CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Term 3 commences

Monday 15th July | School Begins 8:55am

From the Principal's Desk:

First Eucharist

Congratulations to Elisa Leyva – McEnroe, Susannah Green, Elisha Borrell, Henry Nguyen, Amelie Siruelo, Ben O'Mahony, Allegra Carbone and Josh Harris who celebrated their First Eucharist yesterday. Thank you to Therese John, Simon Raines who prepared the children so well, Claire O'Dowd and Bernadette Milne who coordinated the fine tuning of the celebration and Fr Moran for celebrating the sacrament with these children. The next group of children will celebrate their First Eucharist this Sunday (Mother's Day).
**Engagement**

Congratulations to our Prep teacher Lisa Knowler and her partner Jonathan McCarthy who announced their engagement last week. It appears that New Zealand will be facing a big Wedding celebration just after Christmas. We wish them all the very best as they prepare for their big day.

**Masters in Education**

Congratulations to Claire O’Dowd who next week graduates with a Masters of Education in Student Welfare. It is a special achievement for Claire and she should be very proud of her efforts.

**School Noticeboard**

Thank you to Danni Collins for organising the new school noticeboard and her father Alex Borowik who built the noticeboard and has displayed it in the entrance of the main campus just before the school gate. The noticeboard will allow the School Leadership team and the Parents and Friends the opportunity to publicise important events or notices.

**School Athletics Carnival**

On Wednesday 24th April we conducted our School Athletics Carnival at Alma Park. Thank you to Chris Kidman and Jenny Avon who organised and coordinated the carnival. Thank you also to those parents who assisted on the day, either as an official or with the sausage sizzle. The children certainly had an enjoyable morning.

**Holt District Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the children in Years 3 – 6 who represented the school in the District Cross Country event last week. Once again the behaviour of the children whilst representing St Mary’s was outstanding. Thank you to the parents who assisted the teachers at the event and the others who came to support the school.

Congratulations to Amelie Nash (6th), Jamie Minogue (8th), Alexander Panek Hudson (6th), Gigi Maccagnini (2nd), who will be representing the school in the Holt Division Finals and to India Nash (9th), Lauren Oyston (12th), Eva Hamilton (13th) and Laura Smith (10th) who are on standby for this carnival.

In the next few weeks I will be announcing the names of the children who have been trialling for the School Sport Victoria state champions.

**National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May.

**School Supervision**

Some children have been arriving early to school on the Senior Campus, whilst other children have been collected after 3:45 pm. When bringing your child/ren to school please refer to the following points in the School Handbook.

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<td>Yard gates open (Senior and Junior Campus)</td>
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<td>Music (Children to be in classrooms)</td>
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<td>Classes begin (bell)</td>
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The playground supervision starts when the gate is opened at 8:40 am.

Children should not be on the premises of both campuses before 8:40am or after 3:45pm as the grounds are not supervised before or after these times.

Children who arrive to school before 8:40am should report to Before Care. Children not picked up by 3:45pm go to the Aftercare School Program.

**Pupil Free Day**

On Friday the 17th May we will be having a pupil free day as part of the preparation of the end of Term 2 reports. There will be no school for children on that day.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week and I especially wish all mothers an enjoyable day next Sunday – Mother’s Day.

*Gerard Lewis*

*Principal*
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Friday 17th May, 2013
School is closed to all students.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENT FOR 2014
All Year 6 students have received an “Application Enrolment Form” for Secondary School. This Form needs to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 17th May. If you have any question please see Erica at the office.

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge
One hundred and thirty-two students have enrolled in the reading challenge! An amazing number! Thanks to the parents who are adding the books and showing such an interest in their children’s reading. Please remember to keep adding books consistently so it is not a mammoth task at the end!

March and April champions:

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<td>Elisha Borrell</td>
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<td>Yr 6</td>
<td>Grace Boyd - Quinn</td>
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Well done to everyone. At this stage, we already have 10 students completed.

Book Fair
Our May Book Fair commences on Monday 27th May and will be held for 3 days. The students look forward to the fair as I am sure all the families do. I am looking for volunteers to help during the week, setting up and taking down, selling etc. If you can help out please fill in the note or come and see me.

Chess Club
We had a great commencement this term to our chess club. We have 33 students taking part. Our tutors Paul and Anthony remarked on how well behaved and knowledgeable the students were. The club is held on a Tuesday, at lunchtime. Could parents please give the children something quick and easy to eat on that day? The children eat during chess time and it is difficult for them to finish in time.

Library Help
Thank you to Donna Martin, Janelle Adams and Emelinda Siruelo who have been covering books this term. We have also been fortunate to have some CBC boys help out each Wednesday. If anyone else would like to come and volunteer in the library, or take books home for covering, please come and see me. You can come in at 9am or 3pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday to do some organising of books and shelves etc. Always lots to be done!!!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Anna Borella (Librarian)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Interschool Sports
Year 5/6s will compete in the first round of the Winter Interschool Sport Competition this Friday 10th May.

