TERM DATES FOR 2012

Term 2  16th April – 22nd June
Term 3  9th July – 21st Sept
Term 4  8th October – 7th Dec

Mass – Please join 6C as they lead Mass this Friday at 8:45am
Assembly – 2pm lead by 1MU

5th June
• World Environment Day

6th June
• Pyjama Day – Sit in & Read in the Hall
• Queensland Day

7th June
• Tidalik the Frog (P-1) 2pm – 2:50pm

11th June
• Queens Jubilee Public Holiday

13th June
• OUT OF THE BOX (Yrs2 & 3)

15th June
• Mum’s Dinner at Railway Hotel

19th/20th June
• Yr 3 Power Point Presentations

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World Environment Day 5th June 2012

O Lord, we are guilty of always demanding more and more material possessions. We encourage industry and science to produce more and more goods to satisfy our every need. Our houses are full of things we do not need. Unnecessary packaging pollutes our environment. We ask for your forgiveness. Help us to show how we can use material things in a responsible way. Open our eyes that we may learn to live wisely with all your creation.

World Day of Prayer 1992 Written by women form Austria, Germany & Switzerland.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some wonderful parents for their fantastic support of our school.

Stradbroke Paint a Horse Competition: Firstly to Sue Keaveny and Marguerite Kelly for the hard work they freely gave to paint our winning horse for the Stradbrooke Paint a Horse Competition. The children involved in this activity had a great time helping Sue and Margurite and winning the prize of $4000 is an excellent boost for the fundraising efforts of St. Mary’s School. Well done to all involved!

Transit of Venus: Today we have been very fortunate to have Mark Lohmann visit the school with his special Solar Telescopes for the children to view Venus crossing the Sun. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children as this transition will not happen again for a very long time. Thank you Mark for doing this for us.
Year 7 Prayer Garden: Thank you to Glenn Berg and Matthew Haack for commencing the project of a Prayer Garden for the Year 7. This week they have been busy clearing way for this wonderful addition to our school grounds.

Commonwealth Banking Initiative: Last week Nadine Cowlin organised our school banking by sending home some information about the Program. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school as the Commonwealth Bank donates $5 for each account opened. The bank books will be collected every Wednesday. Thank you Nadine for your time in running this program.

State of Origin on the Big Screen
Don’t forget next Wednesday 13th June is Game 2 of the Origin Series. Get a group of friends together to help fundraise for the school. There will be lots of fun events and raffles on the night as well as the footy on the big screen. For catering purposes please RSVP to Evette in the office.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Please check that your children brought home an interview booking letter yesterday. Please complete it by putting all your children on the 1 form so we can try to keep your different interviews as close together as possible. The date for Parent/ Teacher Interviews has been set for Wednesday 20th June commencing at 3pm and ending at 8pm. The interviews will run for 10 minute sessions. The times will be collated and a letter will be sent home to confirm your allocated timeslot. The requests should be returned by Friday the 15th of June. Remember, first in best served.

National Year of Reading Pyjama Day
It was lovely to see so many children and teachers looking very cozy in their PJ’s today. They cuddled up to pillows and cuddly toys and read at lunchtime. They shared a thought and prayer for all those who will feel the cold this winter- no warm clothes or a warm bed. The gold coin donation will go towards our support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Queen’s Jubilee Public Holiday
Please remember that Monday is a public Holiday celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee.

P & F Meeting
Next Thursday the 14th June will be the next P & F Meeting commencing at 6:30pm.

Boot Camp
A group of staff members are currently involved in this program which is advertised in this week’s Newsletter. They are having great fun. Damian, the instructor has tailored it to our needs and he doesn’t yell at us or make us wear khaki. However, there was mud involved this week.
It is a great team building exercise and we are really noticing the benefits. So it is highly recommended. Grab some friends and take up Damian’s offer of the session whilst waiting for school to finish.

Tim Stinson – Principal
**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the children on being confirmed by Bishop Oudermann last Friday night. The two ceremonies went really well and our church was a sea of red with beautiful posters made by the children, of symbols of the Holy Spirit.

A big thank you to Mrs Henry, Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Moloney and Miss Hoyle for the wonderful way they prepared the children.

**Prayers at Midday for The Year of Grace.**

Our Year 7 children are ringing the church bells at 12:00noon every day to remind us (and the residents of Beaudesert town) to stop and pray. This is one of our initiatives for the Year of Grace. At present we are all praying for a mum who is very sick.

**Winter Appeal**

Please support our Year 7 Service committee as they collect winter items to support this very worthy cause.

**Feast of The Body and Blood – Corpus Christie**

This Friday we will be celebrating this important feast at our weekly Eucharistic Liturgy. Year 6C are preparing our liturgy for us. Please come and join us. 8:45 am Friday.

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**St Vinnies Winter Appeal** – Our Year Seven Service Committee is holding a Winter Appeal for the less fortunate. If you have any canned food, clothes and blankets spare at home, please bring them in. There will be a donation box in each classroom. These donations will go towards the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal. We would like these donations before 18th June 2012. Thank you in advance for your donations. The Service Committee

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**IN THE CLASSROOM**

**Out of the Box**

Next Wednesday we have our Year 2 and 3 classes attending the Out of the Box event. The day will run from 7:30 until 4:00pm so transport to and from school will need to be arranged. The buses will be leaving promptly at 7:30. Please wear full dress uniform with hats and pack morning tea and lunch in brown paper bags and disposable drink bottles – all must be named clearly.

