March

Wed 16th
Preps at school fulltime

Thurs 17th
St Patrick’s Day Mass
Thurs 17th @ 8.50am & 3.25pm

“Storytime with the Principal” (Learning Circle)
Fri 18th
Harmony Day
○ 11.30am School Starts
○ 3pm Family Activities
○ 4.45pm Parents collect children for a dance and
BYO dinner, sausage sizzle and the Easter Raffle draw
○ 6.30pm Evening Concludes
Mon 21st @ 9.15am
Class Mass 3/4 Nevins & 1/2 Prince
Mon 21st @ 2.15pm
P & F Annual General
Meeting in the Family Space
All Welcome!
Thurs 24th @ 2.30pm
End of Term 1
School Finishes @ 2.30pm

April

Mon 11th @ 8.50am
Term 2 Begins

Dear Parents

Catholic Education Week

This week, as part of the Catholic Education Week celebrations, we welcome any parents thinking of sending their child to St Mary’s in future years to visit the School. Please ring the School Office to make an appointment for a guided tour.

Also part of the celebrations is the second “Storytime with the Principal” for the year, to be held this Thursday 17th March, at 8.50am and then repeated at 3.25pm (incorporating Learning Circles) in the Family space. I will be reading a popular picture book related to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and giving some advice to parents on how to further instill a love of reading with your children. All parents attending will receive a copy of the picture book to take home and share with their family. I welcome preschoolers and babies to attend with you and your school aged children to attend the new 3.25pm session. Finally as part of Catholic Education Week celebrations, a group of 10 students will represent the school at the St Patrick’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral on March 17th.

House Cross Country

Congratulations to Blue House on narrowly beating Gold House to win the House Cross Country championship last Friday. It was wonderful to see all children from Prep to Year 6 getting out and being so energetic and active. Thanks to our Physical Education Teacher Neesha Bateson, on her expert organisation of the House Cross Country championships.

2017 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2017 school year have now opened. If you or a friend has a child who turns five years old by April 30th, 2017, they are eligible to enrol their child at St Mary’s School. Please collect an enrolment form from the School Office by Friday May 27th.

Volunteers for Breakfast Club

We are looking for volunteers to help supervise a Breakfast Club that we hope to start up in the near future. If anyone is interested please contact Stephanie Meade or myself via the school office.

School Fee Accounts

All families should have received their School Fee Accounts for Term 1. Please ensure prompt payment by Thursday March 18th unless other payment arrangements have been made.

Harmony Day - This Friday - School begins @ 11.30am

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at our Twilight Harmony Day celebrations this Friday March 18th and don’t forget the school day begins for the children at 11.30am, parents to collect children at 4:45 for a picnic dinner with a sausage sizzle.

Greg White, Principal

Tuesday is School Banking Day

Birthdays:
15th Abhi
15th Nathan
18th Marcus
In 1/2 Prince we have been learning about **tens and ones**.

- "I learnt that tens and ones are two-digit numbers."  
  - Prinsika
- "We were writing numbers, and the 2 at the front of 25 means it has 2 tens and the 5 at the back means it has 5 ones."  
  - Adhel
- "We have been making towers of ten for different numbers. If you get up to ten you have to stop and make a different tower."  
  - Nyanbol
- "We have been playing a snap game. We were snapping a number and then its tens and ones to show they are a match."  
  - Wani
- "The tens are on one side of a number and the ones are on the other side of the number. When you put them together it becomes a different number."  
  - Azelle
- "I've learnt about tens and ones, that in the first number that's how many tens there are and in the last number that's how many ones."  
  - Mia
Whole School Presentation of the Stations of the Cross

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a Catholic Lenten tradition. As part of our journey through the season of Lent, each class has prepared to lead us in prayer for one or more of the 14 Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross are often a prayer of action. Each class has decided how they want to present their Station to our School Community.

Here are a few sneak peeks of what classes have prepared already:

**What:** Stations of the Cross  
**When:** Monday 21st of March at 9am  
**Where:** Quadrangle  

**ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED**