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## TERM DATES FOR 2012

End of Term 1	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Anzac Day	25 <sup>th</sup> April (Public Holiday)
Term 2	16 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Term 3	9th July – 21st Sept
Term 4	8 <sup>th</sup> October – 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec

Mass Friday 8:45am led by 7J

Friday Whole School Assembly -3H

### 21 MARCH

- Year 1 Easter Hat Parade

### 22 MARCH

- Year 5 Reconciliation

### 26 MARCH

*Writing Made Easy Workshop*

### 27 MARCH

- 2G Seussical Broadway Night

### 28 MARCH

- Year 6 Performance in Hall

### 29 MARCH

- 2H Royal Dinner



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### P&F Working Bee

This Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding another working bee. As you know, many hands make light work. Even if you are only able to come along for an hour we would love to see you.

### School Boards Meetings

Last week we commenced our preparation meetings for the School Board. Thank you to those who made the commitment to be involved with this process. These meetings will continue to the end of the Term on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

The long serving Business Manager at Emmaus, Deb Cox, passed away suddenly last week. To support the Emmaus community, members of our staff will be supervising the children at Emmaus to allow the staff to attend Deb's funeral. Classes will be combined for this period of time at our school.

### **Holy Thursday**

As previously stated, the children have been given the opportunity to sing in the choir for the Holy Thursday Mass on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that all children are welcome and encouraged to participate in this Mass. Practice for the evening will commence very shortly so please complete the attached form and return to school if your child would like to join in.

**Tim Stinson – Principal**

## **RELIGION**



**Project Compassion**, Week 3, brings you the story of Colletta.

Colletta lives in Zimbabwe. With Caritas Australia's support, her community has set up a vegetable garden and repaired their village borehole. Colletta, who was very ill seven years ago, now has safe water to drink, enough food to make her medication effective and even has vegetables left over to sell to pay for school fees and other expenses.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables marginalised communities to participate in their own development and create a future free from poverty. [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### **Confirmation**

We are currently enrolling children in Year 3 and above for the sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please contact the Parish Centre on 5541 1068 to register their name. A Parent Information Meeting will take place, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30pm in Mercy Hall (1<sup>st</sup> building on left as you enter the school grounds) and this will be repeated at 7:00pm the same evening. Children will be supervised at the 3:30pm session.

### **Reconciliation for Yr 5- Thurs March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm**

Please keep in your prayers those children and their families who are preparing to receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation next Thursday.

### **Lenten Practices**

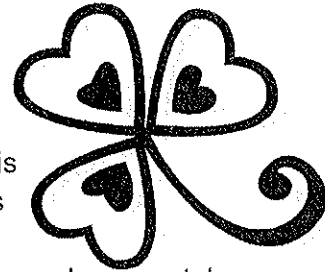
As Catholics we are called to Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving during Lent. These practices help us to grow closer to God during this lead up to Easter

Fasting encourages us to go without nice things like chocolates, lollies, favourite TV shows, take away coffees, MacDonalds- just a few examples, so we certainly don't support chocolate drives or other similar activities during this time.

We are asked by Brisbane Catholic Education to support the work of CARITAS during Lent and this is to be the main recipient of our almsgiving activities. So we try to avoid other charities and causes during this Lenten time.

## St Patrick's Day

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.



Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote ...

*"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was raised, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."*

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserminus, and Fiac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church. (Through many Irish say he died at Raholp which is about 1/2mile down the road from Saul and where, to this day, the remains of what is believed to be the oldest Church in Ireland, St. Tassach's Church, are to be found)

### Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

### In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

### **Dress Green for a Day**

In honour of St Patrick, we will be holding a "Wear Something Green Day" this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March for a gold coin donation. There will also be face painting available for 50c. Half of the proceeds will go towards Project Compassion and the other half will go towards fundraising to help minimise the costs associated with excursions.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

Please keep in your prayers the Stinson family on the passing of Tim's father in law and the Holland-Thomson family on the passing of Kristina's brother. We also extend our sympathy to the Emmaus community on the sudden death of Deb Cox their Business Manager.

