforts, they truly are appreciated. The children are very excited to be going on their big adventure.

Enrolment Interviews
We will be holding our Prep Interviews in the week of 7-11th May. Letters will be sent home later this week including details for your information. Please contact the office if you still need an enrolment form so that you can be included in our list of applicants. Please pass this information on to anyone who you may feel needs to know.

Congratulations to the Boyd family and the Bostock family for being initiated into our Catholic church on Easter Saturday. It was a beautiful ceremony and we welcome you all.

Tim Stinson – Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. We are in the joyful Easter Season. Our Church is decorated in white and the classroom prayer spaces are predominantly white- for joy and new life.

The scripture readings that we will listen to over the coming weeks are all about the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after His Resurrection. He walks with and talks with them, goes fishing with them and shares many meals with them- all the activities you do with friends and loved ones before you leave them. They are lovely gentle stories about faith, commitment and love- the Easter Message.

Sacrament of Confirmation
We are currently enrolling children in Year 3 and above for the sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please contact the Parish Centre on 5541 1068 to register their name.

A Parent Information Meeting will take place, Thursday 26th April at 3:30pm in Mercy Hall and this will be repeated at 7:00pm the same evening. Children will be supervised at the 3:30pm session. Letters of invitation will be sent home this week if you have indicated that you are interested.

Australian Catholics Magazine
We have sent home the Australian Catholics Magazine this week with the newsletter. What are your special gifts? What are the things that make you most happy? Are you good at sports or happier using artistic talents, or studying at school? Perhaps you are happy with friends, or organising events?

In the latest edition of Australian Catholics, we see there is a link between the things we love to do, and the things that God wants us to do. God wants us to be happy - and so when we find what we are truly called to do, our hearts will know it.
We pass on our condolences to Peta Teese on death of her great aunt, Anne Tutton. Anne was the pianist at St Mary's Church for many many years and will be sorely missed. Peta sang beautifully at her funeral.

Our sympathy also goes to Danielle Plaatjies on the passing of her grandfather who passed away today. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow.

**RE IN THE CLASSROOM**

This term, Year 2 will be looking at some at the stories from the Old Testament - Joseph and His Brothers and Daniel in the Lions' Den. These are wonderful stories and the children are always very engaged as they deconstruct the texts. The children will be investigating how God is talking to his people through the messages of Bible stories. The children will understand that one way that God reveals Himself is through the Bible.

*Trish Dunn – APRE*

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**FOCUS FOR THE WEEK**

**Making Jesus Real – POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

Your attitude to life and to people is similar to a motor in a car. If you have a good motor it will take you places in life. If your motor is in neutral (don't care) or reverse (negative attitude) you won't go far. The late Steve Irwin was a classic example (both in what he said and his body language) and there are people in our school and in your life (home, your interests, music, drama, sports, etc.) who also provide examples of how a positive attitude to life takes you places.

If you wish to have a positive attitude to life, hang out with positive people. If on the other hand you hang around with moaners and groaners (at times we all moan and groan), you will be dragged down by that negative attitude to people and life.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Focus for the week is our school rule – **Be A Learner – Classroom.** This week we are focusing on being a positive learner in the classroom and what this means for the students. This focus is not only towards their learning but their attitude towards others in the classroom as well.

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**CURRICULUM CORNER**

This term we will be having a big focus on professional development for teachers in ITLC to assist in the delivery of the National Curriculum.

This afternoon we will all be making a blog. This will certainly help in our communication with you all as we can post on our blogs what the children are doing in class, messages from the classroom teachers, links to interesting websites. We are all very excited about the capabilities of this tool.

Tomorrow, Catherine O'Brien and Belinda Ciuffetelli will be attending a workshop on using Google-Sketch up, Google Maps, Google Multimedia and Google+. They will share their learnings with the rest of the staff over the next few weeks.

Next week two teachers will be attending a workshop on the use of a variety of Web 2 tools. It is an exciting time and now that our IT infrastructure is reliable and we have laptops this is the next step in using ITLC appropriately at school.

*Trish Dunn*

*APRE*
I have sent home letters for the ICAS competition with the newsletter today. If your child is interested in entering any or all of these competitions please complete the form and return to the office.

Thank you

Jenny Kemp

FRIDAY

- Mass 7T & Assembly

MONDAY

- ANZAC Day Ceremony at school 10.00am

WEDNESDAY

- ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday. March at 11.00am Please meet at Woolworths car park.

TUCKSHOP

3rd Friday 20.04.12 Kathy Turner, Colleen Lindberg, Nicole Teese

4th Monday 23.04.12 Sharon Jervis

Please keep your eye out in next week’s newsletter for our change of menu. We are running short of cupcakes, if anyone is able to assist with baking please contact me.

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

P&F NEWS

General Meeting Thursday 19th April

6.30pm. ALL WELCOME

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has been very busy this week getting ready for our new Term. We are currently working with teachers on their planning days providing resources for the classrooms. Borrowing will commence next week. Please remember to bring your library books. Toddlers’ story time will also commence again on Monday at 8.45am. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Mary & Carmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday and best wishes from everyone at St Mary’s to the following students:

Bella Irwin, Emma Hardy, Hannah Harlen, Ella Bischoff, Mackenzie Turner, Brianna Turner, Chelsea Buchanan, Emily Jennings, Ben Smith & Kane Neuendorff.

Have a wonderful day!
SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS UNIFORMS FOR TERM 2 ARE TO BE WORN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
Years 1-3: Thursday (PE - Motor program)
Friday (Cross Country)
Years 4-7: Wednesday (PE)
Friday (Cross Country)
No need to wear sports uniform on Tuesdays this term unless advised differently by classroom teacher.

THE ARTS

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL
There have been a couple of changes to the Arts After School program for Term 2. Please see timetable below (changes in bold):

Tuesday –  
3:15-4:15pm Hip Hop
4:15-5:15 Highland Dancing
5:15-6:15 Hip Hop

Wednesday –  
3:15-4:15 Zumba
4:15-5:15 Zumba

Thursday –  
3:15-4:15 Kung Fu / Tai Chi
4:15-5:15 Kung Fu / Tai Chi
5:15-6:15 Kung Fu / Tai Chi
6:15-7:15 GROOVE

Times: 3.15pm – 4.15pm ~ 5 - 8 yr olds
        4.15pm – 5.15pm ~ 9 – 12/13 yr olds
        5.15pm – 6.15pm ~ 13 – Adults

For enrolment forms and pricing please contact:
Anne Mitchell - Ph:  0412 628 431 Email: artsafterschool@bigpond.com
Facebook: Arts After School

The tickets for ANNIE have arrived however, they have come with all the adults sitting together and all the children sitting together. Anne will meet everyone at the bottom of the foyer stairs next to the ANNIE sign at 7pm so seating can be arranged to allow seating with family groups.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR SALE
**Exercise bike** - "Health Stream" brand, electronic display/monitoring, low kms, husband "retiring", $150
**Personalised number plates** - "EQU55" (as in Equus) - black & sliver, ideal for horse enthusiast, $500
**Antique Singer sewing machine** - black, with its own table, pedals etc, $600
Please phone 0432 182 873 for more details.