TERM DATES FOR 2012

Term 3  9th July – 21st Sept
Term 4  8th October – 7th Dec

Mass – Please join 2G as they lead Mass this FRIDAY at 8:45am

School Assembly – 2pm lead by 1MU
Special Assembly – 11:10am for Olympic Reading Medal Presentation

25th & 26th August
• First Holy Communion Celebrations

27th – 31st
• National Numeracy and Literacy Week

6th September
• Year 6 Eureka Excursion
• Special Persons Day

12th September
• Celebration of Learning Evening

20th September
• Year 2 Reconciliation

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For Everlasting Peace
I will appoint peace your governor, and justice your ruler.
No longer shall violence be heard of in your land,
or plunder and ruin within your boundaries. Isaiah 60:17-1

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty, I pray:
Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence
among individuals and nations. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all
children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons
and war. Hear my voice when I beg You to instill into the hearts of all
human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of
fellowship. Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country
and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk
the road of peace. Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we
may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to
justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.
O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.
[L’Osservatore Romano, 3-9-81,14] Written by Pope John Paul II

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back Mrs Dunn
Trish Dunn has returned after her long service leave
and she has shared that her trip away was wonderful.
Welcome back Trish!

Thank you Luke Thomsen
Luke’s time as APRE has now ended and I thank him
for his dedication in this role. He has done a fantastic
job and he seemed to fit into this position very
professionally and comfortably. Well done Luke!

Family Holidays
It has come to our attention that due to government
protocol you are to notify the school if you are taking a
family holiday or if your children are having an
extended leave during school terms. When our school
is audited these written requests are looked at often.
So if you are planning a family holiday outside of
allocated school holidays please let us know in writing
the dates and reasons for doing so. Thank you for your
assistance in this matter.

School Fees
In the newsletter today is an insert regarding the
changes in School Fee payments. Please look out for
this as the changes are important.
Coles for Sports and Woolies Earn & Learn
If you still have some vouchers and stickers at home please bring them in. We are going to send them all next Friday the 31st August. This has been a fabulous effort from you all as we have thousands of stickers and vouchers. Thank you so very much. This offer benefits the school greatly.

St. Mary’s Choir
Well done to all the children who participated in the Villanova Music Festival last Friday. They were awarded a Bronze Medal for their performance. Congratulations Children and Mrs Paula Lane.

Special Persons Day
We have scheduled our Special Persons Day for Thursday the 6th September 2012. This is a wonderful morning and a great opportunity to invite the special people in your life to come along to be involved in your school routine for a morning. We will meet at 9am in the undercover area to commence the celebrations. Please RSVP by Monday 3rd September 2012 if you would like to join us on this day.

Tim Stinson
Principal

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

Making Jesus Real in the Eucharist
Our focus this week is living the “Eucharist”. If we are trying to “Make Jesus Real” in our lives, the Eucharist is the secret ingredient! Jesus lived every one of the values you are thinking about in the MJR Program, so we must connect with Jesus if we are going to model ourselves on him. We need to go to training with the greatest coach of all: Jesus himself. Just as Jesus gave his life for us on the cross, so Jesus still gives himself to us in the Eucharist as nourishment, strength and inspiration to win the hard ball and give ourselves for others.

RELIGION

First Holy Communion
Please keep the children in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Mass News
This Friday 24th- Mass will be led by Mrs Green and the 2G students.
Next Friday 31st- Mass will be led by Mrs Gillespie and the 3G students.

Catholic Fun Facts
This Week our MJR focus is ‘The Eucharist’. There is a great website that explains the meaning and purpose of the Eucharist in layman’s terms. I have given a snippet from the website below. To read more, check out this link http://www.aboutcatholics.com/worship/the_eucharist/

When was the first Eucharist celebrated?
The Christian tradition holds and the Catholic faith will always uphold that the first Eucharist was the Last Supper. At that moment Christ changed the bread that they ate and the wine that they drank into his body and blood respectively. It is fitting that it is named Eucharist which means thanksgiving (Greek) for it was a sacrifice; Christ's perfect sacrifice for all of us. The institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper can be found in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Corinthians. 11:23-26.
You don't really think that wafer is Jesus do you?