Do your little bit of good where you are;  
it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.  
Desmond Tutu

### **Trish Dunn – APRE**

#### **FOCUS FOR THE WEEK**

#### ***Making Jesus Real - ACHIEVING?***

This week our focus is on achieving. The children listened to a story about Henry and Sophie. Henry was diagnosed with an illness, leukodystrophy, shortly after his second birthday. Doctors told Henry's parents that he would be unlikely to live beyond five years of age. Henry had lost his speech and movement by the time he was three. Henry is now in Secondary school in Hobart. Henry is in a wheelchair and cannot move or talk but he is very smart, communicates in a range of ways and loves being involved with all activities. Henry does not feel sorry for himself or worry about the things he cannot do. This was a great example for the children to show them to look for the things they can do, make the most of every moment, to always try their hardest and to always try and help others.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Focus for the week is our school rule – **Be a Learner – Classroom**. The children will be reminded of the classroom expectations and what they look like for them.



#### **IN THE CLASSROOM**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT  
LUNCHTIME FOR ORDERS ON THE DAY PLEASE GIVE  
MONEY TO CLASSROOM TEACHER**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March**

- Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime \$2.00

### **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March**

- Mass – 7J
- Assembly – 3H
- DRESS GREEN FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY (gold coin donation)
- St Patrick's Day Face painting for 50c

### **SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March**

- P&F Working Bee commencing 10am Please phone Glen Matthews 0438 177 409

### **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 4 & 5 dance performance at 7.30pm

### **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 2G Seussical the Musical at 6.30pm

### **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- Year 6 performance at 7.00pm



## TUCKSHOP



3<sup>rd</sup> Friday    **16.03.12**    Kathy Turner, Colleen Lindberg, Nicole Teese

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday    **19.03.012**    Janet Deeran

Please be reminded that Fr Bernie has asked the children to not buy licorice during the Lent season.

Thank you

**Fiona Tilley – Convenor**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Last reminder for photos of children reading. The competition ends next Wednesday and winners will be announced next Thursday.

On Monday March 26, Patricia Bernard, a children's author will be visiting us to run two writing workshops for our students. She will cover topics such as plot, dialogue, storylines and editing. What will be most helpful is that she will also cover Persuasive Text which is the writing task for NAPLAN this year.

We have purchased new chapter books especially for boys in the Year 2/3 age bracket. These are two levels of Zac Power, Boy vs Beast, Lego and Hot Wheels and Beast Quest.

**Mary & Carmel**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Hugh Conroy, Hamish Tilney, Hannah Brown, Gabby Jenner & Lincoln Gibbons

## SPORTS NEWS

**The Under 11 Rugby League Team** had an enjoyable and successful day last Friday at the District Rugby League trials.



In hot conditions, we played 4 short yet fast paced games. The boys encouraged each other when the going got tough and maintained a solid defensive line all day. Our attack was highlighted by crisp passing and a number of attractive tries. Seven boys were selected in the final 'Possibles versus Probables' game, with four St Mary's boys being picked in the Beaudesert District Representative side. Those boys are Quinn Beggs, Ben Smith, Jack Pearce and Jac

Gough. It was also great to see a number of boys new to Rugby League have a go and really enjoy their time on the field.

Thank you to all parents who helped with transport. A special mention to Sid Pearce and Josh Gough for taking up a whistle and refereeing a number of games.

We will keep training until the end of term on Thursday afternoons with the goal of improving our skills for the Kingfisher Cup later in the year.

### **The Under 12 Rugby League Team**

Congratulations to all the boys who represented our school at the District Rugby League Under 12 trials last Friday. Many thanks go to Mr Tim Kelly, who gave so much of his time to coach the team this term and also to Liam Green for all his assistance with the team. Our team was – Will Kelly, Hamish Tilney, Aaron Creighton, Henry Boyd, Isaac Pilon, Michael Deeran, Caleb Callaghan, Sam O'Reilly and Josh Greber. Thanks Ziggy, David and Lennon from Veresdale Scrub State School and Tom and Callum for Hills who played with our team on the day. Isaac, Will, Caleb, Michael, Aaron and David made the possible and probable round and Michael and David were chosen to play with the Beaudesert District Team.

