TERM DATES FOR 2012

Term 3  
9th July – 21st Sept

Term 4  
8th October – 7th Dec

Mass – Please join 7T as they lead Mass this WEDNESDAY at 12:00pm

Assembly – 2pm lead by Prep Blue

9th & 10th August
- District Athletics

13th August
- Show Holiday

17th August
- Choir Performance at Villanova College

20th August
- Jollybops Science Shows

25th & 26th August
- First Holy Communion Celebrations

No 25 – 8th August 2012

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Nasty Flu Season
We have had a lot of very ill children, parents and grandparents as the moment with the dreaded strain of flu. Temperatures have been soaring and bed rest has been ordered. Please keep your children at home if they are feeling off, chances are they have the flu and should go straight to the doctor. For those who are currently fighting illness we wish you a speedy recovery.

Show Holiday
Remember that Monday (13th) is our Show Holiday and that Wednesday (15th) is a normal school day.

Jon Krause
Our local representative Jon Krause is coming to visit our school and students this Friday. We welcome him as he takes a look around and meets with some of our students to have a chat about what they have been doing in class.
Kindy Building
The building site is now well and truly underway and all is progressing well. The Modular Building will be arriving on site early next Wednesday morning and should be in place before school commences for the day. If everything goes to plan there will be no disruptions to the dropping off of children. However if for some reason there is a problem the builders will require your patience when dropping off your children as the access may need to be altered.

Tim Stinson
Principal

REXUS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Spirit
Jesus walked with the disciples on the journey, but remained unrecognised by them until he broke the bread with them. In all the events of our lives the risen Christ is there, often unrecognised. It is only afterwards, when we look back over what has been happening and bring the events of our everyday lives to the Eucharist, that we can recognise the unseen presence of God.
The Holy Spirit gives us the insights to see Jesus in our daily life – if we ask him. All we need to do is stop for one minute at the end of the day and ask.
If we do it often enough at the same time each day it will be a great habit that we can achieve which will help us:
- to have a real friendship with Jesus
- to be a positive thinker and
- ‘get switched on’

Mary’s Loose Coin Count
Today (Wednesday) is a special feast day for St Mary of The Cross (Mary MacKillop), Australia’s very own saint! 4TOC lead a very informative and reflective liturgy, followed by Mary’s Loose Coin Count. As a school we gathered together as many loose silver and gold coins so that we could make an outline of the face of Mary MacKillop on the floor in our hall.
The year 4 students have decided that the proceeds will go to a school that is less fortunate than ours. The specific school will be decided after the students have done some research.

Mass News
This Wednesday 8th August - Mass was led by Mrs Thompson, Mrs O’Connor and the 4TOC students at 12pm.
Next Wednesday 15th August - Mass will be led by Mr Thomsen and the 7T students (with a class band!) at 12pm. We will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption.

Religion in the Classroom
Our year 5 class have been studying the Parables of Jesus. Jesus was a teacher and used stories to explain to people how we should act and tell us what our God would want us to do. We have looked at “The Good Samaritan” and “The Lost Son”. We have found that parables have features such as: the rule of 3, images of Jesus’ times, they tell us about heaven. He often challenged the audience with a ‘discombobulation’. What is that? This is when a story has a most unexpected event. For example, the hero of “The Good Samaritan” was not the
priest of the Levite. The kind and loving character was the Samaritan. They were an often despised group of people in Jesus’ time. Jesus’ simple parables teach us a lot about love and forgiveness.

Piety Stall
First Communion gifts and cards are available at the Parish Centre. The Piety stall will be at Masses in St Mary’s Church on the weekend of the 18th/19th August. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase a gift for the children who are taking their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

Congratulations
Welcome baby Nikea Lee Arohanui Roosen. Little sister for Kalycia (4P). Congratulations to you all on the safe arrival of your precious daughter and sister.

