Developing the Gifts of the Community

*A community is like an orchestra.*

*Each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone, but when they all play together, each given its own weight in tune, the result is even more beautiful!*

*A Parish School Community is like an orchestra as well.*

*Each child, teacher, school, family & parish member bears witness to the beauty of God, creator and conductor.*

*Each member of a community shares their gifts on a daily basis- and when people use their gifts, it is important that the community recognizes and values their contribution.*

*Each is unique, each is different, and each is valuable.*

*As a community it is important that we pray for the gifts of others, it is important that the community prays for each person to be more open and more an instrument of God, so that they can use their gifts better.*

*If we participate and celebrate in each other’s gifts, we help each other build community.*

**These are the words of Summer Waters, Age 11**

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Family Fun Day a Success!**

What a fabulous day we all had on Sunday at our Family Mass followed by the Picnic and activities on the oval. A special thanks needs to go to Diane McClure for her effort and hard work in organising the family races and games. Everyone who participated had a great time. The St. Mary’s Family Day Cup was won by MacAulay with one point between the two teams. Duhig put up a mighty battle for the prize though. Thank you to all who attended this wonderful day we hope that this becomes a regular event for our school parish community.
Athletics Carnival
Another successful St. Mary’s Sports Day. A huge thanks to Diane McClure for her dedication and effort in organising this event. A lot time goes into making these days run smoothly and Diane is certainly committed to making it the success that it was. Thank you also to Fiona Tilley for her time in running the canteen on the Tuesday and her band of helpers who set up, baked, cooked and served. Thank you to Donna Thomas who also helped – Donna gave her time even though her children are no longer attend here. Thank you also to the parents who came to support their little athletes, the children thrive on the support you all so willingly give them. We had a group of Beaudesert State High School students who also came to lend a hand on both days; which really was a great help to both students and staff. Finally thank you to our wonderful teachers and students who gave their all in making sure we all had a great two days of Athletics.

School Renewal
For the family members who were invited to attend the School Renewal Dinner tonight please be reminded that we intend to begin the evening at 6pm in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to your company.

St. Mary’s School Open Day
Tomorrow, Thursday 26th July will be our Open Day for all who would like to come along to take a look around our school. This day is not just for families who are thinking of enrolling their children in the future; it is also for our existing families. You may be familiar with the school already, however being involved in this event might encourage more people to give their children the opportunity of an education here at St. Mary’s. We are to meet at 9am in the Assembly Hall.

Nut Products
Please be aware that we encourage a nut free products policy. We have a few children with nut allergies. For safety reasons could you please save nut products for at home snacks instead of lunchbox.

Building Sites
As you can see construction of the new Kindy and Prep Buildings are now underway. We thank you for your patience during this time. The schedule plans for the completion at this stage is by early October.

Welcome Acting APRE
Luke Thomsen will be Acting APRE while Trish Dunn is on Long Service Leave. Luke will be carrying out this role three days a week for four weeks. Paula Lane will be teaching the Year 7’s during this time. We welcome Luke onboard and hope that the experience he has as APRE will be most beneficial for him and the school.

Tim Stinson
Principal
Making Jesus Real

The MJR program is centered around the belief that we are the image of Jesus to all those people around us. We are His representatives and our actions should reflect His values. Jesus also made the comment that we are part of his family and that the ways we treat others should be reflective of the way we would treat Jesus.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

Monday morning assemblies outline a focus for the week based on the Making Jesus Real Program. These focuses are then linked to our everyday interactions with each other and with those in school community and beyond.

As tomorrow is our Open Day it would be a timely reminder to be very welcoming to our visitors who will attend our school. This would leave a wonderful lasting impression with our future families.

Father Modestus

We wish Father Modestus a wonderful break as he goes home to Nigeria to his family for his holidays. Father Bernie will be extra busy while Fr. Modestus is away so we have a few time changes for our Friday Masses. Please mark the following changes on the Term calendar.

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Preparation for 1st Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children are preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion. The Parish Sacramental programme begins on July 26th (Tomorrow) with a workshop for parents at 3:30pm and a repeat at 7:00pm in Mercy Hall.

Parents of children enrolled for First Communion are requested to attend one of these sessions. Please mark the date in your diaries. The children will receive the sacrament on the weekend of August 25th and 26th. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers those who are sick among our community.

Classroom Visit

This week I visited the Year 4’s in Mrs Plaatjies classroom to join in on their prayer session. I noticed that the students in this class were very enthusiastic about sharing prayers and their knowledge and understanding of Catholic prayers was impressive. Well done Year 4P!

Luke Thomsen
Acting APRE
How does the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: English relate to the literacy general capability?

The Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum: English provides a solid basis for strengthening literacy. Literacy involves the ability to listen, read and view, write, speak and create print, visual and digital materials accurately and confidently to become effective individuals, workers and citizens.

While literacy knowledge and skills are primarily built and consolidated through the English learning area, they are reinforced and strengthened through all learning areas.