### **Swimming**

Congratulations to Patrick & Maeve Shay and Jack Pearce who participated in the Gold Coast Swimming Regional Championships. They all achieved PBs for the evening and Maeve Shay received a Bronze Medal for her 50m butterfly. Well done!!

## THE ARTS

### **SOUNDSCAPE**

The performance Soundscape is a unique, mesmerising performance of music unlike anything you may have seen or heard before. In this participatory, inspirational concert of new musical ideas the internationally acclaimed musician Colin Offord will draw on Celtic, Aboriginal, South East Asian and Pacific influences to create an entirely new "Australia Music".

## **End of Term Performances**

### Year 4 and 5

Dress Rehearsal: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March: 9:10am – 10:40am : 11:10am -12:10pm

Performance: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March : 7:00pm finish approx.. 8:00pm

*Performers to arrive in costume by 6:35pm and to meet in the Arts\_Room.*

*The doors will be open for the audience at 6:50pm and not before.*

### Year6

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 8:40am – 10:40am

Performance: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: 7:00pm finish approx..8:00pm. *All performers to arrive in costume by 6:35pm and to meet in the Arts Room.*

*The doors will be open for the audience at 6:50pm and not before.*

### Costumes for Performances:

#### Year 4P :

Dance 1: Blues for Thirteen Moons : Boys – blue jeans and red t-shirt plain, Girls - skirts (brightly coloured circular type skirt suit) with white t shirt.

Dance 2 : Rebel Rouser: Costume as above with 'cowboy hat'

#### Year 4TN :

Dance 1 : Blues for Thirteen Moons : Boys – blue jeans and Blue t-shirt plain, Girls- skirts (brightly coloured circular type skirt suit) with white t - shirt.

Dance 2 : We No Speak Americano : as above with brightly covered scarf /bandana to be tied around neck.

Year 5: Dance 1: Ninja Tuna : Boys and Girls to be dressed in long shorts or jeans with coloured tshirt suitable for hip hop dance.

Dance 2: as above with white mask supplied by me

Year 6: "Stories from a Suitcase" – no specific era but clothes reminiscent of Gold Rush in year 5, war time clothing (no military costumes), old shirts, trousers, dresses. - Clothing of refugees and immigrants of the past.

## **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



**ARTS AFTER SCHOOL END OF TERM CONCERT THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH @ 6PM**

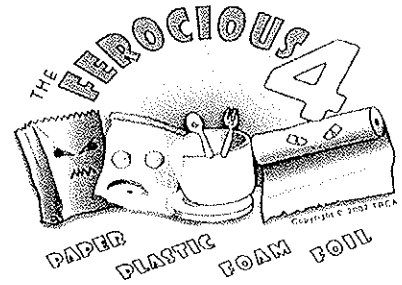
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## SUSTAINABILITY

### Nude Food Day

Thank you to everyone who made the effort for our Nude Food Day. We will be running these days regularly so please keep an eye out in the newsletter for the next one.



## GENERAL INFORMATION



BUS FARE ASSISTANCE & STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



### Semester 1, 2012

Online applications for the Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme are being accepted now until

31<sup>st</sup> May 2012

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:  
[www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)

Further enquiries to:  
3336 9192 or  
[schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au)




Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed.

**"How to Train Your Dragon"**  
Brisbane Entertainment Centre  
Thursday 29th March @ 11am  
(can't attend due to the Year 2  
Royal Dinner)  
1 adult & 1 child ticket available  
Worth \$90 sell for \$70ono  
Call Tracy on 0409 626 044

**Find your pot of gold at the HUGE St Paddy's Day Garage Sale.**

**Dig around to find that hidden treasure from 7 AM until 2 PM on Saturday 17 March at 32 Anna St Beaudesert. There will be heaps of items for sale including old saddles, antique bottles, furniture, vintage picture frames, plants, clothes, old stamps, books, toys and kids gear. Light refreshments will be available so bring the family and have a treasure hunt!**






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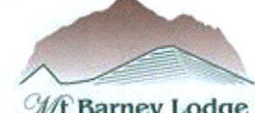
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