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11th May
- Cross Country

15th-17th May
- NAPLAN (Yrs 3, 5 & 7)

16th May
- Family Night Confirmation

22nd May
- District Cross Country

24th May
- School Feast Day

25th May
- Confirmation

7th June
- Tidalik the Frog (P-I)

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today, along with other members from our community and from All saints school at Boonah, I will be attending a follow up meeting regarding plans for a Catholic High School in Beaudesert. As I mentioned late last year Brisbane Catholic Education have identified Beaudesert as a future site for a Catholic High School. Over the year we will meet to discuss any progress towards a decision as to when this may happen. At this stage there is no definite time frame, rather the committee are looking towards developments in the area and in particular our enrolment numbers mainly in the early years classes.
Once we reach certain levels then that will trigger further action on a decision. Over the next few weeks I will be interviewing Preps for 2013. Many people tell me they want to come here because they have heard great things from you as parents of St. Mary’s. Enrolments in our school are important for many different reasons. Our plans for the future is just one. Please spread the word. If you know of anyone considering a school please let them know that they are welcome to come and talk to me. Enrolment forms are available at the office and I am always happy to talk to anyone about the school.

I would like to make comment on the number of children and their families who were able to join us on the ANZAC Day march last week. There was a long and winding blue line of St. Mary’s uniforms that made its way down the street to join in the ceremony. I’m sure there was more 60 or 70 children who joined in the occasion. Thank you to all.

On Thursday and Friday this week I will joining over 200 Catholic Primary School Principals at their Bi Annual Conference. The theme of the conference is “Head, Heart, Soul – Creating the Balance.” Sounds like something we should be aiming for in our children! I look forward to sharing my learnings with everyone next week.

We have been notified that we were given the wrong date for the Ekka holiday. We are actually having the MONDAY 13th AUGUST off as the public holiday and the Wednesday will be a normal school day. My apologies if this has caused you any inconvenience.

School photos have been sent home this week. Please indicate on the form provided what photos you would like order and return to the office as soon as possible. A class photo proof is on display in your child’s classroom if you wish to view it.

We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From 9th May until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolowairths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

Lastly, please be reminded that it is a public holiday on this coming Monday 7th May. Enjoy your long weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

Tim Stinson – Principal
May – the Month of The Rosary.

As part of our Catholic tradition, we pray the Rosary during the month of May.

Traditionally in our Catholic Faith, we say the prayer- the Rosary during the month of May.

The Rosary is a meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary. We say a decade of the Rosary whilst reflecting upon a particular event in the life of Jesus or Mary. A decade of the Rosary is:-

1. Our Father
10. Hail Marys
1. Glory Be.

The events are grouped into mysteries and are called:-

The Joyful Mysteries
1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries
1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries
1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary
The Mysteries of Light

1. The Baptism of Light
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The proclamation of the Kingdom of God – Jesus preaches to the crowds
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Last Supper

The children will be saying the Rosary in class during May. You might like to say it at home as well.

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES (May 4th - 6th) Will you pray at least one Rosary for the unborn babies?

The multinational ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event for 2012 is scheduled to happen May 4th (Friday), May 5th (Saturday) and May 6th (Sunday).

Participants in this prayer event will be praying the Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. (Already, registration forms for the prayer event have been received from China, Italy, Finland, India, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Argentina, Malta, Nigeria, Mexico, and about 20 other nations.)

Embracing Families in 2012: Riding the Waves of Faith, Love and Life - Sat July 7th

Our parish is part of the Logan Deanery and we are strongly encouraging families to attend this conference. Some of our Parish Family Groups are going. It should be a lovely day celebrating the Family.

Our children will be entering an art competition to support this Family Conference.

Congratulations to the Gough family on the safe arrive of their baby girl Maeve.

Mass this Friday- Sixth Sunday of Easter - Our Yr 3 H children will be preparing our Eucharistic celebration. Please come and join us. 8:45.

Please keep in your prayers our Year 4 and Learning Support Teacher Karen Nowell who is going in for an operation today and will be commencing ongoing treatment in the coming weeks.

Trish Dunn – APRE

Making Jesus Real – Friendship/Peer Pressure

Friends are one of life’s greatest treasures. One of the great side effects of Primary School is learning to make friends. Right throughout life you meet wonderful people – friends who will help you on your journey through life.
Some children already have been to other schools before Grade 6, and the hard part of leaving was leaving their friends behind and making new friends. Throughout your life you will be making new friends so it is an important topic to discuss and work on.

If you operate as a positive person – show interest, kindness, being helpful, friendly, tolerant etc – people will show that back – if you are a GIVER. Some people are takers in friendship – they are only in it for themselves – they give little of themselves and they are demanding of others, and these friendships don’t last and they wonder why.

Fourteen ways to be a good friend -
1. Be there for your friends when they need you. It’s easy to be around when times are good but only the best of friends are there when the going gets tough.
2. Be honest. Being a true friend means being truthful.
3. Everyone needs help from time to time. Be a helpful friend.
4. If you make a promise…..keep it!!!!
5. Respect your friends, their feelings and their possessions.
6. Don’t talk about your friends behind their backs unless you are saying something nice.
7. Be a forgiving friend. Everyone makes mistakes from time to time.
8. Be a generous, kind and caring friend.
9. Tell your friends how you feel. Good friends can talk to each other about anything.
10. Involve your friends in your activities in your life.
11. Be a giver of smiles, pleases and thank yous, etc
12. Interesting people are interested in people.
13. Being able to accept NO from your close friends and parents without sulking.
14. Be positive if your friend decides to play with other people for a change. Don’t be jealous.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Focus for the week is our school rule – Be Respectful – Oval & Adventure. This week we are focusing on being respectful while on the oval and adventure playground. We have identified the expected behavior of these children while playing in these areas.

