Term 2, Week 1

Tuesday 28th April, 2009

VISION STATEMENT
St. Mary’s Primary strives to be a welcoming Christ-centred learning community that promotes a quality holistic education and trusting relationships in a caring and supportive environment.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all the students and families for the commencement of Term 2. I hope all the students had a wonderful Easter and an enjoyable holiday. Last Saturday we celebrated Anzac Day. This is a special day when we acknowledge and remember the sacrifices of many Australians and New Zealanders during times of war. We celebrated Anzac Day with a special liturgy today. James Duffy and Sarah Parker will represent our school at the Combined Schools Anzac Ceremony this Thursday at Victoria Park commencing at 11.00am.

**Staffing** - Special welcome back to Miss O’Brien this week. This week Miss Byrnes will be on leave. Mrs Alexander will teach 4G from Tuesday to Thursday and Mrs. Knaggs on Friday. Mrs Dann will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of this term. Welcome to Mrs. McAneney who will be teaching 2G during this time. Mrs. Bourke will be on long service leave from this Friday 1st May until 29th May. Thank you to Mr Willis who will undertake the Canteen Manager’s position during this time.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - One of the special events for this term is the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by our Year 6 students. Please keep these students in your prayers as they undertake their final preparations for this Sacrament. The reception of this Sacrament will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday 31st May.

From the Principal

**Term 2 Calendar Attached**

Apr 28   Term 2 commences
Enrolment Applications Kindergarten 2010 commence
Anzac Ceremony - 9.00am
29        House Award - Special Morning Tea
            3B Interviews
30        Easter Liturgy - 11.30am - Resurrection Yr 2
            Combined Schools Anzac Ceremony - 11.00am
            3B Interviews

May 01   PSSA Winter Competition Yrs 4-6 commences
Polding Winter Trials Bathurst
Waste Watchers Program - Year 3
04        SJC Visit - 9.30am - Yr 7 2010

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today. Refresh me…invite me…to discover your presence. In each person whom I meet And every event encountered. Teach me when to speak and when to listen When to ponder and when to share. In moments of challenge and decision Attune my heart to the whispering of your wisdom. As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy. When the day goes well, May I rejoice! When it grows difficult surprise me with new possibilities. When life is overwhelming Call me to Sabbath moments. To restore your peace and harmony May my living today Reveal your goodness. Amen
Citizenship Awards - Congratulations to the students listed below who received the Citizenship Award for their class for Term 1. The awards were given to a student who worked hard throughout the term, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and has a positive attitude towards others.

TERM 1 - CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Emma Geale - KB  
Wiley Anderson - 2B  
William Graham - 4B  
Alexandra Gallagher - 6B  
Jack Pay - KG  
Anna Newcombe - 2G  
Milla Morrison - 4G  
Hayden Lenord - 6G  
Adhina Jose - 1B  
Claire Sienkiewicz - 3B  
Joshua Thompson - 5B  
Milla Morrison - 4G  
Brigid Isbester - 1G  
Trudy Tran - 3G  
Ben Oldroyd - 5G

House Award - Morning Tea - Congratulations to the students in Marina House who have gained the most points for Term 1 on the Class House Award Chart. They will receive their special morning tea this Wednesday 29th April. Students are awarded points for demonstrating excellent behaviour, do their best school work, effort, attitude and being model students. Ultimately the House with the most points at the end of 2009 will be awarded the Annette Storer Shield and a special lunch in Term 4. Results for Term 1 were as follows:

Marina—837  Whelan—784  Aloysius—741  Brophy—713

Kindergarten Enrolments 2010 - Enrolments for Kindergarten 2010 are now open. Parents wishing to enrol their child are asked to contact the school to receive a copy of St. Mary’s Enrolment Policy and current Enrolment Application Form. The enrolment period concludes on Friday 29th May. To process your enrolment application a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunisation certificate and any other supporting documentation will be required. Enrolment interviews for all new families will take place in June.

Federal Government Stimulus Package - Our school has recently been granted $200,000 for maintenance programs under the National School Pride Funding Program as part of the Federal Government Stimulus Package. This funding will be used to undertake a number of much needed programs in our school such as:

- Extension to Weather Shed
- Installing operable dividing walls in Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2
- Installation of smoke detectors across the school
- New vinyl in Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Classrooms
- Replace notice boards – Kindergarten & Year 2 Classrooms
- Painting of classrooms Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 & fixed seats & posts outside classrooms
- Installation of crimsafe security mesh outside Kindergarten and Years 1-4 classrooms.
- New soft fall for Playground Equipment
- Replace School Fence on the eastern boundary.
- Capping of garden walls outside Years 5 & 6 classrooms
- Upgrade Garden Area outside Yr 2 Classroom
- Upgrade sound system in Infants lunch shed.

Some of this work was completed during our holidays but a major of the work will be completed during the July and October holiday periods.

Easter Raffle - Our Easter Raffle took place on Wednesday 8th April. The Easter Raffle is conducted each year by our P & F Association as a fund raiser for our school plus it is a very exciting event. Thank you to all the families for your generous donations. Special thanks to Johnine Griffith, Therese Porter, Christine Peacock, Helen Hines, Colin Willis and Duncan McGinness for your tireless work organising the Easter Raffle this year. It is much appreciated.

Waste Watchers Program - This program, conducted by staff from Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, will take place for our Year 3 classes this Friday. The Waste Watchers Program provides a fun, interactive experience for students to learn about relevant waste issues such as landfill, recycling etc.

