Dear Families

School Production Night - This Friday 9th September @ 7pm
ALL CHILDREN TO BE IN CLASSROOMS AT 6:30pm!!
All is in readiness for our fabulous original school production night ... and CLICK! written, produced and performed by the students of St Mary’s. The children are all very excited and have been practising with great vigour to present an absolutely entertaining and beautiful production for our school community. The production ...and CLICK! will take place in the Parish Hall (next to the tennis courts). We ask that all children be in their classrooms at 6.30pm and it is the expectation that all children participate in the school production.

Storytime with the Principal - Thursday 8th September
The next “Storytime with the Principal” is this Thursday at 8.50am and then at 3.25pm (this week’s Learning Circle). The book I am reading relates to the SEL competency of “Responsible Decision Making” and is called “Elmer and the Hippos” written by David McKee. I’m looking forward to seeing many of you on Thursday.

Father’s Day Celebration
What a wonderful “Father’s Day” event we celebrated in the school Auditorium last Tuesday evening. Over 240 family members attended including nearly 90 dads. Thanks to Bunnings for organising the craft and building activity for the dads and their children. Everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle in a very relaxing atmosphere. It was a great celebration in appreciation of our “dads” as well as a wonderful community event.

School Improvement Surveys
All parents at the school should have received a survey last week. The main aim of the survey is to identify strengths and any areas for development at St Mary’s School. The results will benefit everyone within our School Community by providing valuable information about the ways in which our school can be further developed. Our school believes it is important to encourage a parent voice to help shape the ongoing improvement of the school. So we strongly encourage you to complete the survey even though your participation is voluntary. Please remember your individual responses will remain confidential and can only be accessed by Insight SRC. Feedback will be provided to our school based on the collective answers of all parents who participate in this survey. If you would like to complete the survey on line please follow the instructions when you receive the survey. If you would rather complete a paper copy of the survey please do so and return it to school in the envelope supplied.

End of Term - Next Friday 16th September @ 2.30pm
All children will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday September 16th.

Have a great week.
Greg White, Principal
Potato Olympics

This term Year 1/2 Carter had their Potato Olympics. All the students participated in events using potatoes. They each represented a country of their choice. Here are their reports:

1/2 Carter had our own Olympic Games. We did lots of activities. I got 3 gold medals and 1 silver. Australia won 4 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 5 bronze medals. The Potato Olympics were fun.

By Felix Young

I won a bronze medal in the potato throw. Martha was first and Mariam was second. I threw the potato in a bucket. I won a bronze medal and had lots of fun.

By Alix Pham

We did the potato sprint. We threw a potato in a bucket. We rolled a potato down a slide. We had to pick up 3 potatoes and run back to the finish line. I won a gold medal in the potato sprint. We had fun.

By Alex Mashakada

1/2 Carter went to the oval to do the Potato Olympics. I won a bronze medal in the potato sprint and a silver medal in the potato throw. We all had fun.

By Nikita Ayre

I won the gold medal for picking up the potato. I won the bronze medal for the potato sprint. The potato sprint is a race where you have to put your potato on your head and not let it fall off. The first one to get to the finish line wins the gold medal. The Potato Olympics was so much fun.

By Lena Finau

1/2 Carter’s Potato Olympic Medal Tally

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Happy Father’s Day
from the Staff and Students of
St Mary’s School

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St Mary's News

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School Contacts
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Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday 8.30am – 10.00am.

St Mary’s Parish Education Board
Chairperson: Father Declan O’Brien
Parish Pastoral Associate: Mrs Kathy Gottliebsen
Deputy Principal: Mr Terry Gardiner
Religious Education Coordinator: Miss Amerall Blom
St Mary’s Teacher Rep: Miss Stephanie Meade
Parent Reps: Ms Cathy Buchanan, Mr Victor Brillantes, Mr Chris Yugusuk

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All children must wear their hat when they are out at play.
No Hat, No Play!

Fees
Fee statements went home on 22nd July. Please check your child’s bag. All fees are due this Friday, 9th September. Please contact Mr White immediately if you are experiencing difficulties paying your fees.

Enrolments
Enrolments for the Prep 2017 school year are open. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by April 30th, 2017 they are eligible to be considered for enrolment at St Mary’s.

Help Needed in the Canteen
Amelia needs a little extra help in the canteen. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to volunteer preparing food and serving at the counter, please let the Office know. Your child will love seeing you there and it’s a good way to connect with your school.

Enrolments
The second hand uniform shop will be open next on:
Monday 3rd October @ 9am

The DRUM
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2016

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