Dear Parents, Students and Friends

*Jesus said, “No one lights a lamp to put under a tub; they put it on a lamp-stand where it shines for everyone to see.”*

In this passage from Matthew’s gospel, Jesus lets us know that we all have gifts and talents and that to hide these really does not make sense. Rather we should recognize our giftedness and put this to good use for the communities in which we live.

This week you would have received a letter from the P&F Association asking you to think of your “lamp” and how you can use it for the good of St Mary’s School community. The title of this letter is *JUST ONE THING*. It will ask you to do just one thing for our school community that will enhance the lives of those who are in our care. I am aware that some parents have already indicated what they can do and I thank them, but I ask that you fill these forms in again as further options have been added. Please consider the options seriously. If every parent commits to doing just one thing, just imagine how brightly St Mary’s lamp will shine.

**Opening School Mass & Induction of Year 6 Leaders**

They pledged to be leaders of our school who would act with respect, be models of good behaviour and to witness to the gospel values of Catholic education. With this pledge our Yr 6 students were commissioned as our 2015 leaders. This year they will be challenged along the way as they face the demands that leadership expects of them. We will keep them in our prayers and continuously work with them as they grow into student leaders of St Mary’s.
P&F Meat and Greet

Don’t forget our MEAT and GREET night Friday 13th March. It is an opportunity for you to catch up with friends and to help our new families feel welcome. Your generosity in hosting our new families would be greatly appreciated and a true indication of the friendly family feeling this school boasts. Please contact Bruce Wright P&F President, if you can help. M: 0417 607 338

This night is also our school disco night. A flyer will be sent this week asking you to indicate how many will be attending the BBQ. This will assist us in our ordering of food.

**Time:** 5.00PM

**Cost:** BBQ and tea/coffee **FREE** Soft drinks, fruit drinks, lollies and snacks for sale

**Disco:** 6.00PM – 8.00PM **Theme:** Black Friday **Disco cost:** $3.00

Clean Up St Mary’s Day

In line with Clean Up Australia Day, St Mary’s school students got their hands dirty and cleaned up our school grounds and the park on McCarthy Street. We were fortunate to have Councillor Lynne Forgan join us for this event. Councillor Forgan spoke to the children about the importance of keeping our environment clean and the work the Bundaberg Regional Council does to maintain its clean-up program. One interesting fact she told the children was that 23 truckloads of rubbish are collected every day in Bundaberg.

In conjunction with Clean Up St Mary’s, we had nude food day. This was a great success and we thank the parents who supported our students’ participation by helping them to come to school with food that had no paper wrappings.

Councillor Lynne Forgan with Harry Schneider (6C)

Congratulations

It is always gratifying to see our ex-students achieve so well at Shalom College. This year, 5 of our ex-students were inducted into leadership roles at Shalom. We wish them the very best, confident that they will perform their duties with pride and competency. We have no doubt that they will, as a result of their excellent education at St Mary’s!

**Aden SIMMS**, **Rebecca GAVIN**, **Patrick PLUMB**, **Kelsey HENRICKSEN** & **Dominic TUZES**, pictured right, former students of St Mary’s School on their induction as House Captains at Shalom College.

School Fees

Term 1 accounts are due for payment on Thursday, 12th March, 2015.

Working Bee Thanks

Thank you to those who attended our first Working Bee for the year last Saturday: **Craig McAneney; Michael Matteschk; Chris Green; Brendan Clancy; Adrian Tuzes; Jason Kenny; Robert Doyle.** Your generosity in volunteering your time to help keep our school looking beautiful is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the following students who also assisted with tasks **Jack, Jesse (5B) & Adam (3T) BEVERIDGE; Joel (6J), Oscar (5SB) & Max (2O) CLANCY; Georgie (6J) & Ryan (4B) TUZES; Liam (6C) & Joseph (3G) DOYLE.** What a wonderful display of school pride.

