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Athletics

Principal's Report...

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

On Tuesday I had the pleasure to be involved in our [2010 Athletics Carnival](#) – it was a true indication of what can be achieved if we work together as a school community. Thank you to:

- ⇒ The organisers of an extremely well coordinated carnival
- ⇒ Parents and community members who acted as officials
- ⇒ Parents and community members who supported the event
- ⇒ My staff in the great diversity of roles they undertook
- ⇒ Parents and volunteers who catered on the day
- ⇒ Our students for their attendance and extremely high participation

A fantastic event – well done everyone!

Are you are member of a non-profit community, sporting or recreational group in need of access to school facilities? Any community group interested in hiring school facilities can access the options available at <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/dept/contact/community-use> The trial means that not-for profit community groups will be covered for public liability insurance when accessing Department of Education facilities.

With the end of school year and festive season rapidly approaching I believe it is timely to provide the following information re the **sale and supply of alcohol to youth** [courtesy Tasmania Police]. In November 2009 the Tasmanian Government introduced legislation to regulate the supply of alcohol to people under the age of 18 years, at home or on other private property. The legislation places the onus on adults who have parental rights and responsibilities for a young person, to give or obtain permission for that person to be supplied with alcohol on private property, and to supply the alcohol in an appropriate and responsible way. Under this legislation a failure to act responsibly may incur financial penalties of up to \$12 000 or, in the case of more serious offences a term of imprisonment.

The potential harms caused to young people from alcohol are considerable – the National Health and Medical research Council advises that there is no safe level of consumption of alcohol for anyone under 18 years.

Also on a somewhat serious note staff have recently been receiving requests from students [and of greater concern from our younger pupils] to **alter their end of day normal bus service**; often at short notice. Unless this request is accompanied by a note provided to the relevant teacher at the commencement of the school day children will be placed on their regular bus at the close of the school day. Similarly a phone call received prior to 2.30 would allow an adjustment to travel arrangements to be enacted.

[Australian Business Week](#) commences next week – the 2010 event is being hosted by St Helens DHS with different aspects of this enterprise project being completed [by our students] at both St Helens and St Marys. Parents interested in viewing the award presentations are invited to St Helens on Friday 29th October – for more information please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Barry LeFevre or Mrs Sally Johnson.

Regards,

Brian Shepheard

Cold Winter's Day

Ebony Bean

Hair sticking to face and
Sweet sounds of birds
While watching the sheep graze
In the dark shadows of the mountains.
Cars speeding passed like the sound of the rushing
branches
The smell of the damp grass and the cold breeze
blowing.

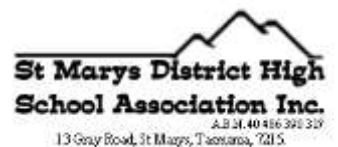
The water flowing softly in the creek
Gentle voices chatting
Reflection of the shimmering puddles in the corner
of my eye
As I watch the birds strain against the wind.
I spot broken down and rusty cars sitting in the
paddock
Like the old graffitied statues in the town square.

Walking in the Wilderness

Toby Wright

Ferns and sticks crackling under my feet,
Feather creatures sitting high up mouthing.
Smell of fresh animal scats wafting through the
air,
The shadows of big gums and wattles.
The dew resting on the blades of grass,
The fog lifting from the undergrowth.
Arms brushing against the dogwood on the old
wallaby tracks,
The sound of the creeks flowing, then dropping
off.
The overhang dripping on my hood.

St Marys School Association News



The association has been offered the opportunity of catering for the State Mine Rescue Championships to be held at Cornwall Coal on the 16th November. We are looking to raise funds to assist in the refurbishment of the pool area once it has been covered.

If you are able to help cook an eggs and bacon breakfast, or a barbeque lunch for the miners that would be great, we would like around 6 helpers per shift. Breakfast volunteers will need to be onsite around 5.30am and lunch volunteers from around 10.30am.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact myself on 63722187 or leave your name at the school office. There will be no public access to the site for spectators, so if you are interested then volunteering is your best chance to come and have a look!

If you would like to attend our next meeting it will be on the 16th November, 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Tanya Greenwood
President

CHESS report

On the 6th of October the East Coast Chess Competition was held in our school hall. We had 7 rounds and 5 schools came and competed.

Luke McColl had the best score with 5 points out of 7, he lost 2 games. Cathrina Smith came 2nd best with 4 wins. Angela Trotter and Liam Oh Marris had the same 3rd best with 3 and a half they had lost 3 and drawn 1.

Overall we came equal 2nd and as the winner Scottsdale Primary had already qualified for the State Final we were selected as well.



On Monday the 18th of October we went to Launceston Church Grammar school. We played 9 games each and competed against schools from all over the state in the Grammar school hall. We loved the one and a half hour drive. Our team was:

Luke McColl,
Cathrina Smith,
Angela Trotter,
Joey Nykiel,
Liam Oh Marris

We had a great time and tried really hard. Next year we hope to do even better.



EAST COAST ZONE TOURNAMENT

Secondary

The East Coast Zone Tournament was held at our school on Wednesday 6th October. There were 86 people altogether, Primary and Secondary. Chess Kids ran the day with us playing 7 games each. It was tough competition especially against Scottsdale.

Our secondary's came first and most of our team won 5 games out of 7. We got gold medals and an extra three special medals. We came first over all.

STATE TOURNAMENT

secondary

It was a long journey to Launceston on Monday 18th October, but by the time we were there we were practicing and pumped for what lay ahead. During lunch we got together with some Scottsdale kids and played transfer chess (a different type of game), we got up to 5 games going at once. At the end of the day St Mary's came eighth.

Individually: (Out of a possible 9)

Lance Walsh- 4.5
Bonnie Panoff-4
Kirsty Panoff-4
Mason Pitstock-4
Corey Thow-2.5



Many thanks to Mr. Oosterloo for his support and guidance.

Written by Lance Walsh



Kinder Gardening...

At the end of last Term, the Kindergarten students were learning about plants - how they grow, what they need to grow successfully and what their parts are called and how they work. As part of this learning, they set up a garden centre in the classroom.

Families contributed by sending along items such as plant pots, seed packets and bulbs.



Planting bulbs from Coneeka and Sophie's families



Planting magic beans...



Creating sand gardens



Maggie's succulents look great in the Kinder garden!

Garden Centre



Our grass heads and bean plants...

Thanks to all of the parents who gave us plants. We had great fun planting them.

Stepping Stones!



Our pre-kinder children and parents have had great fun creating balloon rockets and making bubbles at a fun science afternoon.



Athletics Carnival

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Amy Duke	3	Shot Putt	11.65	13.70
Edward Napier	3	Turbo Javelin	14.10	14.71
Saree Salter	3	Turbo Javelin	7.25	8.21
Jerome Smith	3	400m	1.30.78	1.24.52
Lachlan Gee	4	200m	37.62	35.21
Lachlan Gee	4	Long Jump	3.00	3.08
Henry Napier	4	Turbo Javelin	11.96	17.15
Nathan Dawson	6	Shot Putt	8.98	14.10
Avalon Chippindale	7	Javelin	20.30	23.65
Avalon Chippindale	7	Discus	18.61	20.30
Baden Alexander	8	High Jump	1.53	1.62
Baden Alexander	8	400m	1.08.64	1.01.72
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Defence

Force

presentation

The Defence Force came down to visit the grade 9/10s on the 24th Of September.

It was a fantastic presentation by both Jason and Iida, they gave us heaps of information in entry into the forces and the experiences we would get out of doing a gap year and further on. I was very impressed on how the year 9 and 10s sat and listened and asked valuable questions throughout the presentation.

