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 5MOB

17th August
- Choir Performance at Villanova College

20th August
- Jollybops Science Shows

25th & 26th August
- First Holy Communion Celebrations

No 26 – 15th August 2012

This year is called the Year of Grace by the church. So what does that mean?

A holy time, given by God, to start afresh from Christ, contemplating his face, and listening to his word, that he may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak his word to the world in new ways. (Archbishop Coleridge)

So how do we start?
We Pray...

Gracious God,

You gift us with abundant and unbounded love.
Open our eyes to the moments and movements of your grace in our lives, and open our hearts to know the wellspring of gratitude that arises within us.
We make this prayer through Jesus, your gift of grace.
Amen.

Grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.
(Psalm 45:2)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Planning for 2013
Towards the end of this year our teachers will be spending a great deal of time in preparing for the 2013 school year. One of the tasks is to organize children into class groups. There is a lot of consideration into what is best for the children and this includes both academic and social development of each individual child.

Should you have any points you would like your child’s teacher to take into consideration in their decision making please put them into writing and deliver them to the class teacher before September 21st.

Please keep in mind that this process cannot be used as choosing one teacher above another but should be based on the needs of the children. We are blessed with the staff and they will take the children’s need into great consideration.
School Fees
You would have received the July Accounts for School Fees now. We ask that you please bring these up to date as well as all in amounts in arrears as soon as possible. The August Invoices will be posted out soon. Thank you to all who returned the forms stating how they would like to receive their invoices. We are in the process of updating this information so emailing of accounts will be up and running for September at this stage. If for some reason you are finding it difficult to pay your school fees please take the time to let us know so that arrangements can be put in place for you.

Teresa’s Absence
Teresa Topp remains at home taking it easy for a speedy recovery from her injury. In her absence Evette Haack and Peta Teese having been making sure everything has been getting done here in the office. They have gone well over and beyond their call of duty and for this I am extremely appreciative. Thank you both for your efforts.

Kindy Building
A lot of busy activity on site this morning as the modular building was put into place for the new Kindy Building. The Prep extension has started taking shape.

Jon Krause Visits
Thank you to Mr Jon Krause our State Member of Parliament for his visit yesterday to our school. He was keen to hear about our plans for the future and some of the issues we face. He spent a little time with some of the children and they certainly enjoyed meeting him. The visit was very much appreciated and we look forward to an ongoing partnership with him.

St. Mary’s Choir
We wish the choir all the very best as they perform at Villanova College on Friday. Thank you to Paula Lane who has prepared the children for their debut in performing at a Festival. Good luck to you all!

Tim Stinson
Principal

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

Remembering how we play well amongst our peers. We discussed how to keep our body language and reactions in check when we play games and sport with our friends. How we act and talk to others can make a huge difference in how the games we play turn out.

RELIGION

Prayers
Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Maryanne Moorhead and her family as her father is really quite ill in hospital at the moment.

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.
Mass News
Last Wednesday 4TOC did a great job organising Mass and the Mary’s Loose Coin Count for the Feast Day of St. Mary MacKillop. Altogether the students at St Mary’s raised $193.75. The year 4 students will now decide where they are going to donate the money. In light of Mary MacKillop’s mission, the students are thinking of giving the money to a school community that is less fortunate than ours.

This Wednesday 15th - Mass will be led by Mr Thomsen and the 7T students at 12pm. We will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption.

Next Friday 24th - Mass will be led by Mrs Green and the 2G students.

The Assumption of Mary
Wednesday is a very important day on the Church's Liturgical calendar - so important that we are asked to attend mass if we can. We remember the story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and how she was bodily assumed into heaven.

Homeless Persons Week
The 2012 theme of Homeless Australia campaign and Homeless Person’s Week is: HOMING IN on the real issues of homelessness. If you are looking for ways that you can help out or find out more, Organisations such as St Vincent De Paul’s and Rosies are incredibly friendly and helpful.

The Year of Grace
If you are wondering what the prayer space was all about, check out the official website for the Year of Grace: http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

Luke Thomsen
Acting APRE

IN THE CLASSROOM

Year Two
Please remember that your “Homework Project” is due to be handed in this Friday the 17th.

Year 7 Eco Committee
Now that we have all the orders in for the bird houses and the desk organisers, the building process has begun! The Eco Committee, together with the guys from the Men’s Shed will be working tirelessly to get them made. So hang tight and keep your eyes on the newsletter.

Jollybops Science Shows
Next Monday the 20th August is the Jollybops Science Shows Visit. Please remember to return the permission slip and $3 per child. There will be two sessions Prep – Year 3 from 9:30 and Year 4 – Year 7 from 11:15am.
It's Book Fair Time Again! (12th-14th September, 2012)

One of our main objectives in the library is to encourage and develop a love of books and reading. We want reading to be a fun and useful part of our children's lives because it is reading that makes better readers.

Our annual Book Fair is one way of promoting books and reading. It gives families an opportunity to visit a “book shop” together, to browse and discuss books. We will be hosting another Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday, 12th to Friday, 14th September. If you wish to purchase, there will be a wide selection of books to choose from. All Book Fair purchases benefit our school.