It depends on when you are speaking of that wafer. Before it is consecrated it is just a wafer, but after the priest re-enacts the Last Supper then it is truly the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This is also known as the Real Presence. The Church has maintained since the time of the apostles that the bread that is broken and the wine that is poured becomes the actual body and blood, not that Jesus is present with the bread and the wine, nor that they are merely a symbol. In the Eucharist Christ is truly, wholly, and substantially present. The two clearest expressions of the real Presence in Scripture is in 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 and John 6:22-69.

What three elements does the Sacramental Sacrifice include?

Catholics consider the Eucharist as thanksgiving and praise to the Father, the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his body, and the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit.

Thankyou

I would like to say thank you to Mr Stinson, Evette and Peta for helping to make my time here as APRE a smooth transition from the classroom. I have had a wonderful time and the experience has been excellent. Thank you all for the opportunity!

Luke Thomsen
Acting APRE

IN THE CLASSROOM

Jollybops Science Show (Upper School)

The Professor and his (slightly!) reliable side kick Rusty brought Science alive for the Upper School on Monday. We enjoyed a show with the theme of ‘Science or Magic - What is it?’

From exploding balloons to shattering tennis balls, we watched a series of scientific demonstrations that seemed to be magic but were in fact pure science. The students extended their knowledge of scientific concepts such as gases, force, air pressure and gravity and their relationship to the properties of materials, temperature and energy. It was evident by the many questions our students asked at the end of the session of the learning they gained from the show and their genuine curiosity for science.

Father’s Day Gifts

Father’s day is coming up and we would love to make them as happy as they make us! A group of Year 6 girls have used their lunch times to create eco-friendly gifts for our fathers.

The recycled gifts which they have made and will be available for loose change (minimum 50 cents) are:

- Father’s Day bookmarks, certificates, suit cards, coasters, coupons, fly traps ($1.00 for the satchel and $1.00 for the trap) and recycled paper cards.

Each class will be able to come to our stall (at the grass area in front of the tuckshop) over the next two weeks on their scheduled day at lunch. The girls will come around to your class and show examples later on during the week.
Gift Sale Days
Prep and grade 1: Monday 27th August and Monday 3rd September
Grade 2 and 3: Friday 31st August and Friday 7th September
Grade 4: Wednesday 29th August and Wednesday 5th September
Grade 5: Thursday 30th August and 6th September
Grade 6 and 7: Tuesday 28th August and Tuesday 4th September

From Eco Owl and the Year 6 Change and Exchange Stall Founders

LEARNING SUPPORT

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Don’t forget that we are in full swing with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Keep reading and make sure you record all books read. Good Luck and happy reading!

ICAS
Results of the Computer and Science Competitions held in May and June are as follows:

Computer:- Participation Certificates – Hamish Harlen, Amy Greber and Ashlyn Keaveny.
Credit Certificates – Joshua Greber and Eliza Turton

Science:- Participation Certificate – Eliza Turton, Cassie Keaveny, Joshua Greber, India Buchanan, Hamish Harlen and James Bresseleers

Well done everyone!

Jenny Kemp and Karen Nowell

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR COUNTDOWN – 3 WEEKS TO GO!
Our theme this year is Book Fair Luau – It’s a Reading Celebration. The Book Fair will be held from Wednesday, 12th to Friday, 14th and Monday, 17th September. The Family Evening, where families are welcome to attend and purchase books if they wish (which benefits the school), is on Wednesday, 12th September.

The School’s Book Fair competitions (one competition for Prep-Year 2, a second competition for Years 3-4 and a third competition for Years 5-7) are being held. They are open to all St Mary’s School students. All classrooms will be advised of the clues each week leading up to the Book Fair. Each class will be supplied with entry forms. Each student is allowed only ONE entry. If a student wishes to enter the competition, simply complete the form and put in the box in the library.

