



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4

2nd November 2011

Week 4

Dear Parents,

Last Thursday night's Cartwheels Cluster celebration was a wonderful evening and we have had some great feedback from parents, children and organisers. Events such as these take a lot of preparation and organising and I would like to acknowledge the work of St. Mary's staff, Dave and Andy, Berry Street and the Royal Childrens' Hospital and all the willing volunteers who made the night such a success.

Our planning is now almost complete for 2012. As listed in last week's newsletter there will be six class groups, and the teachers who will be taking each class are listed below:

P/1P	Ms Karen Power
P/1W	Mrs Julia White
2L	Ms Kerry Losa
3/4T	Ms Sally Toniolo
3/4B	Ms Amy Barnes
5/6	Will be taught various subjects by a range of teachers including Mrs Maureen Cowan, Mrs Jo Brewer and Mrs Christina Irwin

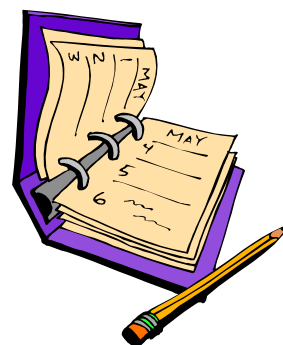
It will assist us greatly in our planning if we know if any families are moving from the area and won't be returning next year. We would also appreciate any input from parents that should be considered in placing children in particular class groups. This includes you letting us know if there are brother / sister or cousin issues or any other similar concerns that you have. Requests by parents for a particular teacher are not appropriate and will not be considered.

It takes many hours to complete these groups and in doing this we pay particular attention to children with special learning needs, differing personalities and academic and social needs. The class groups are announced on Orientation Day and no changes can or will be made to the groupings once they have been announced, as moving one child from a group can create a domino effect that impacts on many others. For that reason it would be important to speak to Jo, or email any information that is relevant before November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,  
Jo Brewer

## DATES 2011

NOVEMBER	2	All Saints' Day
	10, 17 & 24	Kinder kids visit
	12	Alexandra Show
		Open Garden Day
	21	Whole school photo
	23	Year 6 transition day
	24-25	Year 3/4 camp
	28	AGM Parents' Auxiliary
	30	School Advisory Board meeting 7pm
DECEMBER	13	Orientation Day
	14	Awards & Graduation evening
	19	Year 6 shopping trip
	20	Last day Term 4



## THIS WEEK'S SPONSOR:

This is a Parents' Auxiliary fundraising initiative. Sponsorship enquiries and bookings to [LeisaDent@bigpond.com](mailto:LeisaDent@bigpond.com) or 57721998. Deadline 12.00 noon Fridays. All sponsors go in the draw to win a set of free full colour business cards supplied by [choicebusinesscards.com.au](http://choicebusinesscards.com.au) drawn Terms 2 and 4.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SAINTS: EVER THOUGHT OF BEING ONE?**

Ever thought of being a saint? No? Not for you? Last year Mary Mackillop was declared a saint on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Probably, she never thought of being a saint even though she had uncommon kindness and was a wonderful example of how not to forget those people who are the “forgettable” in our world. The saints are always calling us back to our Christian roots. They are real human beings like us with their own personal problems but who battle on to achieve extraordinary deeds. Because of this, we should not leave them as lifeless statues or stained-glass windows and excuse ourselves from our responsibilities to other people on the pretext that we aren't perfect. The very fact, that they are human like us, is a reminder to us of our responsibilities even if we are flawed and imperfect persons.



The following two observations highlight the “ordinary person” of St Mary Mackillop: “We want our saints to be inspiring but to understand the pathways we walk. Mary is a model of human possibility and she worked with what she had available to her and made things happen in a practical, humanly sensitive way.” Sister Carroll. “The real Mary Mackillop was, in her youth, a rather photogenic, nice nun who grew up to be a remarkable woman of toughness and imagination in the way she lived her faith. But she was also an old lady in a wheelchair nursing her little dog after her active days were over.” Fr Tony Kelly.

Not everyone can be a Mary Mackillop but we can all do something, if only of a minor nature, to improve the quality of life of disadvantaged and neglected people. The world needs more saints in the making, so that question again: “Ever thought of being a saint?”

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**KINDER KIDS** begin their transition visits next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to welcoming many new families to our school community as well as younger members of our existing families.