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**ITC Professional Development**
Janette Gode (Prep Y) and Luke Thomsen (7T) attended a day on using Web 2.0 tools in RE. These tools can be used across the curriculum to engage the children in their learning. Web 2.0 tools are programmes and sites that can be used for sharing, storing and finding information and collaborating and creating. Examples are blogs, wikis, Flickr, Napster, Wikipedia. We are excited about the children using these. Teachers will be given time to become familiar with using these tools to assist in teaching and learning.

**QSA Conference-Shaping teaching and learning- The assessment factor.**
I attended this 2 day Conference last week and came away with lots of information regarding assessment and the National Curriculum.
The keynote speakers, Richard Gerver and Yong Zhao were inspiring and to sum up their messages:-
• Standardised testing and National Curriculums across the Western World are stifling creativity and innovation. We are producing people who can pass tests. We need people with imagination who can problem solve, be innovative and collaborate.
• The USA and UK have been performing poorly in the international educational achievement tests for years, but they still register more patents than any other countries by far. We need entrepreneurs.
• People have to be happy and confident in order to be innovative.
• Live, Laugh, Learn was the catchcry.

It was very exciting and I was so pleased to reflect upon our community at St Marys where we provide a safe and happy learning environment and where our curriculum, especially The Arts, encourages creativity and imagination.

If you would like to find out more
Richard Gerver www.richardgerver.com
Yong Zhao http://zhaolearning.com
Trish Dunn
APRE

LEARNING SUPPORT

Just a reminder for the parents who received a letter with regards to the Fitzroy Reading Program to please return the permission slip as soon as possible.
Thank you
Jenny Kemp

TUCKSHOP

1st Friday 04.05.12 Leanne Stevenson
1st Monday 07.05.12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

P&F NEWS

The Logan Deanery and the John Paul II Centre for Family and Life presents

Embracing Families in 2012:
Riding the Waves of Faith, Love and Life

Saturday 7th July 2012, 9.00am to 5.30pm
St Edward the Confessor Parish and School,
104 Chatswood Road, Daisy Hill
We have had a very busy start to the term. Carmel and I attended a workshop at Springwood on Monday morning to assist us with the updated Oliver v5 library management system.

We will have a library monitors meeting tomorrow at lunch time and this will be an opportunity for new monitors to join. We do ask that they make a commitment for a term. As we have quite a few enthusiastic helpers most monitors should only have to give up one lunch hour. The work they do is very much appreciated.

On Wednesday 23rd May, as part of National Year of Reading, we will take part in National Simultaneous Story time in our hall. All participating libraries in Australia will listen to the same story at the same time. We are planning another Sit In And Read activity with a difference as well so will keep you posted.

Mary & Carmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Jac Gough, Emily Walsh, Ashanti Thomasz, Sophia Wilson, Grace Bostock, Christopher Coonan, Liam Green, Rory Iselin, Heidi Krause & Lily Teese.

Have a wonderful day!

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

Children born 1999, 2000 & 2001 will run the Cross Country on Wednesday 9th May at 2.00pm due to District Touch Football Trials. Age groups born 2002-2006 will run the Cross Country after Mass on Friday 11th May.
**District Soccer Trials**

Congratulations to the boys and girls from years 5, 6 & 7 who participated in last week’s district soccer trials. Although we played in miserable conditions, the students enjoyed a busy day of competitive soccer. Our boys team, well lead by their captain Alex Noney, played attacking and fast-paced football during their three games. Congratulations go to Joe Nilon for being selected in the ‘Possibles vs. Probables’ game. In the girls, we were able to field 1 ½ teams, meaning our Year 6 girls played in a mixed team during the day. Our girls showed great skill and tenacity throughout the day. Their standard was rewarded with five girls playing in the ‘Possibles vs. Probables’ game (Georgia Teese, Danielle Noney, Emily Neuendorff, Riley Day and Cassie Keaveny). Special congratulations go to Georgia, Emily, Cassie and Riley, as they were selected in the Beaudesert District side to play in the upcoming regional trials on the Gold Coast.

**SPORTS UNIFORMS FOR TERM 2 ARE TO BE WORN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**
Years 1-3: Thursday (PE - Motor program)
Friday (Cross Country)
Years 4-7: Wednesday (PE)
Friday (Cross Country)
No need to wear sports uniform on Tuesdays this term unless advised differently by classroom teacher.

**THE ARTS**

**ARTS AFTER SCHOOL**

There have been a couple of changes to the Arts After School program for Term 2. Please see timetable below (changes in bold):

- **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 Kung Fu / Tai Chi
  - 6:15-7:15 GROOVE

**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

**CHOIR**

Could all children who were invited to join the choir please return permission slips as soon as possible as first practice will be Tuesday 8th May 2012.

**Reminder:** ANNIE – 10th May at 7.00pm QPAC. Please meet at the bottom of the stairs near the ANNIE poster.
**With Sincere Thanks**

To the Staff of St Mary’s School, our sincere thanks for the lovely gifts you presented us with at assembly last week. It was a lovely gesture and meant a lot to us all.

At Easter our families celebrated Baptism and or being received into the Catholic Church, here at St Mary’s. The Journey leading up to this celebration was made all the more special by the support, encouragement and prayers from the Staff, families and wider community of St Mary’s Beaudesert.

A special mention also, to our children’s friends and classmates. Your thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement along the way were so appreciated and gratefully received.

We thank you for
The time you spared
And the helping hand you gave
It meant so much
And we thank the Lord
For the effort that you made.

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Warm regards,
The Boyd and Bostock Families