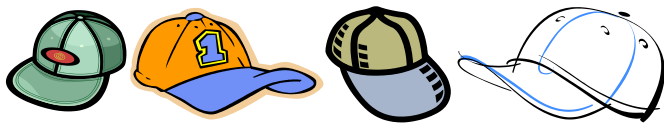
Report by Indi Douglas





TIME TO BE SUN SAFE

St. Marys District High School is a sun safe environment. Now that we are returning to some warmer weather all children in the Primary School are reminded that they are expected to wear a hat when playing at recess and lunch times. Sun screen is also available for the children to use. If children do not wear a hat they will be required to remain in a shaded area. Students may leave their hats at school if they wish.



Thank you



Cate from the canteen would like to thank all volunteers who gave up their time to help in the food tent at the Athletics Carnival.

Special thanks to Robyn Oh, Christine Rowntree, Sharon Gee and David Morris

You Can Make a Difference.

Can you look after a child or young person for a weekend, a few days, or longer?

Even if you work, you may still have the time and energy to care for a child.

We are in need of carers for children of all ages

We are seeking compassionate people who have a desire to make a difference in a child's life.

Nationally accredited training and remuneration of costs will be provided.

If you would like more information please contact us on either;

Glenhaven
FAMILY CARE

Tel: 6334 4556 Mob: 0419 132 260 Email: temcare1@southcom.com.au



Break O'Day Schools Velvet Worm Award 2010

Nominations are now open for the \$500
2010 Schools Velvet Worm Award.



The Award is open to diverse and innovative achievements by individuals or groups from school communities that protect the future of the Municipality's natural environments and resources are eligible .

*Nominations must be received at the Council office
by 5pm on Friday 26 November 2010.*

You can obtain the Award Guidelines and
Nomination Form from Council's website or office.

www.bodc.tas.gov.au admin@bodc.tas.gov.au
Ph.63767900



October/November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 Oct	19 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Carnival - St Marys/Fingal Student Banking 	20 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	21 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Newsletter SWSP - St Marys/Fingal Launching into Learning 11am - Kinder room Stepping Stones 1.30pm - Kinder room 	22 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWSP - St Marys/Fingal
25 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	26 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week Student Banking SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	27 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	28 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week Launching into Learning 11am - Kinder room Stepping Stones 1.30pm - Kinder room SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	29 Oct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week SWSP - St Marys/Fingal
1 Nov PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Banking SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	3 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWSP - St Marys/Fingal 	4 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENE Athletic Carnival Launching into Learning 11am - Kinder room Stepping Stones 1.30pm - Kinder room 	5 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Drama Students to St Helens
8 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 -7 Transition SWSP - St Helens DHS 	9 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Banking SWSP - St Helens DHS 	10 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWSP - St Helens DHS 	11 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Newsletter SWSP - St Helens DHS Launching into Learning 11am - Kinder room Stepping Stones 1.30pm - Kinder room Remembrance Day 	12 Nov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWSP - St Helens DHS Final Day yr 11/12

Above [calendar](#) is correct at time of printing

For regular updates and other information please go to the school website:-

www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/stmarys



Help me support the Make a Wish Foundation.

My name is Louisa Rhodes and I'm a Creative Memories Consultant. Creative Memories has partnered up with the Make a Wish Foundation for a 3 month campaign period from 1st September through to 30th November, 2010. Last year, Creative Memories raised over \$60,000. This year, we are aiming to raise above \$70,000 to grant the wishes of special children.

How you can help:
 Invite a few friends around for a couple of hours, enjoy some afternoon tea and listen to a presentation how you can preserve your precious photos followed by some shopping time!

For further details, please contact me on:
 0437 372 246 or 63 741 031
Louisa.rhodes@ecpc.com.au

Please help me to grant these special children their wishes.

creative memories

4 Term School Year

In response to the Minister for Education's recent announcement that she will investigate the introduction of a 4-term school year in Tasmania, TASSP&F are seeking feedback from parents to gauge support for such a change. TASSP&F President, Jenny Grossmith, will represent parents on the Minister's Taskforce and, knowing how divisive this issue can be, would like to be sure that she is representing the view of the majority of parents with students in government schools.

*We are asking parents to respond to the question **Do you support the introduction of a 4 term school year?** with a clear **YES** or **NO** by email to cassandra@parentsandfriendstasmania.asn.au*