Dear Parents

We invite all families to join us this Sunday at the 10.00am Mass. There will be a special survey taken to determine the needs of the parish that will assist in planning for the future. Next week we have a whole school Mass on Tuesday to celebrate All Saints Day, which will begin at 9.15am.

Granite Town
The annual festival will begin tomorrow night with stalls and entertainment by the river. Thanks to the creative work of Mrs Johnsen and the children, St Mary’s will have a float in the lantern parade down the river. Please come along and support this important festival for Moruya.

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival
On Sunday our children will travel to Canberra for the netball competition. We wish them every success and thank Mrs Hadley and the teachers for their support and training in preparation for the carnival.

Community Council Meeting
Next Tuesday there will be a meeting of the Community Council executive in the staff room at 6.00pm.

School Fees
This term we have emailed the fee statements to all families. Emailing is a much more efficient method of sending out the fees. A reminder to families that all outstanding fees must be finalised by the end of the year. Please don’t hesitate to come and see me if you are experiencing any financial difficulties.

Life Education
This week we have been visited by the Life Education Van and the children have enjoyed meeting up with Healthy Harold and learning important messages about personal health and well being.

Marist Band
The children were entertained yesterday by the visiting Marist Band from Sydney. I am sure the children enjoyed the entertainment and we thank the band for providing such great entertainment.

Kinder Expo
On Tuesday November 8 we will be holding a Kinder 2017 parent information evening, commencing at 7pm. All parents sending their children to St Mary’s next year are encouraged to attend. After a short introduction parents are able to visit different stalls to ask questions and collect information about life at school.

Mission Day
Congratulations to all the children for their effort last Friday in raising over $1500 for the Missions. All those who were able to attend enjoyed the variety of activities on offer. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes
Mick Lowe
Principal
Sunday’s Gospel
In Jesus’ day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus’ choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house. Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke’s description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognises the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Mission Mass and Stalls
A big thank you to everyone who supported our Mission Day last Friday. We thank Father Dominic for celebrating a joyful Mass with us and Alex for his excellent inclusive homily. Students from various classes led the readings, the prayers and the singing. At the conclusion of Mass the students eagerly set up their various stalls. We thank everyone who contributed to the day, raising the fantastic amount of $1589.85 which will be distributed to those countries most in need.

Kinder and Year 6 Mass
All family, friends and parishioners are most welcome to join the Kinder and Year 6 students for their class Mass tomorrow morning at 9.15am. You are most welcome to sit with your child.

Whole School Mass
Special thanks to the students who are able to participate in our school/Parish Mass this Sunday. This Sunday is National Catholic Life Survey and parishioners will be asked to complete a short survey at Mass.

All Saint’s Day Mass
Next Tuesday is All Saints Day. All Saint’s Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have gone to heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints’ Day observances tend to focus on known saints—that is those recognised in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. Everyone is most welcome to join us at the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday.

Catholic School’s Netball Carnival
The Catholic School’s Netball Carnival is on this Sunday 30th October in Canberra. The four St Mary’s teams have been training once a week over the past 6 weeks. Information, including the team draws has been given to each player. Thank you for your involvement in this fun day of netball.
Religion News

From: God: To All His Children—Effective Immediately

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfil my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologise for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you 10 Commandments. Keep them, but follow these guidelines as well.

QUIT WORRYING Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

PUT IT ON THE LIST Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can’t help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realise.

TRUST ME Once you’ve given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials.

TALK TO ME There’s one thing I want you to never forget. Please don’t forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

HAVE FAITH I see a lot of things from up here that you can’t see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I’m doing. Trust me, you wouldn’t want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me.

SHARE Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven’t heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.

BE KIND Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please know I love each of your differences.

LOVE YOURSELF As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbours. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don’t ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you, GOD.

Have a safe and happy weekend, remembering those who need our prayers,

Marg Croese
Religious Education Coordinator

In All Things May God be Glorified

Week 3 Class Awards

To be presented at Assembly: 2.30pm, Monday 31 October.

Congratulations to the following children who received class awards this week. It is great to see so many children working hard and receiving acknowledgment for their efforts - well done to all!

Kinder W: Ryley B, Morgan D, Archer S
Kinder C: Ava D, Ashton G, Tiahli B
Year 1K: Noah L, Vivienne J, Kade D, Mitchell Z
Year 1/2J: George G, Zack W, Cameron P
Year 2S: Karla W, Zac VW, Chester W
Year 3B: Charlotte M, Zane B, Declan L
Year 3D: Will D, Jess F, Beau M
Year 4W: Jemah S, Emily C, Sarmaya T
Year 4JP: Harry E, Emma P, Xian F
Year 5: Tara M, Lachlan B, Bailey B, Tom H
Year 6: Huon D, Isabelle B, Jordan B

Mission Day
Kinder had a ball meeting Healthy Harold and learning about why their body matters.
The Samaritans Purse project Operation Christmas Child (the filling of shoe boxes for children in underprivileged areas overseas) is having a fundraising evening with the Bay Theatre Players on Friday 11 November 7.30pm. The production is Haphazardly Ever After. Tickets are available from Liz Fisher ($25 per ticket, $15 per child - no concessions). For every ticket sold $3 will go the charity. The evening promises to be an entertaining evening (there will be drinks and nibbles - so come early)! This is a joint venture organised between Areas Coordinator for Operations Christmas Child Liz Fisher (Moruya / Narooma) and Pauline Brook (Batemans Bay/Ulladulla).

Haphazardly Ever After written by Jeff Fluharty and directed by Belinda Quick is a youth production and is described as “tons of magical fun in this original, one of a kind fractured fairy tale farce”! Bay Players youth do such a great job entertaining for us and fantastic for the young actors. Please contact Liz 44717675 or email a2fisther@bigpond.net.au if you would like to purchase tickets.
7 November
Screening of movie '2e - Twice Exceptional' and panel discussion

Screening of movie '2e - twice exceptional' and Panel discussion afterwards.

For more information click here

19 November
Managing Big Emotions 5 - 8 AM 8 - 12 year olds
PM
Holy Spirit Primary School, Nicholls, ACT

For more information and to book
5-8 year olds
8 - 12 year olds

All Catholic churches in our Archdiocese are taking part in the 2016 National Church Life Survey
We invite you to do the National Church Life Survey at your church.
The survey helps Australian churches to be vital and healthy. It equips leaders to plan for the future.

Your opinion matters
It is anonymous
It takes around 20 minutes

We will run around 2000 local churches in 29 denominations who take part in the 2016 NCLS.
We will hold the survey on:
29th/30th October, at all Masses.

The Bay Theatre Players Youth Present

Haphazardly Ever After The Musical

23 October - 19 November, 2016

Music and Lyrics by Scott deTurk
Book by Jeff Fishburn

Directed by Delarde Quick Musical Direction by Laran Deisen

Tickets available at Bargain Box, Batemans Bay, ph: 4472 5984