PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

As we draw closer to the end of another term I firstly wanted to congratulate our dance groups who recently performed at the Joan Sutherland Theatre at a night performance as well as a matinee. For those parents who were lucky enough to be in the audience, I’m sure you will join with me in saying how great our children were. We are very proud of the creative arts program that we offer our students here at St Marys PS and our preparation for concerts such at the Nepean & Blue Mountains Dance Festival forms a big part of this program. Such events allow opportunities for our students that they might not have experienced before and we are always blown away by the courage they show when performing in front of a large audience. You certainly wouldn’t have gotten me to do that when I was a young boy at school! Of course these types of events do not just magically happen; they take an extraordinary amount of work from a dedicated staff who give up their own time for your children. Rehearsals during lunch times and after school, sewing costumes well into the night and giving up their own evening to be there on performance night. A very big thank you to all staff members who made this happen for our school. Well done to all. For those who did not get to see the children perform, you can do so at our performance evening, St Marys Under The Stars, which will be held in the last week of school on Thursday, 18 September. We hope to see everyone there.

Another opportunity for parents to celebrate student achievement will be at next weeks End of Term Assembly. It will be held next Wednesday, 10 September in the school hall beginning at 2.00pm. Invitations have been sent home to parents whose children will be receiving an award on the day but we also encourage all parents to attend the assembly and show their support to the students and the achievements they have made.

Today our P&C held a Fathers Day stall. They had a great array of gifts for dad, which I am sure he will like when he opens it on Sunday. For those children who did not have money today, or for those who wanted to buy an extra gift, the P&C will open up the stall again tomorrow morning. The P&C are also running a Father’s Day raffle which will be drawn tomorrow after lunch. Tickets can still be purchased from the canteen or the front office. There are some wonderful prizes on offer so make sure you are in the draw.

And finally, our school community is made up of a lot of different people who all play a big part in running a successful school that provides a quality education for our students. This week has been a special one as we acknowledge and celebrate the vital role that our SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) play in the education of the students here at St Marys PS. The SASS staff at our school are Ms Guy, Ms Kershaw, Mrs Tattam, Mrs Trotter, Mrs Fischer, Mrs Snowden and Mr Mate. It would be fitting that if you see these people around the school tomorrow that you say a special thank you to them for all that they do at St Marys PS. I hope all of our dads have a great day this Sunday.

Glen Leaf
Principal
ST MARYS SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY September 6
Join St Marys Public School for the street parade.

When: Assemble at Jack Jury Park reserve
Acacia St, St Marys
(near St Marys Senior High School)
Assemble from 11.50am
Parade at 12.20pm

Wear: School uniform

ST MARYS UNDER THE STARS

Back by popular demand, our school concert night, St Marys Under the Stars will be held on Thursday 18 September.

This year we have an exciting selection of items including our Dance groups, music group, as well as items from each stage.

This year we have been able to book the hall of St Marys Senior High which will give us ample seating and allow the performers a chance to view the show as well. Students will be sitting in their class groups with their teacher.

This evening is being provided to give families an opportunity to see our students perform. Tickets can be purchased before the big night. Performers will receive additional notes outlining requirements.

The P&C will be selling a range of BBQ items and refreshments from 5.00pm.

Performance: Thursday 18 September 6:30 – 8:00
Location: St Marys Senior High Hall
Ticket Cost: $5.00 per person or $10 per family

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Year 6 will be holding a Footy Colours Day on Friday 19 September. All students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite team for a gold coin donation. Year 6 will be selling cupcakes iced in team colours, footy shaped biscuits and jelly cups in team colours.

As a special treat, Year 6 have organised an exciting game of Touch Football for students P-6 to watch. From 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Year 6 Vs Teachers Touch Football game will take place on the oval. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch and support the teachers of course.

Prices of items for sale
Footy biscuits 25c
Cupcakes 50c
Jelly Cups $1.00

Please support our Year 6 students make this a successful event. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

LEGACY DAY

This year our school leaders are raising funds for Legacy. This Friday, 5 September, 2014 is Legacy Badge Day. School leaders will be selling a variety of Legacy products ranging from $3.00 - $10.00 in the mornings (playground) on Friday 5, Monday 8, Tuesday 9 September.

MULCH

Spring is here, it’s a great time to top up your gradens with mulch. We have a large amount of mulch at the gate near the band club that is available to our families.
Contact the office to arrange a time to come and load up your trailer or boot.
Happy gardening!
STUDENT NEWS

The Joan

[Images of students at The Joan]
STUDENT NEWS
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Week 7

KD- Merit- Zechariah & Chloe  
PBL- Geoffrey  
KE- Merit- Zion & Ansh  
PBL- Hussain  
KG – Merit- Farwa & Bayli  
PBL- Ryan  
1/2C- Merit-Nisa & Isla  
PBL- Ethan  
1/2L- Merit- Tarquin & Kristina  
PBL- Michael  
1 /2R- Merit- Nathan & Lennox  
PBL- Gailashan  
3/4M- Merit- Zenric & Kanha  
PBL- Nelissa  
3/4S- Merit- Kaajol & Jacob  
PBL- Amelia  
5/6G- Merit-Yashwanth & Jaycob  
PBL- Dayne  
5/6T- Merit- Jamai & Mason  
PBL- Peera

**BASKETBALL NEWS**

Congratulations to our senior girls basketball team who represented our school in Round 5 of the state knockout competition at the Penrith Valley Sports Stadium on Wednesday 20th August. The girls were ready for a tough match against a very strong Regentville team. Regentville took an early lead but our girls never gave up and came back with some great baskets. Although we were eventually defeated, the girls played as a team and were a credit to our school. Well done girls!

Mrs Lee

**PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the 14 finalists who participated in the Public Speaking competition that has been held over the last 2 assemblies. The standard this year was very high.

The overall winners for each grade were:

- Year 3   Harshitha  
- Year 4  Kadiatu  
- Year 5  Pujya  
- Year 6  Keira-Jade

These students will now represent St Marys at the district competition on Wednesday 15th October 2014 at Rooty Hill PS. Best wishes for the next round.

Mrs Lee
# Calendar

## Term 3

### Week 8 - No assembly

**Friday, 5 September**
- Fathers Day Raffle drawn
- Legacy Badge Day

**Saturday, 6 September**
- St Marys Spring Festival

**Week 9 - Assembly**

**Tuesday, 9 September**
- Junior Basketball

**Wednesday, 10 September**
- End of Term Assembly

**Thursday, 11 September**
- Book Character Disco

### Week 10

**Thursday, 18 September**
- St Marys Under The Stars

**Thursday, 18 September**
- Stage 2 camp final payment

**Friday, 19 September**
- Footy Colours Day

## Term 4

### Week 1

**Monday, 6 October**
- Public Holiday

**Tuesday, 7 October**
- Students return

**Wednesday, 8 October**
- Lorikeets Return
- P&C Meeting

### Week 2

**Monday, 13 October**
- Stage 2 Camp
- Corella’s Return

**Tuesday, 14 October**
- Stage 2 Camp

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