TERM DATES FOR 2012

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

Mass – Please join 3G as they lead Mass this FRIDAY at 8:45am

Junior School Assembly

27th – 31st
- National Numeracy and Literacy Week

6th September
- Year 5 Eureka Excursion
- Special Persons Day

7th September
- Years 4 – 7 AG Ed at the Show
- Kingfisher Challenge Football / Netball

7th & 8th September
- Beaudesert Show

12th September
- Celebration of Learning Evening

20th September
- Year 2 Reconciliation

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Fathers

Fathers can show us love and gentleness.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.
Fathers can give strength and protection.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.
Fathers can be forgiving and compassionate.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.
Fathers can provide for us and support us.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.
Fathers can teach us wisdom and guide us.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.
Fathers can show us the face of God.
We praise you, God, for the gift of fathers.

Reading Olympics

What a fantastic idea this was for the students to participate in. Many thanks go to Mrs Mary Rohan for her outstanding efforts in getting our children to read with enthusiasm. Everyone who participated were very busy reading to be in contention for a medal. We had our Official Medal Presentation held on Friday with Mr Matt Stark and Miss Belinda Ciuffetelli presenting the medals.

Congratulations to you all for your efforts. Keep up the great work with your reading children!

Welcome Japanese Students

We have the pleasure of having two Japanese Students from the Aichi University of Education. Their names are Ryuhei Kojima and Sayaka Ogawa and they seem to be settling well into our community and culture. We hope they have a wonderful time here at school and also with their host families.

Outside of School Hours Care

We have been working extensively with Centacare to have the Outside of School Hours Care Service up and running in Term 4. It will most definitely be in operation in 2013.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
School Fees
Thank you to those who have contacted us about outstanding fees and methods of payment. The next fee run will be completed on Thursday and posted – (Email requests will take effect next month). It is very important that you make an effort to stay up to date with school fees.

Date Claimers
The following dates have been penciled into the School Calendar.

- Academic Awards Assembly – Friday 16th November 2012
- Christmas Concert – Friday 30th November 2012
- Year 7 Graduation – Tuesday 4th December 2012

Tim Stinson
Principal

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This week the focus is taking responsibility for our actions through being Honest and Trustworthy a Blamer and a Claimer. When an argument has occurred it is important to remember that there are two sides to the situation. BLAMERS are the people who blame others and cannot claim that it is their fault. We need to be CLAIMERS. We rarely hear “sorry, yes it was my fault”. We all admire that ability to be so honest as to CLAIM the BLAME, but it is hard to do. People who are HONEST and can be TRUSTED are most important aspects of FRIENDSHIP. These aspects can be linked with blamers and claimers. Honesty, Trust, Forgiveness, Humility and Being Reliable are all sensational qualities to admire and practice. Being Reliable is connected with TRUST. Being reliable is never letting people down. One of the most sacred things people give is TRUST. Once you let them down it is hard to build back that trust.

RELIGION

Father’s Day
A recent TV advertisement stirs up our sense of belonging to our home country. It shows Australian children’s choirs in different locations all over the world singing ‘I Still Call Australia Home’. It reminds us that despite all the problems of our nation, no matter how far away we go, deep down we still have a sense of belonging to our own country.

All of us face problems in our families, in the church and in society. Wherever there are two or more people, there can be hurts and divisions. Yet it is also through people that we come to know God and to be fulfilled personally. St Paul tells us that love is one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. Love is the summation of all the commandments. Our closest neighbours are our members of our families. No matter how far we ‘roam’, home is the house where our family lives.

Father’s Day is a good time to pause to appreciate a unique person that God has put into our lives – our father. It is easy to take fathers for granted. The natural hurts that arise in all families can cause us to forget the wealth of goodness and commitment that is also there. Father’s Day gives us an opportunity to recall and affirm the particular gifts that fathers bring to our families. This includes our personal fathers, grandfathers, single parent fathers, and children or brothers who are fathers.

