TERM DATES FOR 2012

7th May (Public Holiday)

Term 2 16th April – 22nd June

Term 3 9th July – 21st Sept

Term 4 8th October – 7th Dec

Mass this week – 2HT – 8:45am
Assembly - 3G

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

16th May
- Family Night Confirmation 5.30pm

22nd May
- District Cross Country

24th May
- School Feast Day

1st June
- Confirmation

7th June
- Tidalik the Frog (P-1)

No 15 – 16th May 2012

Mary
Mary, I come to you today as my mother and my friend.
Jesus was your little boy, and so you know what it was like for him growing up, learning to be good and obedient.
Sometimes I find it hard to be good and obedient, and I want to do what I should not.
Please be with me, and help me to be strong, help me to lead others to be good and obedient, help me to be like Jesus.
Mary, be a mother and a friend to me always.
Thank you Mary!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Woolies Earn & Learn
Woolies Earn & Learn has commenced. If you would like more sticker sheets please contact the office and we will issue you with more.

NAPLAN
“As you are aware, NAPLAN tests for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy with the specific purposes being the collection of data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students and the assessment of students against national minimum standards.
The main concern of educators over a number of years has been the use of published NAPLAN data to create inappropriate comparisons of schools and media league tables. Recently the Courier Mail launched its own school data website that allows users to directly compare any three schools according to NAPLAN results, financial data, attendance data etc.
The message that NAPLAN tests add some ‘point in time’ data to the rich information about student performance collected by teachers on a daily basis, is an important one to continually reinforce with parents. Interestingly, a number of our primary schools are currently conducting parent teacher interviews in which this truism would be very much in evidence."

David Hutton
Executive Director of Catholic Education Archdiocese of Brisbane

Walk Safely to School Day
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 18 May 2012

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Tim Stinson – Principal

School Feast Day- Feast of Mary Help of Christians- Thursday 24th May
Next Thursday is our School Feast Day. It is a special opportunity to celebrate our school’s special relationship with Mary, Help of Christians- our patron saint. Traditionally we celebrate mass together, participate in fun activities and finish the day with a huge sausage sizzle and cake. The programme for the day is as follows.

8:40-9:30- Prayer and art activities
9:30-10:30- Rotational sporting activities
10:30-11:00-Morning Tea
11:00-11:55- Rotational sporting activities
12:00-1:00- Mass
1:00-2:50- Sausage sizzle, play, Assembly and cake

Children should wear their sports uniform. They will need to have their school hats and water bottles. Please provide them with morning tea and something for lunch if they don’t like sausages.

It is always a lovely day, and we would love parents to join us for the day.

Class Mass
When classes are responsible for preparing our weekly Eucharistic celebrations, one of their tasks is to write the Prayers of Intercession.
The prayers below were written by the children of 3H. The prayers show how compassionate and thoughtful our children are.

3H Prayers for Mass

1. For all the people who have suffered due to terrorism or disasters, we pray that they can overcome the pain and find strength in the love of God and of family and friends. Let us Pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for those who have died and also for those who today, mourn the loss of a loved one. Let us Pray to the Lord.

3. For families in our school community experiencing difficult times, may they gain strength from those around them. Let us Pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for the children of Saint Mary’s, may we always try to do our best at home and at school. May we take pride in our school and always try to Make Jesus Real. Let us Pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for the staff of Saint Mary’s that they may be guided by the spirit of Jesus. Let us Pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for our families and friends. Help us to be kind to them, to love them and to thank them for being in our lives. Let us Pray to the Lord.

2HT are leading our Eucharistic celebration this Friday. Please come and join us.

Staff Prayer

Just a reminder that the staff meet for prayer every Tuesday morning before school. As a result, they might not have the opportunity to talk with parents before school on a Tuesday.

Please keep in your prayers those in our school community who are ill.

Congratulations to the Nally family on the birth of Saoirse Nally (pronounced Seersha). Mum and bub doing well.

Trish Dunn
APRE

IN THE CLASSROOM

Date Claimer: Parent Teacher Interviews
Afternoon & Evening of Wednesday 20th June

Confirmation will be held on Friday 1st June at 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Please contact the parish office 07 5541 1068 with your intended time. Thank you.

Under 8s Day

We will be holding Under 8s Day on Monday 21st May for students in Prep – Year 2. Last year’s event was a great success. Please note that parents, guardians, grandparents and toddlers are most welcome to join us. The morning will run from 9.00am-10.30am. Please come and join for an exciting morning full of art, craft and fun games.
FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

**MJR – Right Place / Right Time**
There is an old saying there is “a time and place for everything”. It is closely linked with common sense and mental toughness. If timing is out in a motor of any sort, the motor doesn’t run well. It is the same with us. We have to be more aware of our timing with our fun etc.
A question that we can always ask ourselves is “what is the area that I need to improve my “timing” in?”
Our school wide positive behavioural focus for this week is Be Safe – Bus Line & Front of School. The children have been reminded of what is expected of them while they are waiting for the bus and while they are waiting to be picked up from school. We encourage the children to sit while waiting for someone to pick them up. There is a teacher on duty at the front of school until 3:15pm. There is also a teacher on bus duty until the last bus leaves our school grounds.

