Dear Parents,

I hope the Swimming Carnival was a great success today! Sadly, I was attending a family funeral in Braidwood and was unable to be a part of the day. I would like to especially thank Mr Ward for his coordination of the event, and the staff and parents for their support in ensuring the day ran smoothly for our students. Special thanks also to the staff and volunteers at Moruya Pool for their assistance.

Canteen News...

The Canteen Working Party met for the first time yesterday to discuss a new way forward for the Canteen. I’m pleased to report that it was a highly productive meeting and as a result we have two new parents now willing to coordinate the Canteen. Congratulations to Kim Blake and Kathy Brown who have kindly offered their time. A new menu will be introduced in Week 6 of this term, which I know will be a welcomed change for our students and families. The Canteen will be closed during Week 5 on both days (Monday 28 February & Friday 4 March) to reorganise and stock take. The new menu will be uploaded to our website next week for your perusal and will also accompany next week’s newsletter. Kim Blake will also give a Canteen update in the newsletter next week with regard to the new menu. As many of you are aware it has been difficult to run the Canteen effectively in recent times without a consistent person/s coordinating the day-to-day operations. I would like to publicly thank Helen Urban, Rayanne Stephens, Kylie Heffernan and Annette Hazell who have really kept things afloat. There are certainly great ideas in the planning for the Canteen this year!

Community Council

Nomination forms have gone home to all families today. Please consider nominating yourself or another parent who has the personal attributes to make a real difference in leading the St Mary’s community as part of the Community Council executive. All relevant details outlining the process are included on the nomination form.

Parent/Teacher Introductory Meetings

The teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents next week. Please phone to make an appointment time if you have overlooked returning your form. It is an important meeting to establish goals and share information about your child.

Afternoon Carpark Arrangements

Just a reminder that all students are asked to remain in the undercover area if they are being collected by a family member after school. It is concerning that some parents are double parking in the student ‘drop off’ zone and jumping out of their car to race in to collect their children. This is certainly not our practice at St Mary’s. The ‘drop-off’ zone is only for morning use and the loading zone and area along the Police Station boundary is not a parking area. This is for the safety of our students and I ask you to be very vigilant with afternoon ‘pick-up’ arrangements. The area along Church Street in front of our Administration building and the Church car park are suitable options if there are no car spaces in the staff parking area. Safety of our students is our primary concern.

Opening School Mass

All families are welcome to join us for Mass on Monday morning at 9.15am. Please keep in mind that our Monday morning Assembly will be moved to Tuesday next week. The results of our Swimming Carnival will be announced at this Assembly and presentations will take place. Enjoy a lovely weekend!

Jacqueline Heffernan
Principal

Week 3 – Term 1

Weekend Masses
Moruya: Vigil Mass – Saturday 6.00pm
Tuross: ‘The Pines’ - Sunday 8.00am
Moruya: Sunday – 10.00am

Monday 14 February
Whole School Opening Mass 9.15am
Curriculum Notes go home to families
Parent/Teacher Introductory Meetings

Tuesday 15 February
Awards Assembly & Swimming Carnival Presentations 8.50am
All welcome!
Parent/Teacher Introductory Meetings

Wednesday 16 February
Sacramental Enrolment Meeting - Parents of students receiving any of the Sacraments this year are invited to attend.
7.30pm in the Library.

Thursday 17 February
No Concert Band this week!
Parent/Teacher Introductory Meetings

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their special day in the coming week:

Bailey B.
Jakob B.
Jasmine D.

Thought for the Week…

“No one can see their reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see”.

Taoist Proverb

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Sacramental Program
A reminder that the enrolment night for all Sacraments will be held next Wednesday night, 16 February. This meeting is for all parents whose child/ren will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion, Confirmation or Reconciliation this year. The meeting will take place in the school library at 7.30pm.

