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TERM DATES FOR 2012

End of Term 1	Friday 30 th March
Anzac Day	25 th April (Public Holiday)
Term 2	16 th April – 22 nd June
Term 3	9 th July – 21 st Sept
Term 4	8 th October – 7 th Dec
No Mass on Friday	

Friday Whole School Assembly – 7T

Events

21 FEBRUARY

- 2:00pm Preparation of Ashes

22 FEBRUARY

- Ash Wednesday

23 FEBRUARY

- Year 6 Excursion GOMA

24 FEBRUARY

- District Netball

9 MARCH

- District Soccer

13 MARCH

- District AFL

21 MARCH

- Year 1 Easter Hat Parade

22 MARCH

- Year 5 Reconciliation

27 MARCH

- 2G Seussical Broadway Night

28 MARCH

- Year 6 Performance in Hall

29 MARCH

- 2H Royal Dinner

God of all creation, give us the strength of your Spirit on this 1st day of Lent to examine our lives and face those aspects of our thoughts, words and actions which we need to modify and change. Over the next forty days, give us the courage to seek forgiveness where necessary, to change habits and destructive life patterns where needed and to detoxify our bodies and spirits in preparation for the new start and new life which we will celebrate at Easter.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, whose gospel of love offers us a new way, a new life.

AMEN

The Principal's News

WEBSITE UPDATE

We are currently in the process of updating our school information on the website. We are aware that the newsletters have not been available on here as they have been in the past. We are looking to rectify this situation by Friday of this week. Please keep in mind that it is work in progress so other information may not be correct but at least you will have access to the newsletter.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP FRIDAY 9:00am

So far we have had expressions of interest from 9 mums to join this group, so it definitely will go ahead. This is a great way to meet new families and for the children to make new friends.

It will be held from 9:00am-10:30am in the area beside the hall - all mums with toddlers and babies welcome.

Please contact the office if you are interested so we can begin working with definite numbers.

FREE DRESS DAY

Thank you to all the families who generously participated in our Free Dress Day for St John's in Roma. We managed to raise \$600.

Indigenous Student Leadership Day

Today two of our Indigenous children are attending a leadership day at Ngutana – Lui at Inala. The programme for the day includes cultural studies and input from Indigenous community leaders and older secondary school students. It should be an empowering experience for our students. Thank you Jenny Kemp for taking the children today. I am sure Deirdre will be happy to see St Mary's faces.

Tim Stinson – Principal

RELIGION

LENT BEGINS

We mark the beginning of Lent this week with our Ash Wednesday Mass. The season of Lent is one of reflection and renewal, traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited on a journey, an inner pilgrimage where we revisit the fundamentals – what is important to us, where is the meaning in our lives, how we express our faith both individually and communally.

NO MASS THIS FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY



St Mary's School Care and Concern Group

At the moment one of our families is in need of a little help. We currently have a roster for cooking meals, so if you are able to help out please let us know and we will add you to the list. Every little bit of assistance goes a very long way and is very much appreciated.

RE IN THE CLASSROOM

Our Yr 3 children are spending this term looking at different types of prayer. They are experiencing different prayers each morning in their prayer circle and they are writing their own prayers.

They are using prayer dice and journaling, colouring in mandalas, sitting quietly for meditation, going on prayer walks. They will be bringing home a prayer bag which contains various articles to use to set up a prayer space at home to engage all families in a prayer time as the children experience each day at school. Please share this prayer experience with them.

Project Compassion

During Lent we are asked to give to others less fortunate than ourselves. We encourage the children to give to Project Compassion. These funds are used by CARITAS to support projects throughout the world. Each week the children will learn about one of these projects.

During the 1st week of Lent we will be focussing on Timor Leste and Flabiana's story- how this poverty stricken mother with the help of CARITAS started a small co-op to sell produce and eventually made enough money to send her children to school.

The theme for this year's Project Compassion is ***If you want peace, work for justice.***

Lenten Prayer Group

During Lent Sr Denise is running a reflection and prayer group on a Tuesday at 9:00 am at the Parish Centre.

Parents, grandparents friends are all invited to come along for an hour of quiet discussion, reflection and prayer. Drop the children off and come up for a tea or coffee. **All welcome.**

Family Groups

If you are new to the school or parish, Family Groups is a wonderful way of meeting people in the area. It is a Parish initiative but you don't have to be Catholic. Groups are made up of families, older people singles and married couples. There is a good mix of interests and life experiences. Most groups meet socially once a month and do things like picnics, dinners afternoon teas, weekends away or just a get together in the park. Quite a few of our school families are involved in the groups and Di McClure and her husband Paul are the coordinators.

If you would like to know more about the groups contact the Parish Centre- 55411068 or see Di at school or myself.

