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A note from the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

The 5 weeks I have spent at St Marys has only confirmed my initial impressions – St Marys District School is a delightful school, with friendly students, great teachers and a positive parent community. Today's ANZAC assembly was further testament to the quality of our students – with representation by the Australian Navy Cadets thanks to Leading Seaman Bonnie Panoff, Able Seaman Matthew Watson and Able Seaman Joshua McDiarmid. We also had the pleasure of a group music performance by 9/10 music students who gave an excellent rendition of the 1983 classic by Redgum 'I was only 19'. Baden Alexander led his group of musicians with a great vocal performance – well done Baden, Corey and Tameika. Thanks also to our Grade 10 Student Leaders who hosted today's assembly. They presented themselves immaculately in their blazers and school uniform and spoke articulately and with confidence. A very special thankyou to Mrs Michelle Montgomery Sub-Lieutenant of Australian Navy Cadets and Commanding Officer of TS Argonauts for permitting us to borrow flags for the assembly, and Ian Bradbury, son of the late Noel Bradbury, for sharing with us his recollections of his father's experiences as a soldier in World War II. I would also like to thank the efforts of our music teacher Mr Simon Holmes in rehearsing the band and also for setting up the sound for our assembly.

This coming Monday is ANZAC day and I encourage our school community to attend the various dawn and/or 11am services at Bicheno, Fingal, St Marys, Mathinna and St Helens. Some of our students will be representing the school at selected services.

I would also like to acknowledge our St Marys secondary swimming team who represented our school at the recent Division One Inter-high Carnival. Whilst our students did us proud we were unable to retain our place in Division One and in 2012 we will be in Division Two. This may well be a direct result of our disrupted swim program this term due to the pool being closed.

We have a number of staffing changes happening after Easter. Both Dilys Fyle and Ros Smith are going on well-deserved Long Service Leave. I would like to congratulate Meaghan Mackenzie for being successful in her application to fill in the Acting AST position for Ros Smith. Meaghan is an outstanding teacher in our school and we wish her the very best as she takes on this K-6 leadership role. Meaghan's grade 3/4 class will be taken by Bronwyn Wilson, Dilys' Prep/One class will be taken by Ellena Osborne. Fran Smyth who shares a Grade 5/6 class with Cameron Lynch has unfortunately had a quick trip to hospital! Luckily she will be fine and is recovering, but she will not be returning to work until term 2. Mr Derek Griffiths will be filling Fran's shoes while she is recuperating.

The last few weeks have not been without challenges – certainly having to close the school on two separate occasions and having to manage the changes to our school routines has proven to be quite a juggling act. I thank you for your patience and working with us through these unusual weather patterns.

Easter is my favourite holiday break of the year. It is a time for families to spend together and enjoy the last rays of sunshine and warm weather before winter is upon us. I hope that you have a very restful and enjoyable Easter Break – may Easter Bunny be generous and the weather warm.

Kind Regards

Louise Rose

A/Principal

CHANGE OF DATE FOR JULY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

Last year parents kindly granted us two professional learning days for 2011. A conference and a meeting of many principals for Instructional Rounds are now clashing with our second day on July 8. I am therefore asking permission from our school community for this **date to be changed to July 15**. If you have any objections to this change, can you please contact me through the school office.

APRIL / MAY 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> St Marys Kinder 10.30am ☞ <u>Stepping Stones</u> - Marys Kinder - 1pm ☞ Easter/ANZAC Day full school assembly	22 Apr GOOD FRIDAY
ANZAC Day	<i>Easter Break</i>			
2 May ☞ School Resumes	3 May ☞ St Marys Campus Primary Assembly, 2:10pm	4 May	5 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> St Marys Kinder 10.30am ☞ <u>Stepping Stones</u> - Marys Kinder - 1pm ☞ ENE Selection	6 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> 0-4yrs program - Fingal Kindergarten - 10am start.
9 May	10 May ☞ NAPLAN Testing ☞ School Association Meeting, 6.30pm St Marys Campus - staffroom.	11 May ☞ NAPLAN Testing ☞ Re-scheduled School photos.	12 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> St Marys Kinder 10.30am ☞ <u>Stepping Stones</u> - Marys Kinder - 1pm ☞ NAPLAN Testing	13 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> 0-4yrs program - Fingal Kindergarten - 10am start.
16 May ☞ Department Approved STUDENT FREE DAY	17 May	18 May ☞ ENE Cross Country ☞ Try-A-Trade Day - Gr 9s	19 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> St Marys Kinder 10.30am ☞ <u>Stepping Stones</u> - Marys Kinder - 1pm	20 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> 0-4yrs program - Fingal Kindergarten - 10am start.
23 May	24 May ☞ Inter-high Cross Country	25 May	26 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> St Marys Kinder 10.30am ☞ <u>Stepping Stones</u> - Marys Kinder - 1pm ☞ ENE Selection	27 May ☞ <u>Launching into Learning</u> 0-4yrs program - Fingal Kindergarten - 10am start.