Whole School Mass
Years 5 and 6 will lead the Mass on Monday morning at 9.15am. The students have been practising the readings, drama and Prayers of the Faithful. Some students from Year 4 will take part in the Offertory Procession. All parents and friends are most welcome to join us at our first whole school Mass for 2011.

Children's Liturgy
Children’s liturgy has resumed at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass and Sunday 10.00am Mass. All children are welcome to join the leaders in the Church meeting room to discuss and take part in activities related to the day’s readings.

Prayer is not asking.
Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God,
at his disposition and listening to his voice in the depths of our hearts.
(Mother Teresa)

Marg Croese
Religious Education Coordinator

Choir News
The school choir will commence practice once again next week. Practice will be in the school hall on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Lesley Pheeney has once again volunteered to play the piano for the children. We thank Lesley very much for all the work she puts into the choir. Our first ‘big’ performance this year will be at the Moruya River of Art Festival in May. We will be learning a variety of songs for this special event.

Guitar
Guitar lessons will be on Mondays at lunchtime for any children who are interested in learning guitar this year in their lunch hour. Guitar lessons will be held in the school hall and children need to come with their lunch at this time.

Week 1 Class Awards
Congratulations to the following children who received class awards this week.

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It is great to see so many children working hard and receiving acknowledgment for their efforts – Well done to all!
**Behaviour Management**

“Our mission is to learn together to achieve and celebrate our personal best in a united, caring and challenging Christ centred environment.”

Our Behaviour Management Policy is based on a PROACTIVE approach, which is achieved through POSITIVE reinforcement, an awareness of the needs of each individual and a spirit of forgiveness.

At St Mary’s we believe in a shared responsibility for the behaviour management of our students. We are all responsible for all the children on the playground.

After applying the usual strategies for intervening with and investigating a playground issue sometimes a stronger consequence is required to deter the behaviour and to help the child learn.

If a student is asked stay off the playground for recess or lunch the following would happen:

1. Clearly tell the child that this behaviour is not acceptable at our school and that he or she will be on time out. (They may have to sit out the rest of the recess, lunch…)
2. The parents are informed by phone by the teacher reporting the incident. The incident is recorded in the Behaviour Management Book.
3. An Executive member supervises the student during lunchtime in the principal’s office.
4. The executive keep track of patterns of behaviour.
5. If a student’s name is entered three times the parents are notified and required to come to school for an interview.

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**ICT NEWS**

Last week a form regarding the student’s use of the computers at St Mary’s was sent home. Please read through this form very carefully with your child/ren. It is a contract that assures us that you and your child/ren understand and will obey the St Mary’s Acceptable User Agreement.

Your child/ren must sign this contract and have it witnessed by a parent/guardian. If you have any questions regarding any of the questions or statements on the form, please don’t hesitate to come and see me. It would be great if you could return the agreement to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

To begin our lessons in Information Technology, each class will be learning about how to safely navigate around the Internet when researching a topic. Some useful sites that you might like to access from home to explore Internet safety include:

- **Netalert**
  [http://www.netalert.net.au/](http://www.netalert.net.au/)

- **Safe Kids**
  [http://www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com)

- **Cyberquoll**

Please come and see me if you have any questions or queries

Kind regards

Jo Wain

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**Canteen Roster - Week 3**

14 February
Kathy Brown, Michelle Kempston & Emma Gardner

18 February
Dana Lotze & Kathy Brown
Library News

There was a tremendous response to borrowing this week in the library. It was great to see so many books being taken home to share with mum and dad.

All children must have a library bag to borrow. A pillow case is an easy alternative. If children forget their library bags on their allocated day they can borrow on Thursday or Friday during ICT lessons.

Last Week Scholastic Book Club leaflets went out to each student. These orders need to be returned to the Office by 21 February.

Wednesday Lunchtime Activities

Next Wednesday Kylie Heffernan will be running a lunchtime craft activity in the Library. Our focus will be on making beaded jewellery.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

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