Trish Dunn – APRE

TUCKSHOP

1st Monday
05.03.12

Leanne Stevenson
Nita Tilney



2nd Friday

Deb Bishoff
Susan Shay
Angela Harlen



02.03.12

Thank you **Fiona Tilley** – Convenor

IN THE CLASSROOM

Year 6 GOMA Excursion

Our Year 6 students are currently studying a unit on Surrealism and Matisse. To complement this unit year 6 will be attending a day at The Queensland Gallery of Art at Southbank on Thursday 23rd February. This will be a wonderful experience for the students while introducing them to many of the worlds extraordinary Modern Art. We look forward to spending this day at the Gallery with each other and hopefully it will give us inspiration for our own pieces of artwork.

LITERACY CORNER

LUNCHTIME GAMES

We are working towards converting the "Pizza Hut" / old computer room into a "Learning Centre" where the Support Teachers and School Officers can meet with individual and small groups of children. Along with a few computers, an interactive whiteboard, books and a variety of crafts we would like to have a collection of board games, puzzles and construction materials for the children to use for lunchtime activities. If you have any board games, puzzles or leggo, duplo, mobilo or other construction sets that your family no longer needs and uses, we would love to add these to our collection. Please leave any donations at the office or at the "Cottage". Thank you for your support.

Yours in Books
Karen Nowell

LIBRARY NEWS

We now have some very enthusiastic library monitors who are being trained to help out at lunchtime. Volunteers from the upper grades would be most welcome also.

As part of National Year Of Reading, we will also acknowledge other celebrations around the world. Thursday March 1st is World Book Day. It is a day designated by UNESCO as a world wide celebration of books and reading and is celebrated in more than 100 countries. We will

make lunch time in the library on that day a reading only space and also encourage children to take a book out under a tree to read. There are stories online at worldbookday.com/cool-stuff-games/storytime-online/.

March the 7th is World Read Aloud Day with the theme *Change the World, Story by Story*. More about that next week. You can check out the nominated book "Newday, New Friends" at litworld.org./worldreadalouddayactivities.

Please remember that if your child forgets their book on class library day, they can come before or after school or at lunch time to borrow or return books and you are most welcome to come with them.

Mary & Carmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



*Noah Castle, Ellie Stanley,
Ella Duke, James Bresseleers*

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAMME



Piano Lessons

Our resident Piano Teacher would like to advise that she has some vacancies available

for those interested in taking lessons during school hours.

Please contact Emma Rose on 0409 271 158.

P & F NEWS

**Fundraising Meeting
Thursday 23rd February
In the Library – ALL WELCOME!**

PARISH NEWS

World Day of Prayer: 'Let Justice Prevail'

Friday 2nd March, 2012 at

9.30am, Lutheran Church,

46 Tina Street, Beaudesert

Morning Tea in

Church Hall following the Service.

SPORTS NEWS

District Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday night 16 of our students competed in the Beaudesert District Swimming Carnival. They all swam well, some of them even setting new personal records. Their behaviour was excellent. Five of our students: Joshua Greber, Jack Pearce, Charlie Boyd, Lily Teese and Patrick Shay, qualified for the next round of the competition in the 50m freestyle event. Well done and good luck!

A special thanks to the parents who helped out on the night, Mr Sid Pearce (starter), Mrs Rosemary Jones (announcer), Mrs Susan Shay (data entry) and Mr Tim Kelly (timekeeper). Many hands make light work - Thank you.
Diane McClure

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL

Tuesday – Hip Hop
Wednesday – Zumba / Groove
Thursday – Kung Fu / Tai Chi

Cost:

\$80 / Term + \$10 Display Performance = \$90 Total

Times: 3pm – 4pm ~ 5 - 8 yr olds

4pm – 5pm ~ 9 – 12/13 yr olds

5pm – 6pm ~ 13 – Adults

For Enrolment Contact

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Please note Mary Poppins forms due back in the office by Friday 25th February. Thank you.

Join our St Mary's NRL Tipping Competition now!

1. Go to <http://www.oztips.com/>
2. Click the 'REGISTER' button on the homepage and setup a Login (if you don't already have one with OzTips).
3. Once you have successfully registered a Username and Password, click the 'JOIN A COMP' button.
4. You will be asked to enter an OzTips Comp Number and Password.

The Comp you've been asked to join is:
Comp#: 278354
Password: Tim

Entry Fee-\$25 to be paid at the Office

Prize- Half the prize pool will be donated to the school to purchase sport resources the rest divided between 1st 2nd and 3rd.

Bdst & District Netball Association

SIGN ON

Tuesday 13th March 6-7pm


Round Robin Competition:

Tues 20th & Tues 27th March

Competition commences:

17th April (after Easter)

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