A WONDERFUL MOTHER

GOD made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks, fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.

TERM 2, WEEK 2

May 04  SJC Visit - 9.30am - Yr 7 2010
05  Diocesan Cross Country Coolah
     Years 5-8 G&T Day Gulgong
07  Year 4 Warrumbungles Excursion
     Mother’s Day Luncheon 1.05pm - Class Visits - 1.45-2.15pm
10  Mother’s Day
11  P&F General Meeting 7.30pm
12  National Testing - Years 3 & 5 - Reading
     NAPLAN—Parent Information Evening—7.00pm
14  National Testing - Years 3 & 5 - Numeracy
15  Diocesan Band Day

From the Principal

Dear Parents,
We had a very exciting first week back at school. A big thank you to student leaders James Duffy, Sarah Parker and Ariah Yeo who conducted the beautiful ANZAC Prayer Service last Tuesday and to our Year 2 teachers and students who organised and presented the moving Resurrection Liturgy last Thursday. It was a very memorable liturgy.

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 record and any other supporting documentation will be required. Enrolment interviews for all new families will take place in June.

Mother’s Day Luncheon - All the mothers are especially invited to our school for the annual Mother’s Day Luncheon this Friday 8th May. Lunch will commence at 1.05pm. You may purchase a delicious hot roast lamb sandwich for $3.00 or bring your own lunch to share with your child. Coffee/tea will be available from the canteen or you may purchase a hot cappuccino from the Cappuccino Van. You are welcome to visit your child’s classroom after lunch from 1.45 – 2.15pm. After this students may go home with you or return to class. If you are taking your child/children please sign and record time of leaving on class list outside school office. If any fathers can assist to help serve on the day please contact the school office ASAP.

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.
Enrolments Year 7 2010 SJC - Today, Mr. Warren Frew, Principal of St. John’s College and Mrs. Jennifer Furney, Year 7 Coordinator, visited our school and spoke to our Year 6 students about the College and distributed enrolment packages for Year 7 2010. Enrolment applications at the College close on Friday 22nd May and I would suggest that interested parents complete and return their child’s application by this time as positions for Year 7 are in great demand.

Swine Influenza - The Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Bathurst has received the following information in relation to the Swine Influenza from the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. This advice on the Swine Influenza originates from the Commonwealth Health.

- There is a close watching brief at the moment with regard to the spread of this flu to Australia.
- Parents/schools could encourage children to be more than usually careful about hand washing and covering coughs and the like.


Swine Influenza

Victorian Bushfire Appeal - Thank you to all the families and staff who generously donated to the Bushfire Appeal last term. In our diocesan schools the total amount raised was $10,738.50. The Catholic Education Office matched this amount so the total amount to the Archbishop’s Charitable Fund Bushfire Appeal was $21,500.

Polding Winter Sports Trials - Well done to Sam Head, Nikea Goodwin, Sarah Parker, Oliver Thorne, Ellie Cusack, Kiera Garling and Emma Corcoran who competed in the Polding Winter Trials in Bathurst last Friday as representatives of the Bathurst Diocesan teams.

Special congratulations to Sam Head, Emma Corcoran and Sarah Parker who have been selected in the Polding sporting teams following the Polding Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Sam Head was selected in the Polding Boys Soccer team, Emma Corcoran was selected in the Polding Girls Hockey team and Sarah Parker was selected in the Polding Girls Soccer. These students will now compete at the NSW PSSA State Carnivals in their respective sports later this term. We wish them every success.

Polding Winter Sports Trials

Diocesan Cross Country Carnival - Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school at the Bathurst Diocesan Cross Country Carnival in Coolah this Tuesday.

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

We wish you every success!

Year 4 Excursion - This Thursday our Year 4 students will have their excursion to the Warrumbungles National Park at Coonabarabran as part of their unit of study in Science & Technology. It should be a very exciting and worthwhile excursion.

Year 4 Excursion

NEITA 2

The Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) formed NEiTA (National Excellence In Teaching Awards) in 1994 to conduct a program of national awards honouring exemplary teachers in Australian schools and early childhood centres. The awards promote public recognition of the teaching profession and specifically those teachers whose inspirational approach to teaching stimulates student learning.

The program calls on parents, students and local community organisations to identify teachers and principals who are an inspiration to their students, to their peers and to their community.

Nomination forms are available from school or nominate online at www.neita.com

Pupil Free Day – This term there will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday 1st June. On this day staff will have their annual staff retreat. Childcare facilities will be available at East Dubbo After School Care from 8.00am. If interested please contact them on 68820062 to book your child’s place. Classes will be suspended on this day as all teachers will be attending the retreat. Children who need to attend will be supervised during ordinary school hours.

Pupil Free Day
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Jessica Vaessen - 2B  
Brooke Chandler - 2G  
James Ferreira - 4B  
Jake Scott - 6B

***COURTESY OF THE WEEK***

Use good manners.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Celebrating their birthdays this week are:
Claire Sienkiewicz, Thomas Sienkiewicz,  
Jolissa Mills, Ella Hazelton,  
Christopher Karam, Grace Everingham  
and Connor Vernon.

We hope you enjoy your birthday!

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**COMBINED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEES OFFICE**

Thank you to all those families who have paid Term 1 School Fees or who have commenced or updated payment plan arrangements for the 2009 school year.

If you are electronically transferring payments for School Fees directly yourself on the Internet, we ask that you contact us in the first instance to make sure you have accurate Account and Reference details. This will ensure your payment is transferred to the correct account.

**REMINDE**RS:

* If you still haven’t adjusted your Direct Debit payment plan for 2009 school fees, please contact us as a matter of urgency.
* Term 2 Invoice/Statements will be posted 2nd week of June.
* If your circumstances change, please let us know as soon as possible.

