**RUOK Day Prayer**

God of grace and wisdom,
You continually raise up good people
who show with their lives that they follow
Your inspiration.
Let our lives be true to all that our faith
teaches,
to respond to others’ needs with an open
and compassionate heart,
so that we will grow more and more in
Your son’s likeness.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

**RUOK Day – Thursday September 14th**

Helping others is a foundational part of Catholic teaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (a book that sums up the beliefs of the Catholic faithful) states, “The duty of making oneself a neighbour to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. Jesus taught that God asks each of us, what we are doing to help those in need: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40)

This Thursday is RUOK? day. The mission of this charity group is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life. The following is taken from their website:

Got a niggling feeling that someone you know or care about it isn’t behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they’re just not themselves. Trust your instinct and act on it. By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you’ve noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up.

Here is the link to their website for more advice and support. [RUOK](https://ruokday.org)

**Mass this Friday. Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.**

Please come and join us for our end of term Eucharistic celebration, as we thank God for the many blessings we have received this term. 6 Yellow are leading our celebration.

**Parent Portal Upgrade**

The next time you log onto the Parent Portal you will notice that it has been upgraded, below is a snapshot of how it will look.

![Parent Portal Upgrade](image)

A few new features have been added but have not been activated yet – you will be kept informed about this in due course.

Please take a look around the new and improved Parent Portal – Please note:- your log in details have remained the same.

**Fr. Kevin’s Installation Mass**

Please join us for Mass this Sunday the 17th at 10am to celebrate with Fr. Kevin as he is officially installed as our Parish Priest by the Archbishop of Brisbane.

Please note THAT ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORMS.
An Extra Special Remarkable Moment
Congratulations to Jhye from 3 White who recently sat a science test gaining a whopping 91.25% mark. Well Jhye, we are very proud of you – we hope you are too! Keep up the exceptional work.

2017 Kingfisher Challenge
We wish all children involved in the Kingfisher Challenge a wonderful two days tomorrow and Friday. These days are always great fun for the students so good luck everyone!

Please ensure that your daughters & sons know the following details:

Netball
- Please bring sunscreen, school hats and water bottles.
- They are to wear their sports uniform with black skirt/shorts or school bike pants.
- Singlets will be available for the senior teams.
- They are permitted to wear soft visors or caps during play.
- Lunch orders should have been returned to Mrs Henry although they will still be able to purchase food throughout the day.
- If you are available to help during the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Kingfisher Challenge – NRL
- Please bring sunscreen, hats and water bottles.
- They are to wear their sports uniform with footy shorts black is preferable (some shorts are available to borrow)
- They are to wear footy socks (a few pairs are available to borrow)
- Jerseys – will be handed out tomorrow morning – to be worn both days.
- Bring your own protective gear.
- ALL school footy uniforms (jerseys, socks and shorts) are to be handed back on Friday afternoon please so please make sure a change of clothes is packed.

Australian Catholics Magazine
Coming home this week is the latest Australian Catholics Magazine be sure to take some time over the holidays to have a read of many interesting articles.

St. Mary’s Parish – Marian Clarian Magazine
Also coming home is the next issue of the Marian Clarian – have a look at the Fete write up.

Term 4 Swimming
Year 1 & 2 are commencing Swimming Lessons on Tuesday 10th October, please return the permission forms as soon as possible.

Year 1 Currumbin Bird Sanctuary
We wish our Year 1 students and teachers a fantastic day on Friday 15th at Currumbin. If you have not returned the permission notes yet please do so tomorrow, to the office or via email.
Thank you
Thank you all very much for another productive and busy Term. Everyone has worked extremely hard to ensure that is has been very successful term across all aspects of school.

Happy Spring Break
Have a wonderful Spring Break everyone – we hope you rest well, travel safely and enjoy your time away from the school routine with your family and friends.

P & F Fundraiser
Beautiful Family Portraits – Saturday 14th of October – Starting from 8.30am until 1.50pm available for purchase via the QKR app - $15 per family sitting – up until Friday 13th October at 3pm - Booking Sheet to arrange your time is held at the School Office - Please contact direct on 55421 2005 or call in an book appointment.

Please note the following details:
*We have one rule that we need to follow. Each family participating may only get one fundraising portrait. Eg. The same person may only appear once in the fundraising photo. The only exception to this guideline is for separated or divorce couples. They must book the same appointment time and they will both receive a separate $15.00 family portrait with their children. They will be required to pay two lots of $15.00.*

Please contact Meichelle direct on mobile 0421 307 495 or Sonya Riddle 0419 286 273 if your require any more information or Julie Condrick.

Term 4 commences on Tuesday 3rd October.

Peace and blessings on all our families and staff over the holidays.

From St. Mary’s Staff
...become a Member of St Vincent de Paul Society

**Do you wish to live your faith?**

St Vincent de Paul Beaudesert has two options available to do this.

Option 1 – St Mary’s Conference - Welfare

- Assist the poor and those in need in your local area. We do this by meeting with the poor on a one to one basis to discuss their situation and provide assistance with food, furniture, clothing, finance etc. We aim to give them a **hand up** not just a hand out.

This is a great way to **PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION** and the poor need your help.

The time required is approximately 2 hours per week plus attendance at a fortnightly meeting. Training is provided.

Option 2 – Work in the shop

- The shop provides cheap clothing at a price the poor can afford. All profits go to assisting the poor in some way.

The time required is one morning or afternoon per week working in the shop, sorting clothes, serving on the counter etc. Training is provided.

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