No 29 – 5th September 2012

Dear God,

There are times when I hear your voice most clearly in greenness: in the singing of sap, the conversations of the leaves, the whisperings of the shoot and stem, root, sap and cell, calling me back to creation to feel again the freshness of you running through everything like a bright emerald current. Amen

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TERM DATES FOR 2012

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- **Mass** – Please join 3H as they lead Mass this FRIDAY at 8:45am
- **Assembly** will be led by 1A at 2pm

6th September
- Year 5 Eureka Excursion
- Special Persons Day 9 – 10:30am

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

7th & 8th September
- Beaudesert Show

12th September – Book Week Commences
- Celebration of Learning Evening

13th September
- Year 2 Reconciliation

PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE CHANGE – IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SACRAMENT CONTACT THE PARISH CENTRE ASAP FOR INFORMATION.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Beaudesert Show Stall**
Rosters went home recently to ask for help to run the St. Mary’s Stall at the Beaudesert Show. If you can spare any time for both Friday Evening and Saturday please let the P & F ladies know. Please read the note in the P & F News section of the newsletter for more information.

**AG Ed Excursion**
The children from Years 4-7 will be attending the Ag Ed sessions at the show on Friday morning. They will learn about local primary industries such as dairying, goats, bees and honey and waste management - to name just a few of the presentations.

Many of the children have entered craft, cooking, writing samples, etc. They always get such a thrill from seeing their work on display, and we hope there are a few prizes won also.

**AG Ed Excursion – Lunch Orders**
The P & F has offered lunches once again for $5. If you have not ordered yet you can still do so before 10am on Thursday.

**St. Mary’s Choir**
Our choir performed for the Tuesday Friends Group at Centacare yesterday and had a lovely time sharing morning tea with the residents. It was a wonderful
opportunity for the children to give something back to the community.

**Child Protection Week – September 3rd – 10th**

National Child Protection Week has been coordinated by NAPCAN, with the support of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs since 1990. The campaign aims to engage and educate all Australians to understand they have a part to play in keeping children safe from violence, abuse and neglect. The three key messages are briefly explained below:

**RECOGNISE**
- Safe and unsafe situations
- Safety clues
- Body clues

**REACT**
- To keep yourself safe
- Explore safety options

**REPORT**
- When you feel unsafe
- If you do not get the help be persistent
- To adult ‘safety helpers’ (adults you trust)

**Men’s Shed**
A big “Thank you” to the volunteers from the Beaudesert Men’s Shed group who have been visiting the school recently running wood work sessions with our Year 7 children. They are making the terrific bird boxes that will be for sale soon. This group of volunteers works with various schools and with children with learning difficulties giving the children the opportunity to learn new skills and to be creative in a particular way. There is also Maths involved and interpersonal skills as the children interact with other adults. This group gets no Government funding at all, and yet they provide much needed support for men in our community.

**Beaudesert High School Visit**
The Year 8 Coordinator visited our Year 7’s last Friday to chat about Year 8 next year at Beaudesert State High School. The children were given an enrolment pack for you to complete and bring back to our school office at your earliest convenience.

**Special Person’s Day**
Tomorrow is our Special Person’s Day. We have had lots of replies to this most wonderful morning. The morning will commence in the hall at 9am and finish at 10:30am.

**Fire Education**
Next Tuesday the Year 1 classes will have a visit from the local Fire Fighters. During their visit we will have a whole school Fire Drill.

**Celebration of Learning**
This event is our opportunity to showcase some of the work the children have been involved in this year. The evening will begin in the hall with a welcome and short presentation, followed by a time of visiting the classrooms. The Library will be open for the Book Fair and this is always a fun night with a special Book Fair Guest wandering around the school. This is also a major fundraiser for our Library. The children really love showing off their work to their families, so please mark the date in your calendar.
Term 4
Please note that Term 4 commences on Monday the 8th October. A Pupil Free Day is scheduled for Monday the 22nd October 2012.

Tim Stinson
Principal

FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

Blamers and Claimers / Honesty and Trust
Our Focus again this week is to think about how we behave in different situations. It is to think about whether we take responsibility for our actions. We do this by being a CLAIMER not a BLAMER and by being honest with ourselves and those around us. By doing these things we become someone who can be trusted.

RELIGION

Special Persons Day
Grandparents are often strong witnesses to our faith. The presence of grandparents at special faith events such as First Holy Communion is the obvious involvement of them in the handing on of our faith.