Catholic Fun Facts
Catholic Social Teachings about the poor and marginalised.
While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for our society is how we treat the most vulnerable in our midst. In a society marred by deepening disparities between rich and poor, Scripture gives us the story of the Last Judgment (see Mt 25:31-46) and reminds us that we will be judged by our response to the “least among us.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defence, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere.*

Pope Benedict XVI has taught that “love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to [the Church] as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel” (Deus Caritas Est, no. 22). This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond—unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, and victims of injustice and oppression.

Luke Thomsen
Acting APRE

IN THE CLASSROOM

ECO OWL
This week it is about nude food! The eco owl has been looking around for people eating nude food.

Did you know... 400 kilograms of rubbish is put into bins each year? By using nude food it decreases the amount of rubbish being put into the bin. From Mhareesa, Monica and the rest of the Eco Owl Team
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week
We have a couple of very busy weeks coming up in the library before the end of the term. Next week is Book Week. Because our Book Fair in the second last week of term is such a big week, Book Week is a little more low key although I will be sharing the prize winning books for the CBC awards with the classes as they come to the library and we will have some special lunchtime activities.
The Book Fair theme for this year is a Hawaiian Luau. If you have any lovely bright Hawaiian shirts or leis etc and you would be prepared to loan to us to help decorate our library space we would really appreciate it.

Dress as a Book Character
As part of the National Year of Reading, our term 3 activity is to dress as a book character. This will be on Wednesday 12 September. We don’t want this to be stressful for parents but to be fun for everyone. The one thing I am stressing to the students is that it must be a character from a book in our library not from TV or movies. We have plenty of books where the children are dressed as normal boys and girls. Please come in with your children and have a look. If you have suitable costumes that you don’t need we might be able to have a sharing box in the library.

Mary Rohan & Carmel Dunn

TUCKSHOP

2nd Monday 13th August  Selena Wilkie
3rd Friday 17th August  Kathy Turner, Colleen Lindberg, Nicole Teese

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy birthday and best wishes from everyone at St Mary’s to the following students: Kasey Hicks, Thomas Conlon, Kathryn Venz, Elizabeth Fritter and Declan Guevorts. We hope you have a wonderful day!

SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics
We wish all the students representing St. Mary’s at the District Athletics Carnival the best of luck as they compete in their events on both Thursday and Friday at Jimboomba. Have a great day!
Choir Performance
The School Choir will be performing at Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival at Villanova College, Coorparoo on Friday 17th August performing 'Fireflies' and a "Mary Poppins Medley". Permission notes will be sent home this week to finalise the car pool arrangements.

Blog Address
artsatstmarysbeaudesert.blogspot.com.au

Performances
Year 5 will be performing 'As If' and 'Letters Back Home' in the Hall on Tuesday 18th September at 6:30pm.
Year 7 will be performing: “War of the Vegetables: and a melodramatic “Othello” on Thursday 20th September 6:30pm.

Music Lessons
Guitar lessons are underway after school. Piano lessons are progressing with a waiting list.

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

COMING HOME TODAY

Inserted today is a fact sheet about head lice. Please take a little time to have a read through this information and check your children for lice as we have had a few cases of late.

Also coming home is the August – September issue of the Marion Clarion.
ROBOGALS
Calling all girls from 5 to 18 years old! Marita Cheng, the 2012 Young Australian of the Year and founder of Robogals, invites you to enter into the Robogals Science Challenge!

1. Do a project that uses science to solve a problem at your home or school.
2. Film it, and send us the video online.
3. Win awesome prizes including a trip to Melbourne for the awards ceremony and science-related tours, as well as trophies, science kits, magazine subscriptions and more!

To find out more, visit www.sciencechallenge.com.au

Beaudesert Swimming Club 2012-13 Season

Sign On Day
Sunday 26th August 2012
9:00am – 11:00am at the Club House
Beaudesert Swimming Pool
Brisbane St Beaudesert