**YEAR 3/4 CAMP** will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at Kendals in Rubicon. The children have received a letter with more detailed information and a request for parent assistance. Please return permission slips and payment of \$30 to the school office. Payment is due by November 23. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

**GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING**

A meeting for anyone wishing to be part of the Garden Committee which will oversee the planning, implementation and maintenance of our garden and grounds will be held on Wednesday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.00am in the Hall kitchen. Please feel welcome to come along if you have an interest in our gardens.

**ART SHOW**

An Art Show was held at Ern Trembath's Thornton Bridge Studio, over Melbourne Cup weekend. The Art Show included a special display of art works from students of all the Cathedral Cluster schools, including some works from students in Years 3-6 from St. Mary's. We congratulate Eliza, Peter, Jirri, Sophie, Sarah, Chelsie, Grace, Madison, Phoebe and Matilda.

**SIGNING IN**

All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the front office on arrival and sign out on departure. This includes parents on Tuckshop, Auxiliary business, gardening etc. This is in case of emergency evacuations and the need to have everybody on the school premises accounted for.

**WORLD TEACHERS' DAY LUNCHEON**

The staff would like to thank the lovely parents who baked or set our table on Friday for World Teachers' Day. The table was beautifully decorated and filled with many delicious treats that all the staff enjoyed. It was a feast fit for royalty!

**SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS**

Accounts were sent home at the end of last week to families with outstanding balances. It would be appreciated if accounts could be finalised by the end of November. We thank the families who have attended to their accounts.

**CARTWHEELS**

What did you think of the CARTWHEELS festival? Please fill out our online community survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Cartwheels\\_community\\_survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Cartwheels_community_survey)

NB: If you are typing the address into your server, please note include the underscores: Cartwheels\_community\_survey



# CONGRATULATIONS

## SPECIAL PERSON OF THE WEEK

- YEAR 5/6 *Amity*
- YEAR 3/4 *Eliza*
- YEAR 2L *Alex H*
- YEAR P/1P *Max*
- YEAR P/1M *Miss Manuell*

## WEEKLY P.E AWARD WINNERS

- YEAR 3 /4
  - YEAR 2L
  - YEAR P/1 P
  - YEAR P/1 M
- No winners this week due to the Melbourne Cup holiday.

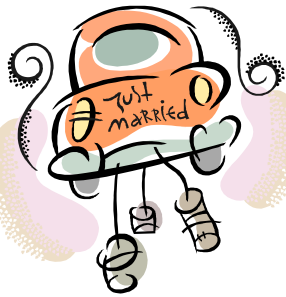
## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- YEAR 5/6 *James for his enthusiasm for his part in the Cartwheels play, even if it didn't quite go to plan!*
- YEAR 3/4 *Lachlan for his improved application in class.*
- YEAR 2L *Brodie for his excellent explanation of his reading strategies used in group work.*
- YEAR P/1P *Jed for using very effective reading strategies and trying so hard to work out tricky words.*
- YEAR P/1M *Tom for always working hard and trying his best.*

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ALANA ~ FOR HELPING OTHERS DURING POETRY TIME

SETH ~ FOR SHARING HIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE ABOUT HIS MUSEUM TRIP



Congratulations to  
Miss Manuell and Dylan White  
on their forthcoming marriage  
this weekend.

*We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness together*

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER** If you can spare a few hours on a Monday morning, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the page and return to the office. We need three helpers for tuckshop to run. Cancellation notices will be sent home on Fridays if there are not enough helpers.

### TERM 4 OCTOBER

### NOVEMBER

<b>Monday 7th</b>	<b>Christy Snow</b>	<b>Sue Kemp</b>
<b>Monday 14th</b>	.....	.....
<b>Monday 21st</b>	<b>Christy Snow</b>	<b>Sue Haggis</b>
<b>Monday 28th</b>	.....	.....

WE REALLY DO NEED TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE HELPER LISTED TO ASSIST SIMONE IN THE KITCHEN ON MONDAY MORNINGS. IF WE ONLY HAVE ONE NAME BY FRIDAYS, WE WILL SEND HOME A CANCELLATION NOTICE.

### PARENTS AUXILIARY NEWS

**St Mary's Ball** - Thank you to Alexandra Skip Bins for donating a skip bin to assist in the clean up after our travels around the world. Your generosity is much appreciated. If anyone is looking for lost property or platters, there is a collection in the school kitchen.



**THANK YOU** to those who brought a luncheon plate for the staff and Leisa and Michelle for overseeing. I hope the teachers had a lovely day!

**BODY SHOP ORDERS** have arrived! If you placed an order from the Body Shop catalogue can you please collect it from the school office. Thank you.