There is no ‘right’ way of showing appreciation of one’s father. The important thing is to do it. When expressing thanks to your dad it is a good idea to connect it with something specific – a special quality or a specific incident in the past that typifies your father’s care
and commitment. People can give presents if they want to but the most important gift is the gift of appreciation. Every father knows that he is human and didn’t always do it perfectly. He needs to hear from his children that he ‘must have done something right’ – maybe magnificently.

First Holy Communion
Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion over the week end. You all looked beautiful and you were so prayerful. This truly is one of the most important days in your life and we all pray that you continue to receive Jesus at the table of Lord in the years to come.

Mass Friday
The children in Year 3 G are preparing our Eucharistic celebration this Friday. It will be a very exciting time for them, as this is the first time our Year 3 Catholic children will receive Holy Communion at a school mass. Please come and join us 8:45am Friday.

Trish Dunn
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IN THE CLASSROOM

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you all for your support during the week for coming and visiting our stall. We hope your fathers love their gifts and have a very special day. We will inform you next week of how much we raised and exactly what the money will provide for our school, others and our vegetable garden. Thank you again and have a wonderful Sunday.

From all the Father’s Day stall owners

CURRICULUM CORNER

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. As this year is the National Year of Reading, our focus has been on Literacy.

The children have really thrown themselves into the Reading Olympics run during the recent Olympic Games and a big “Thank you” to Mary Rohan for organising the event.

There will be the opportunity to join with students across Australia for a simultaneous reading event on Wednesday at 2:00pm. The book, Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley by Aaron Blabey will be available on Youtube on Wednesday to assist in all children having access to it.

There are lots of fun Numeracy activities based on books, being promoted on the website, and we are encouraging teachers to use some of these with the children.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This is still on so remember to record all books read. The forms need to be given to your teachers by Friday 7th September.

Karen Nowell
Reading Olympics
Our medal presentation on Friday was amazing. A huge thank you to Mrs Mitchell, our announcer and our medal presenters, Professor Suess Dahl Kinney (Mr Stark) and Dr B C Rowling (Miss Ciuffetelli) who represented the IRO (The International Reading Olympics). It was wonderful to see so many students standing on the podium. They had every reason to feel proud of their efforts. Photos and names will be in our blog tomorrow.

Book Character
Don't forget the Dress as a Book Character day on Wednesday 12th September. There are a few costumes in the library. It is not essential that the book is in our library or that the children bring the book with them but we do encourage them to make that connection.

Book Fair
Book Fair Luau – It's a Reading Celebration, our 2012 Book Fair, is from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th and Monday, 17th September. Highlights will be our Celebration of Learning Family Event and an appearance by a celebrity guest. The Family Event will be held on Wednesday, 12th September at 6.00p.m. Preparations are well under way with our display committee and children making decorations to transform our library into a Luau and classes are busy preparing their displays.

Book Fair and Celebration of Learning Family Event Timetable:
Wednesday, 12th to Friday 14th September 8.45am to 4.00pm:
- Children preview Book Fair in class groups.
- The Book Fair is open for browsing and/or purchasing by parents, parishioners and students, etc.

Wednesday, 12th September:
6.00 pm to 8.00 pm – Celebration of Learning Family Event.
- Celebrity guest will be on site
- Book Fair is open for browsing and/or purchasing
- You are invited to visit your children’s classrooms so they can share with you the work they have been doing in class.

Purchases can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Guess the Author Competition
Children have an opportunity to enter the “Guess the Author” Competitions (Prep to Year 2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-7). 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 appropriate box in the library. Get your entries in now and good luck!!

Library Closure
We are now focusing on Book Fair. Next week will be the last week to borrow as the library will be closed for the Book Fair and also for the last week of term.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
As anyone who has attended a previous Book Fair will know, the selling of books on the Celebration of Learning Family evening (Wednesday, 12th September) is extremely busy. We still require assistance with sales on this evening. Even if you only have 30 spare minutes and you would like to assist us with this MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER, please contact me at school.

