Week 10  Term 3  Thursday 22nd September

Dear Parents

This newsletter marks the end of Term 3 as we move into two weeks of holidays. I am sure the children will appreciate the opportunity for some down time spent with their families. I wish to thank the staff for their work this term and hope they each have a well deserved break.

School will resume for all children on Tuesday October 11 with the staff returning for professional development on Monday at Carroll College. When the children return please ensure they are dressed in the Summer school uniform.

Last week I had the opportunity to accompany the children in Years 3 and 4 on their overnight excursion to Canberra. It was a pleasure to take these children away as they demonstrated good manners, a high level of cooperation and respect for teachers and the many places we visited. I wish to thank the staff who accompanied the children for their planning and supervision of the children. It is a big commitment by the staff to leave behind their own families to give the children such opportunities. The same applies for the Year 5 and 6 children who are currently in Sydney enjoying the many opportunities on offer in the ‘big smoke’.

Whole School Mass
All are invited to our parish Mass this Friday at 9.15am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Brian Ebert who is filling in while Fr Dominic is on holiday.

Breakfast Club
Our breakfast club is operating every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and some mornings the volunteers serve as many as 40 breakfasts for the children. We see this as a service for parents as we know the importance of starting the day with a healthy breakfast. We ask that children coming to breakfast contribute to the cost of breakfast through the donation of a gold coin. This does not mean that the children will miss breakfast without a gold coin, but it would help us cover the costs of the breakfast, even if it was a gold coin for every second or third day. Thanks for your understanding.

Just For Fun
Q. What do you get when you cross a chicken with a cement mixer?
A. A brick layer.

Q. What do get when you cross a book with some perfume?
A. A best smeller

Best wishes
Mick Lowe
Principal
Religion News

Sunday’s Gospel
A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today’s Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor. In the context of Luke’s Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus’ response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke’s Gospel as “loving money.” They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

Whole School Mass
All parents, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to attend Mass tomorrow morning as we gather together to give thanks for Term 3. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Brian at 9.15am.

Congratulations
We send our biggest congratulations to Charlotte Q in Year 6. Andrew Chinn heard Charlotte singing when he visited St Mary’s in Week 8 and recognised her talent and beautiful singing voice. Andrew has invited Charlotte to sing on his new CD which he will be recording in the Blue Mountains in the holidays. Fantastic news Charlotte.

Mission Day
As this term draws to an end we begin to plan for Term 4 which will be another very busy term. Mission Day will be held early next term in Week 2. It would be great if you could please gather items for the stalls in the holidays. Years 5 and 6 will be running their own stalls and a list of other class stalls will be sent out before the holidays.

Prayer Garden Thank you
We sincerely thank Kath and Jake Harris and Andrea Versteegen as well as the Mini Vinnies students for their fantastic work on our Prayer Garden last week. They have made a great difference by fixing the lattice, weeding and planting new flowers and generally making it all look very welcoming for those who like a quiet place to sit and those who like to pray quietly.

Christmas Boxes
One of our parishioners, Ilonka C will be organising the boxes for Operation Christmas Child next term. Ilonka is also fundraising this week to help pay for the postage of the boxes. If you would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, you may like to purchase some items for the shoeboxes in the holidays. Suitable items are brushes, soaps, face washers, cars, small dolls, balls etc.

Quotes from Mother Teresa
“These are the few ways we can practice humility:
To speak as little as possible of one’s self.
To mind one’s own business.
Not to want to manage other people’s affairs.
To avoid curiosity.
To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully.
To pass over the mistakes of others.
To accept insults and injuries.
To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.
To be kind and gentle even under provocation.
Never to stand on one’s dignity.
To choose always the hardest.”

We remember in love and prayers all our families over the holidays, especially those who have suffered great sadness this term.
Wishing God’s best for you
Marg Croese
Religious Education Coordinator

In all things may God be glorified
Mini Vinnies News

Last Thursday the Mini Vinnies students and three of our Mini Vinnies parents, Kathryn and Jake Harris and Andrea Vertsteegan gave our very own prayer garden some much needed love and care. New plants were planted, a new lattice fence was made, pavers were repositioned and the seat was given a revamp with a bright and joyful yellow colour. I thank the Mini Vinnies students and especially Kathryn, Jake and Andrea as they spent many hours in the garden with the children. Your assistance and time given is very much appreciated!

It is so important for our students to take more care of our prayer garden so the students of St Mary’s are able to utilise the area for quiet time.

Sophie Kenny

School uniform pool

It’s time to change over to summer uniform. If you find that your child has outgrown any uniform items please donate it to the uniform pool. The uniform pool is open in the PAC on Mondays after assembly and relies on donations. Uniform items are available for a gold coin donation—it’s a wonderful service for families.

Donations of uniforms can be left at the front office.