The Literacy general capability is drawn from knowledge, skills and understandings of both the Language and Literacy strands of the English curriculum. It also identifies language and literacy demands of learning areas that the English curriculum does not specifically address.

These demands include for example, the language structures of mathematics questions, the particular requirements of writing a report of an investigation in science, or the specialist vocabulary of history.

Trish Dunn
APRE

Eco Owl’s wise words: Keep Our School Green and Clean

This week the students of St. Mary’s were introduced to our new friend “Eco Owl”. Every week Eco Owl will give the students a focus to work on what will help the environment. This week the focus was to keep our school green and clean especially during the sports carnival. Eco owl will visit the students at lunch times and give them a G.B.A, high five or a hand shake to the student he spots being green and clean. We have noticed a great effort of keeping our school green and clean so far. Keep up the green and clean work, especially at our eating areas! By Eryn Castles and the Year 6 Eco Owl team

Year 6 Personal Projects
Do you know a keen Woodworker?

During Term 3 each student is working on a ‘Personal Project’. Ten Year 6 students have chosen to participate in woodworking as their personal project. The aim of the project is to immerse students in something they have an interest in and to also develop their technology and design skills.

We are hoping that a keen grandparent or parent with woodworking skills might be willing to volunteer 1 hour each Thursday after lunch during Term 3 to assist us. Mr Stark will also be working with the students. Student’s projects might involve building timber toys, planter boxes, small kids chairs etc. If you are interested contact the School Office.

Thanks
Matt Stark
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Reading Olympics**
Keep the reading going! The Reading Olympics is progressing well. Make sure you record how many pages you read so that the tallies can be updated regularly.

**Library Timetable**
There are a few changes to the Library Timetable. Please check your child’s borrowing day to make sure they have their library bag and don’t miss out.

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Mary Rohan & Carmel Dunn

**TUCKSHOP**

5th Monday  30th July  Marguerite Kelly

1st Friday  3rd August  Trish Dennis, Barbara Smith and Nita Tilney

**Thanks**
Thank to Brad and Claire Ryan for the generous donation of their cold room for our Sports day Canteen. It was very much appreciated. Also thanks to all those who helped on the day in the canteen and to all the people who donated baked goods for sale.

   Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

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

Chynna Berg, Nathan Berghuis, Joshua Brown, Jack Rose, Isabelle Adam, Grace Cahill, Donovan Bettridge, Molly Pugh, Caitlin Hannigan, India Buchanan and Isaac Jones.

Have a wonderful day!
SPORTS NEWS

Change of time for PE classes
Grades 1 - 3 will participate in PE on Wednesday in week 3, 4 and week 7 and grades 3 - 7 will participate in PE on Thursday in week 3, 4 and 7. This change is due a Rugby League clinic being offered to years 3 - 7.

Athletics Carnival
Please see the insert informing you of the results of our Athletics Carnival.

THE ARTS

Queensland Opera Performance
"Space Encounters" a travelling opera from Opera Queensland, was performed in our hall last Friday to the great appreciation of all our students. The captivated faces experienced an excellent arts event that was like no other. Thanks to Opera Qld and their audacious performers.

Blogspot address for ALL STUDENTS of St. Mary’s: artsatstmarysbeaudesert.blogspot.com

Yours in Arts
Anne Mitchell

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL
It is not too late to enrol your child in Arts after School for Term 3 if you are interested. Please see timetable below:

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 Tai Chi – 13 - adults
6:15-7:15 GROOVE – 13 - adults

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.
**Australian Office**

We have been given the opportunity to win a years’ supply of exercise books for every student at our school. The competition is open to staff members, parents and students, and the school with the highest number of entries by 16th September 2012 will win. To enter just visit books4schools.com.au and register your details. The more people who enter the better the school’s chances of winning are.

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**Nindooinbah Woolshed Art Exhibition**

**Saturday 1st September 2012**

Opening Night Cocktail Party
7pm – Midnight
$55.00 per person
Includes 1 complimentary wine/beer, canapés, live music and auction fun, entry
Cash bar available
Special Guest Bruce Heiser from “Heiser Gallery” officially opening Exhibition

**Sunday 2nd September 2012**

High Tea and Art Exhibition
9am – 11am
$25.00 per person
Includes Traditional High Tea on the lawn and Entry

General admission at gate - $10 per person children U/15 Free
Includes entry, live lunchtime music and lucky door prize
Bar and Lunch available for purchase

*Tickets to the Opening Night Cocktail Party and High Tea on the lawn are limited so bookings are essential.*

**Ticket sales:** 0431 326 724 or 0437 787 262
**Address:** 272 Nindooinbah House Rd, Beaudesert 4285
**Facebook:** Quarry Action Group

*Featuring artists:* Wayne Singleton, Taya Lindner, Kathryn Brimblecombe-Fox, Jan Drynan, Karen Laird, Mary Berg, Monica Rohan, Dave Groom, Dienna Georgetti, Kevin Foley & Sculptor Scott Charles.