We cordially invite you to participate in our Open Classroom Family Event and look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.
Library Blog
Our Library blog is finally available to be accessed and will be another way to keep up with what is happening.  http://stmaryslibrarybdst.blogspot.com.au/

Mary Rohan & Carmel Dunn

TUCKSHOP

1st Monday  3rd September    VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
1st Friday  7th September    Trish Dennis, Barb Smith and Nita Tilney

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming
Congratulations to Keely Stewart (6C) who recently competed in the State Swimming Competition at Chandler. She came home with a Gold Medals for Freestyle and Breaststroke, and a Silver Medal for Backstroke. Well done Keely!

Cricket
The students from Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in a four week cricket clinic run by Cricket Queensland in their Physical Education lessons.

Rugby League
Thank-you to the NRL Titans and the Rugby League Development Squad for running a very successful six week clinic for students from Grade 3 to Grade 7. The students learned some Rugby League skills, improved their fitness, and received a free ball for participating.

Regional Athletics
Yesterday 7 of our students competed at the South Regional Athletics carnival. The students competed well, breaking personal records and displaying great sportsmanship. Some of the results are below:
James Lohmann (12 year old boys) made the finals for the 100m and 200m (27.77). Isaac Pilon jumped 4.37m, a personal best distance, in the long jump. Charlie Boyd threw personal best distance for shot put 7.78m. Jason Smith came 6th in the multi-event (800m, 100m long jump and shot put), he was the first St Mary’s student to compete in this event. Mikayla Jervis competed in the long jump. Caitlyn Hannigan ran in the 800m improving her best time by 8 seconds. Siarne Schmidt competed in the shot put, she threw 5.83m.

Riley Day broke 200m record in heat - she ran 26.04 and in the final she ran 26.5 (record was 27.4). She also broke the 100m record (13.2sec) - she ran 13 seconds in the heat and 12.8 seconds in final. The State Titles are in Cairns on 19/20th October.

The Beaudesert Little Athletics sign on day is the 22nd September. More details to follow in next week’s newsletter.
District Cricket
Congratulations to Andrew Hardy, Michael Deeran, Will Kelly and Henry Boyd who were selected in the District Cricket team last week. The Regional Competition will be held at Everdell Park on the 5th and 6th of September.

Kingfisher Football and Netball
This Friday many of our students will be participating in the Kingfisher Challenge for Football and Netball. This will continue next Friday also. Good luck to you all for a fantastic competition.
Diane McClure

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

Macey-lee Bentley, Abbey Hannigan, Harry O’Reilly, Harry Thomson, Ashlyn Keaveny, Lacey Condrick, Kaitlyn Randle and Taleah Skewis.

We hope you have a wonderful day!

P & F NEWS

BEAUDESERT SHOW STALL – VOLUNTEERS and BAKERS
Baking can be dropped off at the show grounds on Thursday the 6th September to the St Mary’s Stall. It can also be dropped in on Friday or left at the school Tuck shop to be picked up. If you are able to help at the stall throughout the Show please complete the forms that went home last week and return to the office as soon as possible so that rosters can be drawn up.

Thankyou
Debbie Bischoff

THE ARTS

Blog Address
artsatstmarysbeaudesert.blogspot.com.au

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

RENTAL PROPERTY
We are looking for a house on some property. We are happy to live up to 15mins from Beaudesert. Please contact De’anne on 0450 405 281.

HOLIDAY UNIT
A holiday opportunity has arisen at Tangalooma Resort on Moreton Island available from the 8th to the 15th December 2012. Sleeps 7. Anyone interested please see Jenny Kemp at school or phone 0407 003 354.

LOST & FOUND

DON’T FORGET TO SEARCH THROUGH LOST PROPERTY – THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF ITEMS TO BE CLAIMED.