More often, this witness is expressed through small family rituals such as “grace before meals”, reading of Bible stories, celebrating patron saint feast days and offering to pray for their special concerns.

“My granny always prayed for me at exam times. I will never forget her sitting on the front verandah saying the rosary for all of her grandchildren” Claire, 24.

RCIA – Find out about the Catholic Faith
“Come and See” – A step on the journey to understand more about the Catholic Church.
Thurs Sept 13th Parish Centre 7:00pm
A brochure went home with the Newsletter last week that explains this programme. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or just in finding out more about our faith, please let them know about this info session.

With your children attending a Catholic school, this would provide a good opportunity to find out more about what your children are experiencing at St Mary’s. Last year we had two school families received into the Catholic faith. So come along and find out what the programme is all about.

Australian Catholics- Spring Edition
This edition has been put together by six teenagers as guest editors. Environmental issues are very important to this generation and these teenagers have put together an inspiring range of interviews and articles.

Like our children here at St Mary’s, they are our future and it is heartening to read about their deep commitment to our environment.

Some of the articles:-
• Five Fun to Live Green
• Sustainable School
Congratulations
The Year 2HT class have won a prize in the recent National Numeracy and Literacy Week activities. Well done to you all! The prize will arrive at the end of the month. We can hardly wait!

Brisbane Markets Visit

Last Friday, 31st August, we had a special visitor from the Brisbane Fresh Produce Market. Her name was Nadia and she spoke to all of the Year 1 classes about healthy eating. Nadia told us about all of the different parts of plants and showed us which part of the plant produces fruit and vegetables. We learnt that we should eat 2 serves of fruit (1 cup) and 5 serves of vegetables (2.5 cups) every day. Nadia brought some fresh fruit and vegetables for us to try. Some children tasted purple carrots and fennel.

We all got to taste a piece of red apple and green apple each.
At the end of the talk Nadia gave us a sample bag each to take home. In the bag, there was some healthy eating information, an icepack for our lunchboxes, a spife, as well as a banana and a golden kiwi fruit for us to eat.

Thank you from the Year 7 Students to the Men’s Shed

We would like to say thank you to the men from the Men’s Shed, who helped us build all the bird houses. We wouldn’t have been able to build them without their help. If you purchased a birdhouse and your child would like to paint it with the year 7s we are asking for a $2 donation and a 50c donation to paint your desk organiser. We will be painting on Monday the 10th of September.

Year 7 Service Committee

Hello everyone, the Service Committee is running a sports day to raise money for Blind Eye Ministries, who help the poor and marginalised in Brisbane.

Where: Back oval
When: 19th of September
Cost : 50c to enter.
We will be playing touch footy, soccer, cricket and tee ball.
Please bring your money to your teacher before the 17th of September so we can organise the teams.
Year 7 Sports Committee
The Sports Committee is conducting a raffle to raise funds for their End of Year Excursion. The prizes will be a choice of a football, netball or a Star Wars “Empire at War” computer game. The ticket prices are: 50c each or 3 for a $1. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.

General Capabilities in the Australian National Curriculum
In the Australian Curriculum, general capabilities refer to a set of knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that can be developed and applied across the curriculum to help students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens. Throughout their schooling, students develop and use these capabilities across all learning areas, in co-curricular programs such as sport, school camps and drama productions, and in their lives outside school.

There are seven general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:
• Literacy
• Numeracy
• Information and communication technology competence
• Critical and creative thinking
• Personal and social competence
• Ethical behaviour
• Intercultural understanding.

Why does the Australian Curriculum include general capabilities?
The Australian Curriculum is based on the belief that to meet the changing expectations of society and to contribute to the creation of a more productive, sustainable and just society, young people will need a wide and adaptive set of knowledge, understanding, skills and dispositions. Though the curriculum is organised by learning areas, it also includes general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities which add richness and depth to the learning areas and help students see the interconnectedness and relevance of their learning.