CURRICULUM CORNER

We had a very productive day on Thursday planning our ITC Professional Development project with Danielle Carter ITC Education Officer from BCE. We will be focussing on a variety of Web 2 tools with an emphasis on developing teacher competency in key tools, rather than just touching on many.
By the end of this week, all classes should have a blog- this will make communication between teachers and parents so much easier.

**Reports**
Teachers are in the process of preparing for written reports which will be going home at the end of this term. We will have the Parent Teacher Interview Session on Wednesday 20th June.
We will be reporting using the National Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History.
**Trish Dunn**
APRE

**Date Claimer Tuesday July 17th. Cyber Smart Presentation for students, staff and parents.**
This presentation will address issues of security and safety whilst on the Internet or using mobile phones. The presenter is from the **Australian Communications and Media Authority**
Parents workshop - 6:00-7:30pm

TUCKSHOP

3rd Friday 18th May Kathy Turner, Colleen Lindberg, Nicole Teese
3rd Monday 21st May Janet Deeran
St Mary's Deb Ball is on Friday night (18th May). It would be appreciated if anyone could donate a plate of slices or cakes. These can be delivered to the tuckshop during the day on Friday. Thank you in advance for your help.

Thank you, Fiona Tilley – Convenor

P&F NEWS

P&F Sports Committee meeting will be held next Wednesday 23rd of May @ 2:40pm - 3:10pm in the library. All parents welcome. We will be discussing the St Mary’s Athletics Carnival held on the 30th and 31st of July.

Please join the P&F in the staffroom Thursday 17th May (tomorrow night) at 6.30pm for the P&F Meeting.

AGENDA

- Family Parish Fun Day – Celebrating Community
- Sports Days
- P & F Federation Conference – report from Susan Shay who attended
- Kindy update
- Carpark update
- Parent Class Representatives
- Academic Awards 2012 – Sponsorship from business and and parents to buy book prizes for the winners.

LIBRARY NEWS

Next Wednesday, as part of our National Year of Reading, the whole school will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime along with about 170 000 other children across Australia. The book chosen for this year is "The Very Cranky Bear" by Nick Bland. It is a story about friendship, sacrifice and learning that appearances aren't important. Although this book is aimed at a younger age group there is a rather interesting interview with the main character after the story telling to engage the older children.

I will be reading and discussing this book with classes this week. We have quite a few books written by Nick Bland that will be able to be borrowed after next Wednesday.

Library monitors please remember to check your rostered day.

Mary & Carmel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Edward Duke, Max Hohl, Emily Neuendorff, Jamie McKenna and Samuel Kullrich.

Have a wonderful day!
St Mary's Feast Day
Next Thursday is the feast day of Mary Help of Christians, as a way of celebrating this occasion the students will be participating in a novelty sports day. I need 20 lots of play dough and some balloon bags (cloth bags that fit around balloons) for the day. If anyone has skills to help with either of these endeavours could you please email, Diane McClure at dmcclure@bne.catholic.edu.au. I could then email you the recipe and/or pattern.
Thank you in anticipation of your help.
Diane McClure

District Cross Country
The District Cross Country carnival will be held on Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of May at Hills International College. The College is located at 4 Johanna Street Jimboomba.

The Schedule for the day will be as follows

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Please ensure permission slips sent home earlier this week are returned as soon as possible. Without this permission slip your child will be unable to compete in this event.
Training will be provided at 8am on the oval for anybody that is interested.

Belinda Ciuffetelli

District Touch Football
On Friday May 11, students in Years 6 & 7 who were chosen to try out for the district touch football team went away to Gleneagle to compete.
It was a day of tough competition, competing against top players from Beaudesert, Gleneagle, Veresdale Scrub, Emmaus, Jimboomba and Flagstone.
The selectors at the end of the day had the very hard decision of narrowing it down to the top 12 boys and girls.
A big congratulation to the boys and girls from St Mary’s who made it to the district team: Georgia Teese, Jessica Aitken, Elyssa Teese, Riley Day, Isaac Pilon and Aaron Creighton.
A special mention also to Claire Watt, Cassie Keaveny, Jack Pearce and Henry Boyd, who narrowly missed out, but made it to the possible/probable. Thank you to all students who competed on the day, you all showed great sportsmanship and catholic spirit.
Luke Thomsen
SPORTS UNIFORMS FOR TERM 2 ARE TO BE WORN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
Years 1-3: Thursday (PE - Motor program)
Years 4-7: Wednesday (PE)
No need to wear sports uniform on Tuesdays this term unless advised differently by classroom teacher.

THE ARTS

ARTS AFTER SCHOOL

Hip Hop is putting in two groups into the Quota Beenleigh Eisteddfod performing at the Logan Entertainment Centre in August. We are very excited about our first Eisteddfod.

It is not too late to enrol your child in Arts after School if you are interested. 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:
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Yours in Arts
Anne Mitchell

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bookclub Due Friday 25th May