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
FriWhole 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)

TODAY WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR US IN TIME OF WAR. WE PRAY THAT THE OFFERING OF THEIR LIVES MAY NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. TODAY WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND PEACE; AND FOR THE WISDOM AND STRENGTH TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD. AMEN.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It seems hard to believe that we are already at the stage of the year where we are planning for 2013. In a couple of weeks I will be meeting with parents and children who will be starting PREP next year. If you are planning on having your child starting with us in 2013 please ensure you have submitted an application form to the office. If you know of any friends or family please let them know that we are accepting enrolments now. Work will commence shortly on building a third Prep classroom. There are also some vacancies in other year levels.

St. Mary’s Kindy will be up and running in 2013. There are 6 Brisbane Catholic Education schools that have been identified for Kindergartens and we are one of
those sites. BCE have recently announced that each Kindy will be managed by Centrecare and their staff will be organizing enrolments in the coming weeks. If you have a child of Kindy age for next year please let the office know or contact BCE direct. The new building is planned for completion by September. Centrecare also manage Outside School Hours Care and I am in discussions with them to establish this facility onsite at St. Mary’s also. (Hopefully we will be able to have this is place in the latter half of this year). Rules have recently changed so that Kindy aged children will now be allowed to go to Outside School Hours Care as well.

There are a couple of dates that might be worthwhile putting in your diaries. The 1st is the night of the second State of Origin Game that is held in Sydney on the 13th June. We thought we would have a night in the new hall where parents, friends might like to enjoy the game on a big screen. More details will follow soon but you might like to see if you could get a table together. Another date to put in your diaries coincides with the beginning of Catholic Education week, Sunday 22nd July. The theme of the week of celebrations this year is “Celebrating Community – Family, School, Parish”. The theme lends itself to a celebration that would involve all in St. Mary’s Community. We thought we could have a special St. Mary’s Family Mass followed by a get together here at school. One suggestion is to have a family fun day where we all could come dressed in our Duhig or McAuley colours and enjoy some novelty events on the oval. The 3rd is the Exhibition holiday which will be on Wednesday 15th August this year. We will not be having our usual public holiday on the Monday.

Please remember that we only have supervision at the front of the school until 3:15pm. If you are going to be late picking your children up from school please ring the office and notify us so that supervision arrangements can be made. Thank you.

We are again going to be involved with the Woolies Earn and Learn promotion this year. Last year we were able to obtain some great resources for our art department. We will keep you posted on the start date for this.

Tim Stinson – Principal

RELIGION

No mass this Friday due to Fr Bernie and Fr Modestus joining the other priests of the Archdiocese at a meeting with the new Archbishop of Brisbane, Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Archbishop Coleridge comes from Canberra Goulbourn Diocese and has a particular interest in Education being very involved in Catholic Education when he worked in Melbourne. Our new Archbishop will be installed at St Stephen’s Cathedral on May 11th.

RE IN THE CLASSROOM

This term our Prep children are exploring the community and the different roles for people and the work they do in our community.
To support this learning, the children are getting to know Jesus – Jesus as a teacher, a helper and a healer. They will be looking at the parable of The Good Samaritan and some of the miracle stories- The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus and The Paralysed Man. You could read some of these stories with them or watch the clips on You Tube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo9ILFTVdhQ&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n90XyGtdTiU

Parent Information Meeting for children receiving Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

Trish Dunn – APRE

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

When a problem comes our way, very often we can drop our bundle and give up, or get other people to sort it out for us. Sometimes you hear the expression “accept a challenge”. You can feel a lot better about yourself if you can build a bridge and get over a problem. Obviously if there are really big problems you need help from parents and teachers. For small things that can upset us, such as not having your joggers, hat or togs and you may have to miss an activity, try and manage them yourself – build a bridge and get over small problems. This is clearly linked with being resilient.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Focus for the week is our school rule – Be Safe – Hat Zones. This week we are focusing on being safe and wearing our hats. The children have been reminded that they are to leave their hats on their heads while practicing the cross country and if they have no hat then they will not be able to play outdoors.

CURRICULUM CORNER

The Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Science is designed to develop students' interests in science and an appreciation of how science provides a means of exploring and understanding the changing world in which they live. It provides an understanding of scientific inquiry methods, a foundation of knowledge across the disciplines of science; and develops an ability to communicate scientific understanding and use evidence to solve problems and make evidence-based decisions.

The Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: Science is organised in three interrelated strands:

• Science understanding – which focuses on the important science concepts from across different areas of science.

• Science as a human endeavour – which focuses on the nature and influence of science.

• Science inquiry skills –which focuses on skills essential for working scientifically
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The science programme, Primary Connections covers these strands very well and we have introduced it across the school. It is supplemented as necessary with other learning experiences. The Science Education Officer from Brisbane Catholic Education is presenting a workshop to the staff on Wed May 2nd to support our introduction of the new Science Curriculum.