**Year 3 Power Point Presentation**

The Year 3 classes are presenting their Power Point presentations to their parents on Tuesday 19th June and Wednesday 20th June. They will begin the presentation at 9am.
Tiddalik the Frog - Thurs June 7th P-1
Our younger students will be attending this puppet performance tomorrow afternoon. It begins at 2:00 and runs for 50mins. **Preps will be finishing a little later tomorrow due to this performance.**

**FOCUS FOR THE WEEK**

**SCHOOL RULES**
This week we are focusing on our Three Most Important Rules. They are **Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.** We hope that all children remember these rules in both the classroom and in the playground. We need to be safe at all times in how we play and behave on the school grounds. We need to be respectful by treating others nicely and we need to be good learners by having positive attitudes in all aspects of learning.

**CURRICULUM CORNER**
This week sees the completion of looking at what each year level is covering using the Australian National Curriculum - History.

**Year 6 Level Description**
Australia as a nation
The Year 6 curriculum moves from colonial Australia to the development of Australia as a nation, particularly after 1900. Students explore the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship over time. Students understand the significance of Australia’s British heritage, the Westminster system, and other models that influenced the development of Australia’s system of government. Students learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia and their contributions to Australia’s economic and social development.

Key inquiry questions
• Why and how did Australia become a nation?
• How did Australian society change throughout the twentieth century?
• Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?
• What contribution have significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society?

**Year 7 Level Description**
The Ancient World
The Year 7 curriculum provides a study of history from the time of the earliest human communities to the end of the ancient period, approximately 60 000 BC (BCE) – c.650 AD (CE). It was a period defined by the development of cultural practices and organised societies. The study of the ancient world includes the discoveries (the remains of the past and what we know) and the mysteries (what we do not know) about this period of history, in a range of
societies including Australia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China and India.

**Key inquiry questions**
- How do we know about the ancient past?
- Why and where did the earliest societies develop?
- What emerged as the defining characteristics of ancient societies?
- What have been the legacies of ancient societies?

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**TUCKSHOP**

2nd Friday 8th June Deb Bishoff, Susan Shay and Ann Payne
2nd Monday 11th June Selena Wilkie

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

**LIBRARY NEWS**

It was wonderful to see so many children and staff join in the fun of wearing pyjamas to school and share in the joy of reading in the hall with our second “Sit In and Read” day. The National Year of Reading is a great way to spread the pleasure to be found in the love of books. We were also able to help with a collection for the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal.

Some children are missing out on borrowing because they forget to bring their library bags and return books. We hate to see them disappointed. Next week will be the last week of borrowing for the term and students can borrow for the holidays so please help by reminding your child to bring their library bag and books.

We have some exceptional borrowers and readers who we wish to acknowledge. The following will receive their certificates at assembly on Friday. This is based not just on how many books they have borrowed but on the enthusiasm they share with us on the books they are reading. For the younger children we did give awards to the consistent borrowers.

Keegan O’Donnell William Conroy Jorden Window
Siarne Schmidt Kathryn Venz Michael McClure
Caitlyn Larkin Zoe Robinson Cooper Thomson

Mary & Carmel

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

*Elise Vella, Matilda Watterson, Ciara Wright, Gidget Berg, William Bresseleers, Riley Franklin and Bryce Teese.*

Have a wonderful day!
**SPORTS NEWS**

**SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM**
Year 4 - 7 Wednesday and Friday  
Year 1 - 2 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 Wednesday and Thursday - This change is because the students in year 3 (born in 2003) are competing in all the track and field events this year. All year 3 students will be participating in the athletics program on Wednesday and the Gross Motor Program on Thursday.

**Athletics**  
The St Mary's Athletics Carnival will be on the 23rd and 24th of July.

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**THE ARTS**

**ARTS AFTER SCHOOL**

Hip Hop is putting in two groups into the Quota Beenleigh Eisteddfod performing at the Logan Entertainment Centre in August. We are very excited about our first Eisteddfod.

It is not too late to enrol your child in Arts after School if you are interested. 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.

Yours in Arts  
Anne Mitchell
For Sale: 2 adults & 1 child one day pass into Seaworld $85 for the lot. Expires 30 June 2012 Phone Kathy 0413 943 439

Babysitting
Babysitter available for after school, nights, weekends and overnight if necessary.
- 15 years old
- Reliable
- Can assist with housework and other jobs while there
- Hourly fees negotiable
- Beaudesert area and surrounds preferred
- Previous experience with younger sibling, cousins and friends.
- Please call Olivia Plunkett on home ph 55413372 or mob 0407 706 839

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Weekend date: 10th – 12th August, 2012
Venue: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

For bookings/details contact: Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

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See the details here - http://marriage.about.com/b/2012/03/30/about-com-2012-marriage-readers-choice-award-winners.htm?_sm_byp=iVVR64JN6pJjTWr6

WWME YouTube Video

WWME Australian Web Site
www.wwme.org.au
Attention All Mums :-

After a busy term, enjoy a relaxing night out at the Railway Hotel on Friday 15th June anytime after 6.30pm. RSVP by Friday 8th June to Di Hardy 0434 801 432 or return the slip below to the office.

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Mum's Dinner – 15th June at the Railway Hotel

I ___________________________________________ would love to enjoy a relaxing night out.