Could children please return any books they have finished with AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so they can be shelved prior to hessian being put over the shelves for the Book Fair Display. If they cannot be returned before Monday, 10th September, PLEASE HOLD them until after the Book Fair as there will not be any room to store them.

The LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED for borrowing (except for home readers) from MONDAY, 10th to TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.
Volunteers
Thank you to those people who have said they would be able to help with the Book Fair. Due to the time consuming nature of the work involved, we still require help for the following:
• Promoting the Book Fair and setting up the book displays on Monday 10th and Tuesday, 11th September
• Sales on the Family Evening on Wednesday, 12th September
If you are able to help in any way, please ring the School and speak with Mary in the Library.

Decorating for Book Fair
The Book Fair (from 11th September) theme is of a Hawaiian Luau. We would appreciate the loan of any appropriate props to help decorate our library. I do have quite a supply of Hawaiian shirts but we will always use more.

Book Week
This week is Book Week and, to help celebrate, we have a special assembly planned for Friday at 11.10am for our Official Reading Olympics Medal Presentation. The students have been so successful that there are too many medals for a normal assembly. Some students read enough pages for two gold medals but because of the number involved they will receive one gold medal and a special certificate to acknowledge the other. There are 49 gold medal winners, 16 silver and 21 bronze winners.

Dress as a Book Character
On Wednesday the 12th September 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 have started a collection in the library of costumes for the “Dress up as a Book Character” day on Wednesday the 14 Sept. If you have costumes that your children won’t need, would you please consider loaning them to us for that week? All we ask is that they can be used for book characters. If you have any concerns about this, please give us a call or visit us in the library.

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
SPORTS NEWS

District Cricket
Today four of our boys are participating in a cricket selection day for the Beaudesert District School Cricket Team. We wish Andrew Hardy (6C), Henry Boyd (7T), Michael Deeran (7T) and William Kelly (7J) all the best and hope they have a fantastic day!

District Netball and Football Competitions
Many of our students will be participating in a District Netball and Football Competition commencing Friday. Good luck to you all and all the best for a successful competition.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Sarah Coonan, Kalycia Roosen, Declan Bolster, William Kelly, Keely Stewart, Liam Mylett and Madison Montgomery

We hope you have a wonderful day!

P & F NEWS

Beaudesert Show Volunteers
Last week a roster for the St. Mary’s School Show Stall went home. If you are able to help in any way please complete the form and return to the office as soon as possible. The Show is just over two weeks away so the sooner these forms are returned the better. Thank you all in advance for your help.

There will be a meeting at Everydays Café at 9am on Friday the 24th August if anyone would like to come along.
Debbie Bischoff

THE ARTS

St. Mary’s Choir
Congratulations to the children who performed at the recent Music Festival. A bronze medal was awarded to them. Thank you Paula Lane for your expertise with the children.

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.

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

Yours in Arts
Anne Mitchell

Beaudesert Cricket Club Sign on
Everdell Park, Gleneagle
Saturday 25th August
8am – 1pm
For more details ph 0407 637 668

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.
Beaudesert Swimming Club
2012-13 Season

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

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: Saturday 25th August 12 – 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 www.sslsc.com.au/lifesaving/nippers

LOST & FOUND

- We have a lot of school jumpers, lunch boxes and other items in the lost property bin at the moment. If your child is missing something please come and have a look – chances are it is here. Also please check the clothing that your children are wearing is named and that you don’t have someone else’s.
- A well loved set of Wooden Rosary Beads were handed the other day. If you know of someone who has lost theirs please let them know. They have been given to the Parish Office.
- A size 12 pair of NIKE Sport Shoes (blue, black and yellow) have been handed into the school office. They were left in the carpark on Monday afternoon. If they are yours please collect them.

FOR SALE

Friday 24th September 1pm – 3:30pm Second hand Uniforms for sale in the Undercover Area.