WORLD EDUCATION GAMES
On the 7th March this year, all the students at St Mary’s were able to compete in the World Education Games over 3 days. Day 1 was Literacy, Day 2 was Maths and Day 3 was Science. Those students who competed said that it was fun to play educational games with other students all over the world. Some of our students received Distinction Awards for their efforts and were presented with certificates at Assembly. Congratulations to the following students and well done!

Ms Paula Incretolli (Literacy Co-ordinator)

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LUNCH ORDERS – START MONDAY 13TH MAY
CBC canteen is ready to be open for student lunches. Lunch orders will commence on Monday 13th May, please return to write your order on a brown paper bag and have the correct money inside. Attached is the menu:

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ST MARY’S SPORTS DAY
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE
APRIL/MAY 2013

Sports Carnival Sausage Sizzle –Wednesday 24th April 2013
Thank you to all those parents who volunteered their time to cook sausages for the students, teachers & parent
helpers. Special thanks goes to:
 CBC for lending us two barbeques & 3 trestle tables
 Aldi for donating all bread, napkins, foil, oil & tomato sauce
 Woolworths for donating a $30 gift card used to purchase sausages
 Coles for donating a $50 gift card used to purchase sausages.
Cold coin donations totalled $352.20. After costs, $271.36 was raised.

Cake Stall hosted by Year 6 – Friday 26th April 2013
Thank you to the Year 6 parents for hosting the first Cake Stall of the year. A total of $628.50 was raised. We
look forward to Year 5 parents hosting a Cake Stall on Friday 24th May.

Next Fundraiser
Mother’s Day Stall, Friday 10th May. For this day to be successful we need your help. Please contact Geraldine
Warrington ahwarrington@ozemail.com.au if you can assist with setting-up or with selling at the stall.

Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

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Mother’s Day Stall – Friday 10th May
Request for Volunteers:
We need help with preparing the stall (wrapping presents, pricing etc. on THURSDAY 9th May between 1pm and
school pick up (in the Berchmans Centre). We also need help setting up the stall on FRIDAY morning (8:30am-
9am) and then volunteers to help during the event: 9am-10.30am and or 10.30 am-12 o’clock). But ANY help
will be appreciated even if you can’t commit to a whole shift. If you are available to help, please email Geraldine
Warrington: ahwarrington@ozemail.com.au. Fathers are most welcome to come and help.

Location: Berchmans Centre
Time: Friday morning between 9am and 12 o’clock.

What children need to bring:
Each child needs to bring some money to school on Friday 10th May to buy their gifts. Gifts will range in
price from $5 to $10.

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St Mary’s Cake Stall - Hosted by Year Five

When: Friday 24th May 2013
Time: 3.00pm – 3.45pm
Where: In front of the Berchmans Centre (or if it’s raining in the parent’s room)

There will be lots of yummy goodies on offer so please come along and support our fundraiser.

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

Please contact our office to book out of school hour care.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
Prep G
This term, our Inquiry unit is called ‘Me and My World’. We are learning about sustainability. As part of this unit, we will be creating a worm farm. Prep G got to look at and touch some of the worms...

Mark – “I liked the worms because they were slimy.”
Ginger – “I liked the worms.”
Aine – “I liked the worms. They were slippery.”
Isabella – “The worms were wriggly.”
Anna – “The worms were slimy and we could hold them with paddle pop sticks.”
Aiden – “They were nice and wormy.”
Hudson – “The worms were a little bit slimy.”
Thomas – “The worms crawled up my hands.”
Charlie – “I liked having some worms.”
Takara – “I love the worms because they were cute.”
Shane – “I was happy touching the worms.”
Ava – “They were ticklish.”
Ivor – “I like looking at the worms.”
Amelia – “I like the worms.”
Helena – “The worms were crawling.”
Geordie – “I like the worms because they are very slimy. And I liked to hold them on the paddle pop stick.”
Mason – “I liked the worms. I put a worm in my hair.”
Jakayla – “I liked touching the worms.”
Audrey – “The worms are slimy.”
Mia – “I like worms because they are funny!”
Prep K
Playing with Worms

I had one of the worms go up my arm. Mia.P
Yesterday we looked at and touched worms. I didn’t like touching them at first but in the end I did. Stella

I loved the worms because they were icky. Sebastien
I liked touching the worms. Hans
The worms were sticky and wriggly. Leo
I didn’t like touching worms in class. Mia.N
I really liked touching the worms. Archie
The worms tickled. Mia.F

I didn’t like the worms but I touched one. Amelia.T
I loved touching the worms. John
I liked the worms. They felt slimy. When I touched the worms one crawled up my arm. Emanuelle
I liked when I touched the worms and then we packed them up.