Thank you

MacKillop Athletics Carnival 2016

Last Monday Zane B, Cameron M, Zac W, Chloe S, Jared S and Bailey B participated in the MacKillop Athletics Carnival in Sydney. It was a very successful day where all students participated with great enthusiasm throughout the carnival. Congratulations to all our students for making it to this level of competition, this is a fantastic achievement and something you should be very proud of.

Congratulations to Zane B and Bailey B who will represent the Mackillop Athletics team at the PSSA Athletics Carnival in October in Sydney. What a wonderful opportunity and experience for you. We wish you all the best during competition.

Justin Bateman
Sports Coordinator

A Message from Fr John ...

There are times when it is possible to cocoon ourselves away from the problems of the world. Our daily exposure can numb our sensitivity to others in great need. Even when they are on our doorstep we can pretend to ignore them or dismiss them as someone else’s concern. We can tend to shrink our world to what interests us or offends us. Even worse we can try to move the offence from our sight by isolating the poor and people not like us from our consciousness. We can seek their removal from our communities just so that we can have a quiet life. There is a sense of the diabolic which sense the demons at war in our world but not within ourselves. Yet Jesus uses the story of the rich man and Lazarus to challenge us to a sense of solidarity with every person and especially with those living in poverty. He calls us to recognize our common humanity and that our Christian spirituality is deeply incarnate. Our call to justice is not just about doing good for others but seeking to live in a way which makes room for others to be at home with us so that we can be at home with them.
Stage 2 Canberra Excursion

The bus departs St Mary’s at 7:30am. Our destination was Canberra. The first place to visit was Telstra Tower. Weather wasn’t behaving so well for us when we got there. However, on top of the tower … it was wild!

“Intruders! Spear them. Gather the tribe for hunting.” The National Museum of Australia was amazing! We took a trip backwards into the past.

“Ayoy, me heartyies! Sail north west for 2 hours to get to our next destination.”

Afternoon tea for you and me. Then we are off to the AIS. “And she makes gold! It’s gold for Australia!” We trudged up the stairs and were let wild in the Fitness Game Centre. Then we leapt out the door and saw training areas for Australia’s best.

Dinner served, we rest our heads and go to bed.

We got some potions brewing! Also volcanic eruptions here. Where are we? Questacon. We journeyed through the gallery learning something every second of the way until … Lunch calls.

“Watch out for the shells!”

Xian F

We went to Canberra on our excursion. My favourite places were Questacon and the AIS. At Questacon there was lots of technology and games to play. I bought a coin. At the War Memorial we saw the helicopters and heard their sounds. At Parliament House we found out that the flag is as big as a double decker bus.

Marli W

On the 15 September, Stage 2 went to Canberra. It was amazing! At the National Museum we learnt about Aboriginal Culture and we got to see Pharlap’s heart. We stayed at Leumeah Lodge and I was in a room with Samantha, Moni, Scarlett, Ellie, Jessica, Kehlei and Jayda. We also went to the War Memorial where we got to see sound and light shows. I LOVED going on the Canberra Excursion.

Chloe H

On Thursday we travelled to Canberra. We went to Questacon, the War Memorial, National Museum and Telstra Tower. My favourite place was the AIS. It had a room where you could play all sorts of sports. Some of them were from the Olympics!

Bailey P

On the Canberra excursion my favourite places were the Embassies. My favourite one was the China Embassy. With all the vertical village houses, It felt like we were in the Country of China.

Beau M

Last week, Stage 2 went to Canberra, we had SO much fun. My favourite part would have to be Telstra Tower, Questacon and the AIS. At Questacon was the big drop. To start, I had butterflies in my belly but once I went down I loved it. At the AIS we saw where the Olympians run and train. I rode the bicycle and I reckon this was the hardest game.

Kehlei C

On our Stage 2 excursion my favourite place was the AIS because we got to see where the Athletes trained and some equipment. When I was on the balcony at Telstra Tower it was so exciting. It was really windy, wet, foggy and cold.

Scarlett W

At our Canberra excursion we went to Questacon. I loved the vertical drop, it was like falling through space. I really loved the dessert after dinner. This is the best (and only) camp I’ve ever been on!

Jessica F
There is still plenty of worm wee for sale.
We are also planting seedlings and hope to begin selling these soon. All money goes back to our garden club.

Thank you for buying our worm wee. We have been able to purchase some much needed fertiliser and seeds for our veggie patch.
Holiday Clinics

NRL Holiday Clinic
VENUE: Ask Wayman Oval, Moruya
DATE: 25th September 2016
TIME: 2pm – 5pm
AGE: 8 – 12 years old this year
COST: $40 (Holiday Clinic Pack)
What You Get: Football, NRL Hat, Drink Bottle, Kicking Tee, Bag, Pump &
NRL Stars JOSH STARLING, DYLAN, FARRELL & DAN HUNT !!!!!
Register at www.playnrl.com.au

For more info contact Tim Del Guzzo on:
0438 826 231 or tdelguzzo@nrl.com.au

Encourage your kids swimming and join

Moruya Amateur Swimming Club

Every Wednesday from 6pm at Moruya Memorial Pool

Swimming Clubs Foster children’s love of swimming based on bettering their swim times against the clock while swimming in a pool with other kids their own age and ability. A common misconception about swim clubs is that they only want children who are going to swim competitively, and this is not the case. They are encouraged to be as competitive or non-competitive as they like – as long as they are having fun and improving their swimming ability!