Those who volunteer at 4 working bees throughout the school year are eligible for a rebate of $135.00 which is the School Assistance Bond component of the school fees. Dates for working bees for this year are **28 March, 9 May, 20 June, 25 July, 12 September, 24 October & 21 November.**
Congratulations…..

- **Ric & Rabuna Fennessy (Sita 4B)** on the birth of their son Jackson last week

Found….

- One size 12 black jogger found in the multi-purpose court. Collect from school office if it belongs to you.

*Madonna*

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**ST MARY’S COOKBOOK A TIME TO EAT**

The cookbook is really coming along very well thanks to all the recipes and photos we have received from our parents and sponsors. It will end up being a very professional and attractive book. We are still seeking a few more sponsors for our cookbook. If you know of any firm or person who could sponsor a page please let one of the committee members know. Please click here for more information and the contact details of the committee members.

[Click here](#) to view flyer with further information.

*St Mary’s Cookbook Committee Members*

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**APRE NOTES**

The whole school is continuing to meditate after Morning Tea break every day. Everyone has found this time to be relaxing, enjoyable and is helping the children to focus for the rest of their upcoming learning.

*Pictured right are Lachlan O’Brien, Bridie Stehbens & Thomas Walsh from Year 1KP participating in the daily meditation session.*

*David Boge APRE*

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Your child’s speech

We live very busy lives. We find it hard to spend quality time with our children regularly – but we MUST.

Clear, coherent speech is a gift that our current adult generations take for granted. Unfortunately our students do not automatically have this capacity and it must be developed at home as well as at school. Fortunately, there are many support agencies available to us as parents. With the help of creative websites we can find lots of ideas to provide a language rich, articulate speech environment at home – or even in the car!

An idea!!!! - For just a few minutes a day this month, request and expect clear, articulate speech during dialogue with your child. It might be fun.

The following websites have lots of ideas for the development of clear speech:

http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Kindergarten_Speech_Development

Just a few minutes of well-articulated speech a day, may be all that your child needs to support their next step in spelling and reading development.

How many nursery rhymes can you say? Check out Kid-spot for a memory jogger.


Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Please check with your child each day until you have a note for a parent-teacher meeting this term. These meetings are very important for the teachers - to develop a greater understanding of your child from a parent’s perspective and for parents – to develop a greater understanding of your child from a schooling perspective.

Carmel Ashton APC

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students will again have the opportunity to sit for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

If you wish your child to enter into these written test style competitions, please return the advice slip to the school office before the end of term. Click here for permission form. Please return permission and entry fee by Thursday 2nd April 2015.

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*Students can sit ICAS Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 15 June, and still be eligible for UNSW Medals.
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Perceptual Motor Program

PMP (PE classes) for Prep, Years 1 and 2 have begun. There has been a great response from Prep, Years 2 O and 2R. Thank you parents from these classes.

**Years 1KP, 1H and 2PA desperately need helpers.**

If you can help with these classes, the children would love to see you. Sadly, from next week, if we do not have enough helpers we will not be able to continue PMP with these classes at a level that is best for the students.

*Linda Fulton Specialist PE Teacher*

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

Congratulations....

- **HARRISON SCHNEIDER (6C)** who has been selected in the AFL team to contest the Regional Championships at Kingaroy in March. Well done Harrison.

Queensland Sports Carnival - Gary Larson Oval, Miriamvale – Saturday 14\textsuperscript{th} March 2015

Click here to view flyer with further details of this event.

**MUSIC NOTES**

Year 5 Band Tour

On Thursday March 26\textsuperscript{th} our Year 5 band students will travel in two groups for a *playout* tour. The first group will be performing at Kepnock Village Retirement Centre and the second group will play in a combined concert at St Joseph’s School in town. Perhaps you can encourage your band children into further home playing to prepare for these performance opportunities.