Hello wonderful Premier’s Reading Challenge readers!
The end is very close and you have 2 days left to read, read, read until the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes this Friday 7th September.
Just a reminder that Prep to Year 2 students are challenged to read or experience 20 books. Experiencing books can include listening to stories, shared reading or reading picture books. These can be home readers, books that teachers have read to the class or books read by family and friends. Students in Years 3 to 4 are challenged to read 20 books, while students in Years 5–7 are challenged to read 15 books.
Every child who meets the challenge will be presented with a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement.
It’s not too late to enter as I know you all read in the classroom, in the library and at home. Ask your teacher, Mrs Rohan or Mrs Dunn in the library to help find out what books you have read.
Don’t forget to record the books that you read in the Reading Olympics and also you home readers. You have until the following Friday, 14th September to get your reading record form into your classroom teacher. Please make sure that you enter even if you haven’t read the entire number of books as you will also receive a participation award.
Please hand your Premier’s Reading Challenge record form ONLY to your classroom teacher.
Good Luck with your reading.
Karen Nowell

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Character Dress Up Day
Don’t forget the Dress as a Book Character day next **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**
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 and Monday, 17th 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**.

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.

The Competitions close Wednesday, 12th September so get your entries in now and good luck!!

We cordially invite you to participate in our Open Classroom Family Event and look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

**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.

**Props and Costumes**
We need some more **GRASS SKIRTS, LEIS, UKULELUS, BONGO DRUMS** and **CHILDREN’S SUNGLASSES** to complete the decorating. Also if anyone has a **HIGH BACKED CANE CHAIR** could we please borrow it for the ‘Big Kahuna’s Throne”. If you can lend us any of these items we would really appreciate it.

**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/](http://stmaryslibrarybdst.blogspot.com.au/)

**Library Books for Sale**
Plans are well under way for Book Fair next week. We have been culling some of our older, scruffier books. In the past we have sent appropriate books to New Guinea, Africa and to flood affected Queensland schools. This year has been a more thorough cull so we thought we’d take the opportunity to raise some money for our library. We will have boxes of books on sale from 50c to $1.00 during Book Fair and in the following week. Hopefully this won't affect our overall sales but will give all children a chance to add to their home collections.

**Mary Rohan & Carmel Dunn**

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**Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor**

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Our Students participated in this event this Run Around the World challenge as part of National Health & Physical Education Day (H&PE Day) celebrations this afternoon. We helped to make history by setting anew Australian record for the largest number of students running on the same day... The world’s circumference spans approximately 40,000km and the goal for H&PE Day is to run a 'lap of the world' together as a nation. To achieve this, we need 40,000 students across the country to walk, wheelchair, jog or run at least 1km each. The children were happy to wear ‘Crazy Socks’ to enhance the fun of this activity.

**Regional Athletics**
Last week we omitted Quinn Beggs’ name from the list of children who participated in the Regional Athletics Carnival recently. Quinn attended and competed in the Discus. He threw an impressive 23.84m. Well done Quinn!

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

*Tess Hannigan, Siarne Schmidt, Maeve Shay, Samuel Bostock, Molly Wilkie, Matilda Mason and Jorden Window.*

We hope you have a wonderful day!

**SHOW STALL HELP!**

If anyone is able to help us with our Show Stall could you please either **text** or **telephone** us **ASAP**. We are in need of people on **Friday night from 6pm to 8.30pm**, and **Saturday from 2pm until 8.30pm**. Also any **baking** that you can do would be **greatly appreciated**. We always get many compliments from our customers about our home bake, and it is all profit for our stall. If you could let us know what you are able to make that would be a big help. The shift on the Show stall can be very busy, but it is a great way to meet other Parents from different year levels. We really need some more help, to share the load. **Please consider doing even an hour to help us out. It will be much appreciated!**

Thank you

The Fundraising Group

Phone/Text- 0439836315 (Marguerite) 0400428213 (Marg) 0448103075 (Debbie)

**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.

Trinity College Enrolments
Year 8 Enrolments at Trinity College have now closed for 2013. They are however currently taking enrolments for Years 10 & 11 – 2012, Year 8 – 2014 and Years 7 & 8 – 2015. The Office Phone number is 3442 5222 for enquiries.

Ignite Kids – part of the Ignite Conference 2012: “Awaken”
Friday 28th to Sunday 30th September 2012, 9:00am-12:30pm
Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell (Redcliffe)

Sport – Craft – Prayer – Small Groups – Heaps of fun

Ignite Kids is part of the Ignite Conference, Australia's largest Catholic conference for young people – adults, teenagers and kids. Parent Rate available to adult sessions during Ignite Kids mornings.

For information visit the event website at www.igniteconference.com.au or contact the Ignite Office on 07 3217 5199, email info@igniteconference.com.au