PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back to a short, but exciting term two. I hope everyone had a great time with their children during the holidays.

This term is only 9 weeks and the first two have been quite hectic with 4 new enrolments. All of our new students have settled in well, making friends and getting involved in class activities. We welcome these new families to St Marys PS and look forward to them being a part of our school community.

This term we also have some new staff starting at St Marys P.S, I know you will join with me to welcome Mrs Kim Neill, Mrs Nicole DeRoo, Mrs Nicole Tytherleigh, Mrs Jan Snowden and Mr Daniel Mitchell. All of these wonderful teachers are employed by the school to help support the daily teaching programs. We also welcome back our school counsellor Mrs Laura Seabury from maternity leave.

PHOTOS

Today students in years K-6 received their school photos. We hope you are happy with them. Families who did not order any photos also received an order form with the image of their child on the front. If you like the picture, you can still order directly from Southern Cross Photography. Contact the front office if you would like more information on how to do this. Preschool photos should be here by next week and the whole school photo will also be taken in the next couple of weeks. I will let you know the date when it has been finalised.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Also today the children were able to purchase gifts for Mother’s Day from our P&C Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to the P&C for organising this for our students. I know from personal experience how excited the children get when they can give a gift to their mother or father that they have chosen and paid for themselves.

The P&C will also open the Mother’s Day stall tomorrow, although there will be limited stock.

CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow is our school cross country. Mr Smith has been getting the track ready and the stop watches have been primed to time the fastest runners on the day. Although not compulsory, I expect all children to take part in this event unless they have a very good reason. All sporting events held by the school are part of our PDHPE program and therefore the expectation is that all students will be involved. I understand that not everyone is a good runner and that distance running can be challenging. But giving things “a go” and making an effort even when you feel that you can’t succeed builds character in people and I know we have great character at St Marys PS.
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE Cont

OPPORTUNITY CLASS
If you are the parent of a student in year 4 and are seeking an opportunity class placement for them in 2015, online applications are now open. You can apply for up to two schools of your choice. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.
Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.
If you require further information on this subject, please contact Miss Judd.

ICAS COMPETITIONS
Entries have now closed. Testing dates are as follows:

Computer Skills – 20 May
Science – 4 June
Spelling – 17 June
Writing – 19 June
English – 29 July
Maths – 12 August

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will be held at our school next week on Tuesday, 13 May, Wednesday, 14 May and Thursday, 15 May. If any child is away on one of these days Friday, 16 May, is a catch up day.
Please ensure that your children gets plenty of sleep prior to these days and are at school on time, as the tests take place from the start of school each day.

SPORTS UNIFORM
As you would be aware, students who represent the school at a sports competition are required to wear a sports uniform. The school loans each player a sports shirt, which have been kindly donated to the school by the P&C, but it is up to the individual to supply their own black sports shorts and socks. The P&C have these items for sale and will have them available for purchase at tomorrow’s Cross Country carnival. The shorts are $13 and the socks are $7.

Finally, a big “Happy Mother’s Day” to all of our mums for this Sunday. Put your feet up and enjoy your special day.

Glen Leaf
Principal
P&C

P&C hold a general meeting once a month. If you have a point for discussion in general business, please contact the secretary to have it placed on the agenda.

stmaryspublicpandc@hotmail.com

Please title the email Agenda and include a short description of the topic, your name and any supporting documents.

The agenda is distributed 1 week before each meeting to enable members to review items prior to the meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP/CLOTHING POOL

Uniform shop open times are now:
Mon 2.30pm to 3.15pm
Thursday 2.30pm to 3.15pm

Appointments can be made through the canteen for other times.

CANTEEN

Our canteen is operated by our P&C and is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Students must place orders before 9.00am. The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is promoted by our school and a variety of nutritious food is available on canteen days. Students need to order any items they require for recess and lunch. They may purchase additional items for the first half of lunch only.

GLORIA JEANS

Gloria Jeans have given our school promotional cards. Once filled in the school receives $2 for each completed card returned to the school. Cards are available from the office.
**Term 2**

**WEEK 1 - Assembly week**

Tuesday, April 29
Students Return  Whole school

**WEEK 2**

Wednesday, 7 May
P&C Meeting  Community

Thursday, 8 May
Mothers Day Stall  Whole School

Friday, 9 May
School Cross Country  Years 3 - 6

**WEEK 3 - Assembly week**

Wednesday - Friday 13- 15 May
Naplan  Years 3 & 5

**WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 20 May
IACS Computer  Selected Students

Wednesday, 21 May
Cake Stall - Stage 3  Whole School

Wednesday, 21 May
K-2 National Simultaneous Story Time

**WEEK 5 - Assembly week**

Thursday, 29 May
School Leaders Civic Reception  Captains & Principal

**WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 3 June
Netball Knockout  Selected Team

Wednesday, 4 June
P&C Meeting  Community
ICAS Science  Selected Students

Friday, 6 June
SRC- Pyjama Day  Whole School

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**CALENDAR**

**Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way
to save time on midweek meals

Are you pressed for time when it comes to creating healthy midweek meals? Here are some quick and easy tips to take the hassle out of midweek cooking.

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<td>Cook a larger quantity of your favourite meat and vegetable stir fry. Refrigerate leftovers.</td>
<td>Wrap leftover stir fry in shortcrust or filo pastry to create a ‘pie’. Serve with extra veggies.</td>
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<td>When cooking lasagne, double amount of mince &amp; veg filling (add carrot, zucchini, sweet potato, corn, mushrooms), refrigerate extras.</td>
<td>Add extra filling from the previous night to spaghetti for quick spag bol.</td>
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<td>Prepare extra vegies with a baked dinner &amp; refrigerate leftovers.</td>
<td>Heat leftover veg &amp; add to a salad = warm roast vegetable salad.</td>
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By planning your meals you can save time, money and do wonders for your family’s health!


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