Parents play a vital role in swim club, and they are urged to take part in supporting their child on the night in some way whether it be through time-keeping, or helping with the BBQ.

Registration for 2016 will be:
Wednesday 12th October + Wednesday 19th October at Moruya Swimming Pool at 6pm

Cost:
All Swimmers $70
Non Swimmers $25

CONTACT: Lyndall 0418 714 131 or Nathan 0439 925 923

? Years and under promotion provided by Swimming Australia provides children aged 7 years and under on the day they register will have their fees waived.
ARALUEN SPORTS DAY
SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2016

Araluen Rec Ground
Gates open 9.30am - 4pm

NSW Axemens Association
WOODCHOP

Iron Man & Woman
Amateur Cross Cut Saw
Nail Drive
Horizontal Bungee
Pie Eating Competition
Dog High Jump
Chocolate Wheel
Children Games and Activities

Local Fresh Produce Stalls
Speciality Foods

Community
TUG-OF-WAR

Ute show & shine,
demonstration & display
Jumping castle
Monster raffle
Historical photographs & relics on display at Araluen Federal Hall

ADMISSION
$12 FAMILY
children up to 12 years
$5 SINGLE

MUSIC BY SARAH COWAN

Proudly sponsored by Braidwood Community Bank, The Araluen Hotel, Deua Fruit & Veg
**Spring School Holiday Tennis Clinic!**

**Dates:** Mon 26, Tues 27, Wed 28, Thurs 29 - Sept 2

**Time:** 9am - 2pm

**Where:** Moruya Tennis Centre

**Cost:** $150 full 4 days or $50 single day

😊 Multi Sport games!

😊 Fitness!

😊 Drills & Match play!

😊 Meet new friends and have loads of FUN!

😊 BBQ presentation on final day. Each child receives a certificate and prize.

😊 Learn from professional and experienced coaches!

For all enquiries and bookings please contact:

Richard Sellick at Next Generation Tennis on 0414 753 941 or rsellick@bigpond.com

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**Batemans Bay Rugby Union**

4 week “Twilight Rugby 10-a-side 2016”

**Friday evenings** - Under 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s & girls

**Hanging Rock Oval, Batemans Bay** - **Time:** 5.30pm – 8.00pm

**Dates:** Friday 14th, 21st & 28th Oct & 4th Nov 2016

**Cost:** only $10 per player if not already ARU 2016 registered

**Teams:** Milton, Brindabella, Batemans Bay, Broulee, Narooma

**Registration of teams:** by Monday 10th Oct

**Contact:** Peter Ryan; 0409 470 295 Ronnie Collier 0408 247 644 or rugbymail@bigpond.com. New players welcome to come & try.

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**Personal Helpers & Mentors - PHAMS**

**Wellness Walk & BBQ!**

**Date**

25 October 2016

**Where**

Apex Park BBQ’s

**Time**

10 am—2 pm

**Who**

Anyone & everyone!

**What**

Wellness walk & BBQ

**Cost**

Free

**More Info:**

75 Campbell St
Moruya
NSW
2537

Phone: 02 4474 0811
Fax: 02 4474 2022
Email: julie.baldwin@phams.org.au

October is Mental Health Month and for this, Personal Helpers & Mentors will be organizing a free BBQ and wellness walk in beautiful Narooma.

Whether you are a consumer, carer, worker or wish to know more about mental health in Australia then you are welcome to attend.

The walk is optional. You can do as much or as little as you wish. We will be walking along beautiful Miller Bay boardwalks as well as surrounding areas.

Come along and show your support for those living with a mental illness and support work that is going on in your community and grab something to eat at the same time.

For more information please call us on 02 4474 0811.
The Bay Theatre Players Youth present
Haphazardly Ever After
The Musical

23 October—19 November, 2016

Music and Lyrics by Scott de Turk
Book by Jeff Fluharty

Directed by Belinda Quick
Musical Direction by Lerae Davison

Tickets available at Bargain Box,
Batemans Bay, ph: 4472 5984
Eurobodalla NAIDOC Family Fun Day
Monday 26 September 2016
11.00am – 2.00pm
Riverside Park
Moruya

Fun for All!
- BBQ Lunch
- Laser Skirmish
- Koori-oke
- Story Telling
- Didgeridoo playing
- Kids Games
- Koori Cook Off
- Cultural Events
- Community Stalls