*Our concert band performed during Our Opening and Commissioning of Leaders Mass last Thursday. Our thanks to St Joseph’s Concert Band members who helped us out while our Yr 6 concert band players were busy during the ceremony.***

Senior Choir

Don’t forget after school Wednesdays 3:00PM-3.45PM. All Years 4-7 students welcome.

Music Dates

- **Senior Choir St Patrick’s Day Celebrations at Brother’s Club**
- **Year 5 Band Tour with St Mary’s**

*Tuesday March 17\textsuperscript{th}*

*Thursday March 26\textsuperscript{th}*

Please don’t hesitate to contact either Ian King (Thursdays) or Helen Osborne (Monday - Thursdays) if you have any questions about music in the school.

*Helen Osborne School Music Teacher*
Eisteddfod entries must be left at school office by today **Wednesday 4th March** as the CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY 6th March. Children need to bring copies of their pieces to school each Wednesday and see Mrs Gallagher (Mrs G) to practise at morning tea or lunch time. Copies of “own choice” selections need to be kept in a safe place as they will need to take them on the day of the eisteddfod performance. “Own Choice” selections will include: Light Verse, Prose Reading….anything other than “Set Work”. Parents can ring me 0438094062 if they have any queries.

**Paula Gallagher**

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – THURSDAY 19TH MARCH**

School Photo Day is Thursday, 19th March, 2014. STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR THEIR BLUE DAY UNIFORM. MSP Photography payment envelopes will be sent home with each student next week. Please take the time to read the relevant information on these envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, credit cards, cheques and money orders only are all accepted.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Year 1H **MAX ACQUASANTA** for trying hard last week to complete all your written work. You’re a super star Max!

**KEIARRA HUNT** for being super excited to share with the class your baby book for our History unit, and what a beautiful baby you were too!

Year 1KP **THOMAS WARHAM** for showing great leadership qualities in the classroom and out in the playground.

**ISOBEL CHUNG** for participating so enthusiastically during our visit to ‘World of Maths’ activity stations.

Year 2 O **SKYLA HARVEY** for being so brave and persistent, writing with a broken arm. You are a star!!

Year 2 PA **MITCHELL ELLERY** for being focussed during work time and developing some stamina in reading time. Keep up the great work Mitchell.

**KATIE SELF** for being focussed during work time so that you are able to present good quality work.

Year 2R **ZAHLIA MOYNIHAN** for trying your hardest to stay on task during our writing time last week. Well done!

**ELKE LORD** for always taking the time to do your best handwriting. You form your letters beautifully!

Year 3B **CHARLIE DOVE** for being very resilient and coping with your broken finger last week. You did not let it interfere with any of your work in the classroom.

**REBECCA WRIGHT** for being the quiet achiever in our classroom. You are always working responsibly, co-operatively and productively. Thank you.

Year 3G **ROHAN MCDONALD** for always working away at your tasks quietly and trying your best in everything you do.

**CAITLIN GORDON-SMITH** for always being a happy, cheerful member of our class and putting a champion effort into everything you do.

Year 3T **ELLA SHIELDS** for being an organised worker and remembering to bring in your homework each day. Keep up the wonderful work.

Year 4B **BELLA ALLISON** for always giving a helping hand to everyone around you.

**CARTER LASCHELLES** for being a star reader during read to self. Keep it up!

Year 4P **KIRA CITTADELLA** Congratulations on being a persistent worker in our class and at home with your homework. You put in a big effort every day and never give up till you have achieved. Keep up the excellent work Kira!

**SAMUEL KENNY** for being the quiet achiever in our class. You are a responsible student with your tasks completed on time, every time. Terrific work Sam!!
Year 5B  
**KEN ARRIOILA** for working super hard to learn your spelling words and your multiplication facts each week. You are a star.

**SOPHIE BOND** for producing some fantastic “Tightening Tension” paragraphs. I love reading your writing.

Year 5P  
**DANE HARRIS** for always being thoughtful and organised. You consistently display eagerness in all areas of school life.