Trish Dunn
APRE

GUIDANCE CORNER

SEASONS FOR GROWTH GRIEF PROGRAMME - Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Mary’s, Beaudesert, we recognize that when change occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education programme called Seasons for Growth which will commence in Term 2. This programme is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The programme focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Every family, with children in Year 6 will receive a letter with more details about the Seasons for growth Programme. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the programme.

Saint Mary’s School is pleased to be able to offer this important programme and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you require further information please contact Sr Denise (Tuesday or Wednesday) or Mrs Trish Dunn
**WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK**

**WEDNESDAY**
- **ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday. March at 11.00am Please meet at Woolworths carpark.**

**FRIDAY**
- **Mass – 7J**
- **Assembly – 7T**

**TUCKSHOP**

4th Friday  27.04.12  Wendy Lohmann, Heather Stephan, Donna Pilon

5th Monday  30.04.12  Leanne Johnston, Linda Stollznow, Karen Johnston

This week we have included the new menu for Winter. Please note that this menu is effective from Monday 30th April.

Thank you, **Fiona Tilley – Convenor**

**P&F NEWS**

Thank you to those who helped with baking items at our last election fundraiser. We are again asking for baked items for the local election, which is being held **THIS SATURDAY 28th APRIL.** If you are able to assist please drop your baked items to the hall canteen during the day on Friday or on Saturday morning.

If anyone is able to help the P&F in our cake stall, please phone Deb 0448 103 075.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy birthday and best wishes from everyone at St Mary’s to the following students:
*Emma Hardy, Hannah Harlen, Ella Bischoff, Mackenzie Turner, Brianna Turner, Chelsea Buchanan, Emily Jennings, Ben Smith & Kane Neuendorff*

Have a wonderful day!

**SPORTS NEWS**

**South Coast Rugby League Trials**

Last week, five St Mary’s boys attended the South Coast Rugby League trials at Pizzey Park on the Gold Coast. The carnival brought together the top schoolboy rugby league players from the South Coast District. St Mary’s was represented by Jac Gough, Ben Smith, Jack Pearce, Quinn Beggs (Under 11) and Michael Deeran (Under 12). The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing against high quality opposition, especially the strong Gold Coast based sides. They should be proud of their efforts as the Gold Coast is renowned for having some of the finest Schoolboy rugby league players and schools in Australia.

Special congratulations go to Micheal Deeran for being selected into the South Coast
‘Probables vs. Possibles’ game. Thanks to all parents involved for ‘ferrying’ the boys to District training and the carnival.
By Jack Pearce and Ben Smith.

THANK YOU
The staff and students at St Mary’s would like to thank:

- the Hickey family for donating 6 rugby league balls to the school.
- the Conroy family for donating a set of netball bibs.

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 has 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 – bring a friend for free

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

PARISH NEWS
Family Groups morning tea this Sunday after 9:30 mass. Please come and join us if you have the time.
COMBAT READY FITNESS
Bootcamp style training with Damien Stewart at St Mary’s Back Oval.
Times available 2pm & 4pm Mondays for more information please
Ph: 0415 496 067

You are invited to the May 2012 Arts Dinner + Drumley Walk
Friday 4 May 5.30 for a 6.30pm dinner @ the Centre Beaudesert
BUY TICKETS NOW Adults $35; Conc $25

There will be plenty of time for community catch-ups and yarning, a reflection of the Drumley Walk so far, aspirations for the future and opportunities for cultural tourism.
The dinner is a 2-course alternate drop meal with catering by Jymbilung House. Proceeds from the Dinner go to aid Indigenous community projects in the region and the work of the Yugambeh Museum.
The event will conclude by 9pm. Visit the website for more info

Friday May 4 2012
TIME: 5.30 pm for 6.30 pm Dinner
WHERE: The Centre Beaudesert
COST: Adults $35; Conc $25 (includes performance, canapes and 2-course meal) A cash bar will operate. Group bookings available.
BOOKINGS: Online BUY TICKETS or through Beaudesert Box Office (Tue to Fri 10am - 4pm & Sat 10am - 2pm) in person or by phone 07 55405050

The Gold Coast Table Tennis Association would like to invite all juniors to come and try table tennis Thursday afternoons from 4pm. The coaches that will be involved in coordinating the session have a current Level 1 coach accreditation through Table Tennis Queensland. Table Tennis is a sport for life and this is a great opportunity to get involved and have fun.
GCTTA has a purpose-built table tennis centre situated at 1 Herbertson Drive, Molendinar. The club has many options available for table hire, fixtures, social games, handicap competitions and coaching. Hall Hire for functions, trade shows, markets etc is also available.
The club is a not-for-profit organisation and is open to membership for all ages. Come along for a great social atmosphere and experience the exciting sport of Table Tennis. Please contact centre manager, Lukas on 5597 1633 or email info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au or visit www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au for more information.