Last year’s Book Fair was a success mainly due to the wonderful support we received. In the past we have been very fortunate here at St Mary’s in having a very committed group of Mums who have offered their time and energy to decorate, to prepare and set up promotional materials, and who have rostered themselves to help during Book Fair hours.

Once again we need your help. Assistance is required in the following areas:

- Shelving books prior to setting up the Book Fair display. (The bookshelves become inaccessible once the Book Fair displays are set up.) This will probably be Monday, 10th September.
- Promoting the Book Fair and setting up the book displays on Tuesday, 11th September
- Sales during the Fair and especially on the night of Wednesday 12th September.

If you are able to help in any way, please ring the School and speak with Mary in the Library.

Our Book Fair will take place in Week 10 from Tuesday afternoon 11th September to the following Monday morning.

Dress as a Book Character

On Wednesday the 12th we are planning a “Come as a Book Character Day.” There are some very excited children planning which character they are going to be dressed as. There are some wonderful ideas on the Book Week online site for simple costumes to match our books.

I was a week ahead of myself with Book Week as it starts on Sat August 18. We are spending part of our lesson time looking at some of the short listed books in more detail. They are on display in our library entry.

Library Blog

Our Library blog is finally available to be accessed and will be another way to keep up with what is happening.


Mary Rohan & Carmel Dunn
LEARNING SUPPORT

Hello to all the great readers at ST Mary’s. The Premier’s reading Challenge is now fully underway and the finish line is in sight. If you don’t have a record form or have lost your form you can get a copy from either the School’s library or Office. Just write down all the books that you have read since Tuesday 22nd May this year. The challenge finishes on Friday 7th September so please return all record forms to your class teacher by Friday 14th September.

If you are in Prep, Year 1 or year 2 then you can record any books that you have read yourself or that have been read to you at home or by your teacher at school.
If you are in years 3, 4 or 5 then you need to have read 25 books, at your reading level, to be in the challenge.
Students in years 6 and 7 need to read 20 books, at their level, to enter the challenge. Remember this is not a competition to see who can read the most but a challenge to yourself to read, enjoy and learn.
If you meet the challenge, you will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland, Campbell Newman MP. By completing the challenge you could also help our school to reach 100 per cent participation which means that our school will go into the draw to win great prizes.
For more information about the challenge you can visit. http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/
GOOD LUCK with your reading.

Karen Nowell

TUCKSHOP

3rd Monday 20th August Janet Deeran
4th Friday 24th August Wendy Lohmann, Heather Stephan and Donna Pilon

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

SPORTS NEWS

District Athletics
The District Athletics Carnival 2012 was last Thursday and Friday. It ran very smoothly, in no small part due to the efforts of Mr Paul Ball from Jimboomba State School. St Mary’s had 45 students compete over the two days. It was pleasing to see that each student participated to the best of their ability and some of them achieved personal best performances as a result. In addition to this the behaviour of the students was exemplary. Thank you to the parents who came to support their children. Thank you also to Miss Belinda Ciuffetelli and Mr Luke Thomsen who came to officiate some of the athletic events.

A special congratulations goes to Riley Day won the 12 year girls’ age champion.
Congratulations also to the students who have made it to the next stage of the competition: Caitlyn Hannigan, Mikayla Jervis, Charlie Boyd, Jason Smith, Ellie Rose Bennett, Keely Stewart, Riley Day, James Lohmann, and Isaac Pilon.

Diane McClure

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

*Kate Montgomery, Henry Boyd and Kate Ferguson*

We hope you have a wonderful day!

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**P & F NEWS**

**Meeting THURSDAY**

Our next meeting will be held **TOMORROW Thursday 16th August at 5pm** to discuss our Beaudesert Show Stall as it is in three weeks. This will be the only topic that will be on the agenda so anything else will need to be held over until the next meeting.

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**THE ARTS**

**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

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**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

BOOK CLUB DUE BACK WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST

School Banking
A reminder that Niki from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school again from 1.30pm on Friday 17th August to open bank accounts. Thank you to all those who opened accounts last Friday. We have quite a few involved now and this helps our school in fundraising money.

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
**Summer is coming!**

CRF Combat Ready Fitness is running boot camps at $10 for 1hr sessions. Times are 1:45pm, 4pm and 5:30pm held at St Mary's Primary School. Free child care provided. Please call Hannah 0438726986 or Damien 0415496067 for dates.

*Motivation equals results.*

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**Southport Surf Life Saving Club** at Main Beach

**Nipper Sign On for 2012-2013**

All kids aged 6 to 13 and parents are invited to attend!

Come along & find out about our great Nippers Club. You can join up, complete your proficiency swim and float and chat to your Age Manager all on the same day.

**When:**
- **Sunday 19th August** 9am – 12 pm
- **Saturday 25th August** 12 pm – 3 pm

**Where:** Trinity Luther Primary, Cotlew St. Campus (Car park and pool entry via Southport- Nerang Rd)

**Bring:** Bathers and towel

Proof of Age (passport or birth certificate)

Parents will require identification also

*Nippers is a heap of fun and teaches kids to be surf safe, so that one day they may save their own life – or that of someone else.*

Any queries please call our Life Saving Office on 5665 3939 or Email: nippers@sslsc.com.au  