Dear Parents and Carers,

Selamat pagi! (Indonesian) Ginnagay (Gumbaynggirr)! Hello! (English) Welcome to the 2013 school year, and what a great year it is going to be. As you can probably tell, I am very excited about joining your beautiful school community. The children are a delight, the staff are wonderful and all our families have been incredibly warm and welcoming. Thankyou.

This year Michael Gallery joins us as Leader of Pedagogy. This is a new role and a very exciting one. Michael will be here to support teachers in implementing the new curriculum and developing a modern 21st century Pedagogy (The Art and Science of Teaching). Over the coming months there will be updates in the newsletter to give you a deeper understanding of what this actually means.

Michael will also be teaching Indonesian. As Australia has become more aware of the emerging power of Asian countries, the Federal Government has identified that knowledge of Asian languages will contribute greatly to Australia’s future wellbeing and has targeted Indonesian as one of the four major Asian languages that will achieve this. Our aim is to provide students with the opportunities to become world-class citizens; focusing on technology, ethics, natural environment and the world on a local and global scale. Students will be not only learning language but also exploring Indonesian culture through an inquiry process.

This term staff will be trained in developing fitness and fundamental movement skills through games - The Blue Earth Program, as well as developing Scientific Inquiry Skills and Knowledge - Primary Connections. These are both nationally recognised Award-winning programs and we are very fortunate to be able to access them. Both programs will be implemented across the whole school, K-6.

Students will also have the opportunity to enjoy making music. Thanks to the wonderful resources supplied by the parent body we are able to pursue a Percussion program where children will be following scores, learning to read music and even have the opportunity to create their own music.

And that’s just Term One!

Central to our school life is our Faith. We do not impose our Faith on anyone but rather offer people opportunities to experience it. We encourage students to be reflective and to translate these values into action. In the words of Andrew Chin

"At the end of the day I hope that I will be
A better person and the world a better place to be."

An example of our reflective and meditative style of prayer follows.

Claire Mellon
Principal
**Today's Reflection**

“Wherever your treasure is there will your heart be too…”

Matthew 6:21

**Reflection**

Today’s Word offers you the chance to discover a great and precious treasure – a treasure that is yours forever. To find this treasure, you need to know the things that matter most to you.

You can do this by asking yourself some questions. What do you hope for and strive for? What are you prepared to give your time and energy to? What is it that you want more than anything else? Some people would answer that money and success are the things that matter most to them. God’s Word tells us that we will find our true treasure deep in our hearts.

**Ritual**

Take time now to find your treasure. Begin by placing your hand upon your heart and feeling your own heart beat… As you do this, ask yourself what is the most precious thing in life for you? Sit quietly with these thoughts, and as you feel your hand upon your heart, share with God the treasure that you have found.

**Remember**

I have a great treasure deep in my heart.

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**PRIVATE PIANO TUITION**

Private piano tuition is available at school during school hours on a Wednesday. Qualified pianist Leah Richards provides half hour lessons for $25.

If you are interested in piano lessons for your child please ring Leah, 0477294763, and book in. "Music is an art to be enjoyed"!

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**St Mary’s Swimming Trials**

Swimming Trials will be held Monday 11th February for those students aged 8 years and over wanting to represent the school at Zone level. Please return nomination/permission notes by Friday 8th February so that the program can be finalised. The $2.00 for pool entry (unless season pass holder) is payable on the day.

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**Crunch & Sip**

Crunch and Sip began in our school on Monday 4th February. Our school now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day at 10:00am for our students to refuel on chopped up fruit or vegetables and rehydrate on water.

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**SPORT DAYS**

- Kinder through to Yr.2 = Thursdays & Yr.3 - Yr.6 = Fridays
LIBRARY & BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder to those who have a St Mary’s library bag – these are to be used every week – do not use a plastic shopping bag etc., Library bags may be purchased for $7 each.

Our first Book club of the year is out today. We have 8 catalogues (2 per term) a year where you can other books etc. For every purchase made St Mary’s receives bonus points which contribute to the purchase of new books for our library – Last year we purchased books to the value of $550.

When filling out your catalogue ensure you have your child’s name and class on the back of the form. You can pay with your credit card or send the correct money or a cheque in an envelope so it doesn’t get lost. The due date back is Friday 15/02 and it will take two weeks for your books to get back to School.

Thank You,
Chris Halpin
Book Club / Library Co-ord

CHILDREN OF MARY commences next Thursday 14th February in the Parish Centre at 3.15 pm. Any new children interested in joining the group may collect an enrolment form from the school office. This form needs to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Children of Mary is run by Coby Bleys who is a long standing parishioner of St. Mary’s Parish.

Coby collects the children at 3.15 pm and takes them to the church for a short prayer time they then go on to the Parish Centre just behind the Church where they have afternoon tea followed by games.

Parents must collect their children from the Parish Centre at 4.30 pm

Happy Birthday wishes to Hayley Puls who celebrates her birthday on the 2nd February and Alexander Nolan 6th February.

St Mary’s Catholic Primary School requires a Maintenance Person to do outdoor maintenance e.g., mowing, whipper snipping, hosing down, sweeping, pruning and general tidying up duties and occasional repairs.

This position is for twelve (12) hours per week – days to be discussed with Principal.
All necessary equipment will be supplied by the school. Start date as soon as possible.
Interested people are invited to submit their resume and qualifications by Friday 7th February, 2013 to:

Mrs. Claire Mellon
Principal
P O Box 326
St Mary’s Catholic Primary School
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Or email to: cmellon@lism.catholic.edu.au
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