Karen Meredith/Cathy Capell Ph: 6882 6152

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**RE NEWS**

**Easter**

Easter will conclude at the end of autumn. Our days are getting shorter and colder. In many parts of our country trees may have lost their leaves or leaves on the trees might be colourful shades of green, gold, red and brown. In others many native plants have bloomed into flower. We have seen an Eastertime filled with wonderful changes in our seasons and in nature, and also with God’s message of resurrection and new life. There are many reasons for us to continue to sing “alleluia!”

*Daily Prayers Under the Southern Cross.*

**Easter Liturgy**

Many thanks to our Year 2 teachers and students who led us in a joyous Easter Liturgy last Thursday. Thanks also to the parents and friends who joined us for the liturgy, the children certainly appreciated your attendance.

**St Brigid’s Parish News**

**Confirmation Home Groups**

Confirmation home groups enter their second week and will continue weekly for the next three weeks. It was great to see so many of our Year 6 students and families making the effort to attend masses at St Brigid’s over the weekend. It is very important that all Confirmation candidates attend home group sessions.

God Bless,

Luke Wilson—REC

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**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS REMINDER**

Please return Eisteddfod Notes ASAP.

Thanks
**TUES** May 05  | Jenny Wilde, Melissa Knaggs, Ladeen Hughes, Laurinne Campbell (casual)
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**WED** May 06  | Jenny Coleman, Marie Neville, Alma Spencer, Marea Barnes, Fay Marr
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**THURS** May 07  | Prue Duffy, Leanne O’Sullivan, June Sharp, Carol Hughes
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**FRI** May 08  | Janelle Minehan, Shanel Tighe, Kathy Kinsela, Sue Trethowan (casual)
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**MON** May 11  | Jacqui Edgar, Tracey Miller, Debbie Crisante

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**CANTENE NEWS**

**MEAL DEAL**

TOASTED CHICKEN, CHEESE & MAYO WRAP & WARM MILO

$3.00

**JELLY STICKS**

10c EACH

Thanks, Colin Willis

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**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS will take place on the 17th June 2009.

The students are required to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM. Thanks.

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**BOOK CLUB**

We are running Book Club through Carnival Learning this term. This club sends out 1 catalogue for all age groups. As before, if you wish to place an order through school please complete the form at the back (don’t forget to fill in your child’s details) and return the form and money to school in an envelope with your child’s name and class.

Carnival Club will process the orders for us, so if paying by cheque please make it out to CARNIVAL LEARNING (NOT St. Mary’s).

Carnival Club also offers parents the opportunity to order on line direct to them and they will send the order direct to your home.

**Please hand in your order form and payment by Thursday the 14th May.**

Thank you in advance for your support. Margie McKenzie
In English 1 Gold have been learning how to write in different text types. During Term 1 the students were writing Recounts and Narratives. Narratives can be difficult to write for young children but the students in 1 Gold did a great job. Below are some for you to read.

**The Brown Cat**

*By Chelsea Panetta*

One day there was a brown cat and a little boy. They went to the park and played all day and all night. One night the boy, Jack was going to bed. It was raining and the cat was scared. He ran away to the park. Suddenly the boy couldn’t see the cat. The boy crept out of bed and went to find the cat. He thought and thought where the cat could be. He thought he might be at the park. So he went to the park and he found the brown cat. It was still raining so the cat was sleeping under the slide. Jack picked up the brown cat and went home. They lived happily ever after.

**The Brown Cat**

*By Oliver Rindfleish*

Once upon a time there was a brown cat. The cat lived in a house. The cat was hungry so his mum went to get some food, but there was none. So the brown cat’s mum walked to the shop to get some food but there wasn’t any there. So the mother cat went to another shop but it was the wrong shop, it had no cat food. Then she went to the right shop. The mother cat took the food home to the brown cat and he was happy. The brown cat loved his mum and his mum loved him too.

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Please find attached Uniform Ordering Sheet....

If you need to order any items for WINTER please do so and return to the office ASAP with cash or cheque made payable to St. Mary’s Primary School.

We will be having another Uniform Ordering Day in the coming weeks, to be advised in next week’s newsletter.

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**Dubbo Rhinos Junior Rugby—NEW COMPETITION**

Commencing Friday 1st May, 2009—8 rounds.

Form your own team or we can find you a team to join.

Under 7’s: 7 players 5.30pm

Under 9’s: 10 players 6.15pm

Under 11’s: 12 players 7.00pm

$50.00 per player. Costs includes 1 x shorts and 1 x socks

Option—Sunday Gala Days and Weekly training

No. 1 and 2 Ovals, Victoria Park.

Rugby Clubhouse open for snacks and BBQ.

Register your team by phoning:

Doug Sandry 0419419667

Guy Turner 0407070644

Or email for details to: guyaturner@bigpond.com

Please note: Team numbers may vary due to evenly distributing players into teams.

All players competing in the Friday Night Rugby Competition must be registered with a Central West Rugby Union Club.

Are you interested in learning new Rugby skills? ...Can't get enough Rugby?... Join us for training each Thursday, 5.00pm at Katrina Gibbs Field near Officeworks.

**NEW INDOOR CRICKET COMPETITION FOR U’11 AND U’13**

Winter time is the time to get into indoor cricket. New junior (under 11 and under 13) indoor cricket competitions, to be played on Friday afternoons from 4.30pm onwards, are now commencing.

Boys and girls are more than welcome. To get into the action excitement and fun of indoor cricket please contact Greg at Dubbo Sports on 68840505.

**DUBBO RSL Youth Soccer Club**

Wanted 7, 8 and 9 Year Old Boys and Girls interested in playing soccer this season.

For more information contact Club Registrar Rebecca Stewart 68852724.