#### OPEN GARDENS

This year we have the opportunity again to fundraise around \$5000+ over the two days of the Australian Open Gardens scheme. This is the BIGGEST fundraiser for the year! Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We need many volunteers to make this a success, if you can nominate a time frame and preferred day it would be appreciated. If you do not mind what you do we can allocate you to a task. We expect **hundreds** of people over the weekend so it should be fantastic, fun and busy!

We will require the following on the day:- Raffle Ticket Sellers, Gate Entry Fee, Afternoon Tea, Set up and Pack up, Produce Stall & Plant/Manure Sales.

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER – WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**Afternoon Tea** We will require baking for the day too. The standard afternoon tea will be tea/coffee served with a plate of sandwiches or a slice of cake. If anyone can provide either of these things please indicate on slip provided.

**Produce Stall** The produce call has been out for a few weeks for jams, chutneys, fresh fruit & vegetables

#### Awards / Graduation BBQ – PLEASE RESPOND WITH NUMBERS – AUNTIES, UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS

The Masonic Lodge have been approached to cook us a BBQ but we really need a commitment from the school community. Instead of us all running to the pubs and takeaways we thought it would be a nice night to gather together while we are all there. Please fill in your slip below so we can confirm the Masonics will have plenty of people to feed. Menu & pricing to be decided soon.

I will notify every one of their confirmed time slot and job for the events you volunteer for via a small slip.

Thanks Sharon

I..... can assist in the following way.

**Sheep Manure Day** (Part of Open Gardens Day – Bagging of the Poo!) 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 3pm – 5pm

Many hands (with gloves) makes light work. Children or small adults required to get under sheep shed to collect.

I can help with Bagging  BYO small garden shovel, bags supplied.

I can supply bagged sheep/horse/alpaca poo for the day from my own farm

#### Open Gardens Weekend.....

Saturday Volunteer    9am – 11am     11am – 1pm     1pm – 3pm     3pm – 5pm

Sunday Volunteer    9am – 11am     11am – 1pm     1pm – 3pm     3pm – 5pm

Afternoon Teas     Produce Stall     Gate entry     Raffle Tickets

I can supply    CAKES for afternoon tea     PRODUCE for stall  Please specify.....

Other .....

**Awards / Graduation BBQ** 14 Dec (Family name)..... – Attending  Adult.....Child.....

Regards Sharon Hedger 0409 105 613

# A snapshot in the busy life of 2L this term!



*An exciting trip to the museum and take a walk with the dinosaurs.*

## MAKING BUTTER THE HARD WAY WITH CHEF

All by hand...SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE



*Jamie B took out Master Chef for the day*



**Congratulations to everyone who participated last Thursday at the Cartwheels Festival. We are so proud of your performances.**

**Well done everyone!**





The Alexandra Swimming club registration day will be held on **Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>** from 5-6pm at the Alexandra Primary School multipurpose room, accessible from Nihil street.

Registration fee for this season is \$110 for the first child and \$100 for others.

The Alexandra Swimming Club is once again looking for coaches/parents to assist with all levels, from learn to swim through to squad training. Anyone interested in helping out with this years program is asked to contact Kim Pammer on 5772 3076.



## Alexandra Cricket Club— Redbacks

### MILO CRICKET PROGRAM



Will commence on Wednesday the 9th of November 4pm at Leckie Park.

If you have any questions feel  
free to contact:

Scott Ferrier (Milo coordinator) on 0428 000 992

P Wallis 0427 517 508 President

## TENNIS COACHING

Every Friday night from  
3.45pm

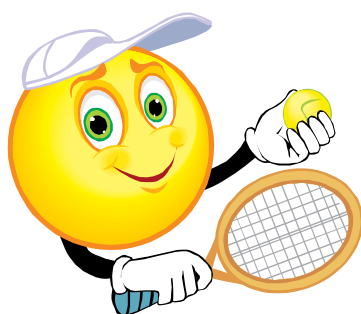
Beginners to advanced

From 6 years of age

Venue: Alexandra Lawn  
Courts

Coach: Danny Cahill

5775 1727 or  
0422 156 417



## YEAR 5/6 ALEXANDRA SECONDARY COLLEGE VISITS



Year 5/6 will be visiting the Secondary College on Thursday November 3rd (tomorrow). The children will have the opportunity to purchase lunch at the cafe or they can bring their own lunch. Children will need to bring money if they want to buy lunch. It will be your child's responsibility to look after this money.