I liked the worms and I touched them. Xavier
I liked touching the worms. Amelia.K
I looked at the worms. Matthew
I liked the worms. Joel and Kelly
I liked the worms. Elizabeth and Avery
Yesterday I looked at and touched worms. Helen

The worms were fun. Vicky
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Tel: 9510 7744   Fax: 9510 5607
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~stmarys/

Times of Services:
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer - 9.15am
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer - 8.30am
Reconciliation: Thursday - following Prayer or Mass
Adoration of the Lord – Sacred Heart Chapel every Wednesday from 9.45am

Morning Cuppa in Pottery Room Sundays after 9.00am Mass all welcome.
Thursdays 7.00pm – Legion of Mary.
Second Tuesday of Month 7.30 - 9.00pm – St Vincent De Paul Society - Currently to be in Pottery Room
Pastoral Worker – Bernadette Milne – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Bernadette co-ordinates Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

5 May 2013

Readings
Next Sunday Ascension of the Lord
Hymns 9.00am and 5.30pm

Entrance 414 *
Gloria 422
Gospel Acclam 141
Pres. of the Gifts 432 *
Eucharistic Acclam. 98C
Amen/Lamb of God 99 102
Communion 505 **
Recessional 437 *

FIRST EUCHARIST 10.30AM MASS HYMNS
ENTRANCE: * SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST 200
PREP OF THE GIFTS: ** EAST THIS BREAD 205
EUCHAR. ACCLAM.: WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD...
COMMUNION: ** COME TO THE FEAST & ONE
BREAD ONE BODY 400 & 193
RECESSIONAL: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT 404

You are asked to pick up a copy of The Bell and a Hymnal at the door and kindly return the Hymnal at Mass end.

Counter—It is the time of year for the MASS COUNT - Thanks

Family Week May 6-12 CatholicCare
St Brigid’s Church Cnr Nicholson St and Alexandra Pde 19 May 2.30pm Annual Mass and Servite Rosary, Anointing of the Sick Specially in the spirit of St Peregrine patron of Cancer sufferers.
Parish Update – News of the Archdiocese Some Pastoral and Faith Enrichment Programs on Offer
Helder Camara Lecture Series – Fliers Accommodation request – Paula Queensland 07 49598862 for Daughter from 15 May.
Remider Website Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into child Abuse – to read statements representatives of Catholic Church, Facing the Truth of Monday and Tuesday.

The Bell

Diary

Thanksgiving Rec’d Apr 28 $1669 Thankyou
We pray for James Keogh who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time – Jane Vella, Hazel Smith.

Heavenly Gala Ball – CatholicCare Plaza Ballroom 191 Collins Street Melb. Thurs. May 30 6.30pm for 7.00pm
$200 www.cam.org.au/gala Ball

Stewardship Corner – "...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" John 14:27 - take a deep breath – place your trust in God to achieve becoming a better steward.

Marriage Encounter Weekends – See Notice Board.

Dr Bob Dixon, Director Pastoral Research Office, Briefing at Breakfast Social Services Meeting, Tues 14 May, Cardinal Knox Centre 283 Albert St East Melbourne Enq & Bookings Lucia 9287 5566/ PALMS – Volunteers - Information Session 11 May. World Communications Day - resources Word Made Flesh and Shared Among Us are available www.catholic.org.au. Broken Bay Institute reminder advice to check exact equipment you will use for e-conference 16 May 10.30-2.30 http://mark.vivilive.com Marriage Encounter Weekends
FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:
‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8
R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:23-29
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

The Gospel of the Lord
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE/JULY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME IN 2013

In June-July we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would again be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family. Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

“It's been a fantastic experience so far...It’s been great having an older brother for our young kids. Simon has been a fantastic role model...Simon helps around the house a lot. One of the first things he said to us during the first couple of days he was here was what should my chores be? I was delighted to hear him say that.” Victoria, Host Mum

“Hosting Kirstine has brought our family closer together. We’re doing things we used to do when our kids were little, like boiling the billy, having a BBQ and baking apples up the paddock. She’s helped us remember how to have fun when we’re working and take time out for adventures.” Sharon, Host Mum

“Being the youngest and the only one left at home I was looking forward to having another teenager in the house. While Charlotte helps me with my French I help her with her English lessons and I have taught her many Aussie words and sayings. We both love to shop and shop and shop...” Grace, Host Sister

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au. If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Yours sincerely, Sandra Harders, Hosting Coordinator, Student Exchange Australia

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Thank you so much!!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent rent appeal. The response was amazing and thanks to you and other local families, small businesses, and community organisations we reached our target of $30,000 in just three short weeks. We are negotiating a lease as this newsletter goes to press and we hope to have some good news on this for you very soon. As you can see we need more space - we fill and empty the lock-up twice a week!