**PAULA WILLIAMS** for showing active and reverent participation during our opening school Mass.

Year 5SB  
**RONAN BOYLAN** for thriving on challenges! We love the way you take risks with your learning.

**LILYGRACE DOVE** for presenting OUTSTANDING homework. You make Mrs Sears' job a breeze!!

Year 6J  
**MYLES JACOBSEN** for being a quiet achiever, you strive to learn new concepts, improve and conquer all challenges

**CHARLOTTE BOGE** for always striving to complete challenging tasks. Your smile, manners and enthusiasm is a blessing in our class.

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**MOLLY ROBERTS & MATILDA HOLZNAGEL**
for keeping our school environment clean and tidy.

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**SO WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 3T**

If you have walked past our room lately you would have noticed lots of 3T students busily working away at our classroom tasks. I asked them what they have enjoyed most about Year 3 so far and their responses all showed a love of learning. Our whole class agreed that they enjoyed our weekly ‘Kahoots!’ quiz on the ipads; building our reading stamina during ‘Read to Self’ and reading ‘Matilda’. However, most of all our class loved writing ‘Sizzling Starts’. Below are some of 3T’s sizzling starts they wrote in class.

**Topic: There are no teachers at school…**

I walked into the classroom. Not a soul was there… Then I heard a big ROAR. It came from the playground. – Issy

I walked into the classroom. There was no one there. I heard a weird groaning sound. I turned around… There were zombies everywhere!!! – Reece

**Topic: Little Red Riding Hood:**

CRASH! went the wood as it was cut down by the woodcutter. 
Knock! Knock! The wolf banged on Grandma’s door. 
The wolf opened it a crack and as the door opened…
“Boo!” screamed the wolf. 
“AGHHHH!” cried grandma as the wolf ate her up. – Kaleb

Knock! Knock! “Who is it?” said the pig 
“It’s me the nice wolf, I just want a cup of flour to make a cake.” – Amelia
LIBRARY

If anyone is able to assist in covering books for the library please see Lorraine. Contact supplied and covering can be done at school or home.  

Lorraine Knott   Library Coordinator

ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to join the Bundaberg Catholic Women’s League at their annual St Patrick’s celebration which is to be held at the Brother’s Club, on Tuesday March 17th commencing with morning tea at 9am followed by variety concert, lucky shamrock, lucky spots, raffles and a continuous cent sale. Proceeds go towards supporting local and Australian charities.  
St Mary’s choir will also be performing on the day.  Bookings: Annette – 41514895 or Maureen – 41521263

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RACE DAY 2015

Mark your diaries now!  The 10th Anniversary of the will be held on SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH 2015  
Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community.  Click here to view flyer with further details.  
Tickets are now available at St Mary’s School office.  Click here to view sponsors of this event.  
Any enquiries please contact Peter O’Beirne on 0419 787 279 or Teresa Cameron on 4155 8111.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sensory Movie Day

Inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around, lighting on dim and fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers  
"Penguins of Madagascar”   11.00am Sunday 15 March   Tickets $8.00 each   $5.50 small popcorn & small drink combo  
Companion I.D Card Accepted.  Children under 3 are free.  
For more information or to be added to the mailing list email us on sensorymovieday.bundaberg@hotmail.com or message us via Facebook

Child Health

Attached is information from Department of Child Health regarding child health clinics, hearing clinics and parenting groups.  
Hearing Screening  
Child Health Groups  
Child Health  
Positive Parenting Program  
Circle of Security Parenting  
Early Intervention Parent Specialist

Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten & Pre-Prep

Now accepting children 2.5 years of age.  
Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten & Pre-Prep are now licensed to accept children from 2.5 years old to 5 years old.  
- Kindergarten program to 2.5years-3.5years  
- Pre-Prep Program to 3.5years -5 years.

For more information head to:  
Alternatively, you can email us directly at admin@cuddlebugs.com.au