Thursday March 15 2012

**Working Bee**
A huge thank you to around 25 parents who helped out with the working bee last Thursday. I usually jot down everyone’s name but it didn’t quite happen this year. So thanks, you know who you are and we really appreciate it. The group managed to get a lot done including repairs to our oval, cleaning up our vegie garden and area around water tanks, spring cleaning classrooms and helping out with some other jobs around the school. We enjoyed a bbq and a chat afterwards. These working bees save the school a fortune which then directly goes back into educating your children. It is also a valuable community experience. Thanks again to those who attended.

**Food**
A number of parents are bringing lunch to school for their children. Quite often this is fast food such as McDonalds. I feel this is unfair for the other children and not needed at school. I ask parents to stop doing this.

**School Hours**
A reminder that school teaching hours are from 8.50am until 3.25 pm for all days except for Tuesday. On Tuesday’s school finishes at 3.00pm. The school is open at 8.30 am when the gates are opened and teachers begin outside duty. Classrooms are open at 8.40 am. I am concerned there are a number of children getting to school well before 8.30 am. There is no supervision for these students. Another concern is the amount of students not picked up until well after 3.25 pm. We have before and after school care. Families who feel they may be late need to enrol their children and ring the school if they are running late.

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to April Ziessler who was in Grade six last year. She came in first place on four occasions at the St Alban’s District Swimming Championships. April will now represent her school in the regional championships. Well done April! Keep me up to date with any other news from our past students.

**St Paul’s Easter Celebrations**
As Easter falls on the holidays this year we are celebrating this special time early. A warm welcome to families and friends to attend our Easter Journey. This is a special time in our school where our children retell the journey of Easter which helps prepare them for their own Easter experience. This is a great experience for adults and children.

*Tuesday March 20  2.20pm*
“The Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem”( Palm Sunday ) -Grade Prep

*Wednesday March 21 2.20pm*
“The Last Supper” Grade 3
“Gethsemane and Arrest” Grade 2
“Jesus Before The Council” Grade 4

*Thursday March 22 2.20pm*
“Crucifixion of Jesus” Grade 5
“Resurrection of Jesus” Grade 1
Upcoming Dates

Term One

- Monday March 19 School Photo – package to be sent out soon
- Tuesday March 20 Wednesday March 21 and Thursday March 22 – School Easter Plays at 2.20pm. All are invited a great way for us to be involved in celebrating Easter as a community.
- Wednesday March 28 Parent Teacher Interviews-School finishes at 1.50pm. Parents Group Food Day
- Friday March 30 Last day of term. School finishes 3.25pm

Term Two

- Monday April 16 School Returns
- Thursday April 19 Grade 6 students attending School Anzac Day Ceremony
- Wednesday April 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Thursday April 26 Whole School Mass – Feast of St Mark
- Tuesday May 1 Eucharist Family Night
- Wednesday May 2 Mother’s Day Stall 7.30 pm Mother’s Day Celebration Movie Night
- Thursday May 3 Prep 2013 Information Sessions 9.30 am and 7.00pm( existing families do not need to attend)
- Sunday May 6 Happy Mother’s Day
- Thursday May 10 and Friday May 11 No school Whole School Closed
- Tuesday May 15 Confirmation Family Night 7.00pm
- Thursday May 24 Whole School Mass for the Needy
- Monday June 11 Queens Birthday Holiday
- Sunday

Principal