Bathurst Diocesan Cross Country Carnival - This carnival will take place at Coolah next Tuesday 5th May. Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at this carnival:

Kobi Wilson, Jacob Conte, Samuel Thompson, Jonathon Davis, Chelsea Peacock, Swade Pay, Thea O’Donnell, Logan Maidens, John Porter, Nicholas Railz, Tom Pay, James Ferreira, Hannah Allen, Quintessa Butcherine, Molly Toshack, Prue Anderson, Sam Head, Oliver Thorne, Scott Duffy, Jonathon Bourne, Sarah Palmer, Tara Parkinson, Emma Blessing, Maddi Alderdice, Jake Grady, James Duffy, Joseph Patterson, Jake Scott, Sophie Beavon-Collin, Georgia McGinness, Rebekka Scholes and Gabrielle Salmon.

Permission notes are due back this Friday.
**Polding Winter Sports Trials** - Congratulations to the following six students from our school who will be competing in the Polding Winter Trials that take place in Bathurst this Friday as representatives of the Bathurst Diocesan teams.

**Boys Soccer:** Sam Head  
**Girls Soccer:** Nikea Goodwin and Sarah Parker  
**Under 11’s Rugby League:** Oliver Thorne  
**Netball:** Ellie Cusack and Kiera Garling  
**Girl’s Hockey:** Emma Corcoran

Mrs. Nuttall will also be attending the Trials as Convenor of the Netball Trials.

**PSSA Competition** - The Primary Schools Sports Association Winter Sports Competition involving students in Years 4-6 will commence this Friday 1st May from 11.30am-12.45pm. Permission notes and Players Code of Behaviour were sent home last term and are due back by this Wednesday 29th April. The following teachers are responsible for various teams:

Senior Teams:  
- Netball - Mrs. Nuttall, Boys Soccer – Mr. Gibbons  
- Girls Soccer – Miss Byrnes, Mixed Hockey – Mr. DeBrincat,  
- Rugby League – Mr. Yeo.

Junior Teams:  
- Netball – Miss Matterson, Boys Soccer – Mr. Wilson

I will be teaching 3GOLD during this time while Mr. Gibbons is at Soccer.  
There will be a change in recess and lunch times for all classes on Fridays for Weeks 1-10 of this term due to this competition.  
Recess will be from 10.45-11.05am and lunch from 1.05-1.45pm. The buses will depart from school at 11.10am and arrive back at school at approximately 1.00pm.

**Sympathy** - Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Sr. Fran on the sudden death of her sister. May she rest in peace.

**RE NEWS**

**Easter**  
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Lent is over. Although the Easter eggs are probably long gone the Catholic Church celebrates the season of Easter for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. We take even longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it. Easter time is about new life. We rejoice in the new life of Jesus. We rejoice that members of our parish were baptised at the Easter Masses. At the Easter Vigil, the paschal candle was lit and carried into the darkened church. The new paschal light will burn brightly for the 50 days of Easter. It is a symbol of the risen Jesus, the “Light of the World” whose life was not put out with death but shines now for all believers to see.  

**Daily Prayers Under the Southern Cross.**

**Easter Liturgy**  
Year 2 will lead our school in an Easter Liturgy this Thursday at 11:30am. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

**St Brigid’s Parish News**

**Confirmation Home Groups**  
Confirmation home groups commence this week and will continue weekly for the next four weeks. It is very important that all Confirmation candidates attend all four home group sessions. At this weekend’s masses candidates will hand out prayer cards inviting members of the St Brigid’s community to pray for them as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

**Uniform Orders** have arrived. These will be sent home at the end of the week or call in to pick them up. Thank You.
Canteen Roster

| Date   | Name(s)                                                                 |
|--------|                                                                        |
| TUES   | Apr 28, Kitty Hendrick, Joan Kempston, Judy Winston, Wilma Read         |
| WED    | Apr 29, Carol Parker, Gloria Alchin, Pauline Meyers, Anne Rootes, Janey Anderson |
| THURS  | Apr 30, June Pascoe, Jo Miller, Denise Powning                        |
| FRI    | May 01, Jill Harper, Leanne Stimpson, Wendy Pobje, Kylie Robertson    |
| TUES   | May 04, Linda O’Brien, Johnine Griffith, Terese Noke                   |

Canteen News:

Welcome back everyone and trust you had a nice holiday and ready to commence Term 2. Our menu will stay the same for this term, with plenty of warm food available, now that the cold weather has arrived.

We will promote our “Warm Milo” at recess and lunch this week at 70c a cup.

We look forward to your continued support throughout Term 2 and we wish all the students well in their studies during this term.

Take Care. 

Colleen Bourke

We would like to make a HUGE apology to Susan & Andrew Clarke of CENTRAL WEST DISTRIBUTORS for not advertising their name in the Golf Day Sponsors.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Winter Uniforms

Girls
- Maroon tunic or slacks
- Navy sloppy joe with St. Mary’s emblem
- Fawn blouse with school tie
- Navy stockings or navy socks
- Traditional black leather school shoes
- Navy tracksuit jacket with emblem—if needed
- Maroon or navy ribbon

Sports
- Navy knit sports shorts with St. Mary’s emblem or navy sports skirt with St. Mary’s emblem.
- Gold polo shirt with St. Mary’s emblem
- Navy socks
- Sports shoes
- Gold ribbon
- Navy tracksuit with St. Mary’s emblem (gold skivvy may be worn for added warmth).

Boys
- Long sleeved blue shirt
- School tie
- Grey trousers—school uniform style
- Traditional black leather school shoes
- Grey socks (with school stripes)
- Navy sloppy joe with St. Mary’s emblem
- Navy tracksuit jacket with emblem—if needed.

Sports
- Navy knit sports shorts with St. Mary’s emblem.
- Gold polo shirt with St. Mary’s emblem
- Navy socks
- Sports shoes