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

ST MARYS/ELEPHANT PASS UPDATE

DIER is continuing to closely monitor the two key road accesses in North-East Tasmania – St Marys Pass and Elephant Pass.

St Marys Pass, although restricted to one lane only in some sections, is now open to non-articulated vehicles less than 20 tonne.

Until necessary repair work is completed, traffic on Elephant Pass will be limited to vehicles less than 10 tonne and restricted to one lane only in sections.

Motorists are urged to drive to the conditions and to observe all advisory and restriction signage.

The situation continues to be very changeable and DIER is endeavouring to continually monitor and inform the community about what is happening.

DIER is meeting with representatives from the Break O' Day Council next week. One of the issues discussed will be a community information session in the municipality for after Easter. This session will inform residents and businesses of the progress of repairs in the short and long term.

Regular updates on all road closures are available on the Tasmania Police website at:

www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts/

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Department of Education will be conducting parent opinion surveys in all government schools once again in 2011. Data from the surveys provides valuable information that enables us to understand more fully how our parent community feels about our school. It helps us to guide school improvement and to meet the ongoing needs of our students, parents and the community. The information collected from parent opinion surveys will also help us to make informed decisions about what we can provide for the children at our school.

Since it is not possible to survey every family attending our school, a random sample has been selected and a survey will be sent directly to the people in that sample.

If you receive a survey, I urge you to complete it by Friday 6 May and return it, in the envelope provided, to the school for bulk posting to the independent contractor, Print Mail Logistics, who is managing the survey process on behalf of schools. The use of an independent contractor enables your responses to remain completely anonymous.

Information collected by the parent opinion survey will be included in the school performance report prepared next year and will be made available to all parents.

Working on East Coast Water

On 6th and 7th of April, 3 students from St Marys District school participated in this program.

The students were Sam Neighbour, Aaron Webb, Brodie Barnes and this is what they discovered over the 2 days:

- ☞ St Helens Marine Rescue Centre
- ☞ Blue Shed-Lunch
- ☞ Suncoast Fish Factory-Goshen
- ☞ Aqua Oysters-Binalong Bay Rd
- ☞ Josh Breen's dad's boat
- ☞ Lyncraft Boat Building
- ☞ St Helens District High School Science lab



At the Marine Rescue centre we were given a demonstration with the safety of life jackets and how to maintain them. Also fire extinguishers and how to prolong their life, Peter also showed us Epirs and how to set them off in an emergency situation. The most exciting part of this was letting off the flares and working out which one was which by knowing the marks on the bottom. We also let off 2 rocket parachutes and had to get permission from the local police to do this demo. It was awesome! Greg Snells from Coastal Patrol took the boys on the Rescue boat for a ride around the bay showing them markers and which ones are guides.

We then had a magnificent lunch at the Blue Shed followed by a trip out to Suncoast Fisheries where Crayfish are stored ready for exporting out to Sydney and Melbourne. We were allowed to handle the fish and it was so much fun catching them. The biggest one weighed 3.5kg and it was massive.

Second day we started out at Aqua Oysters along Binalong Bay Rd. The owner Craig Lockwood was so organised for us and had the oysters starting from a pipy size up to one that was 8 years old. We were shown how they go through the baskets individually on the conveyer belt and are washed several times. We didn't realise how much of a process this was. Craig explained that they are shipped to Japan, Thailand, Nepal, China and many other places around the world. It only takes 24hrs to be shipped anywhere in the world if all goes to plan. We then





got to go on one of the oyster punts and were shown how they are set in the water in racks to grow. In each rack they start with 1000 little oysters then halved as they grow. They have hanging racks which are used in rough weather and ones that sit on the ropes. We couldn't thank Craig enough for his time and energy with all the information he gave us and showing the whole operation of the industry.

Josh Breen's dad came in from sea so we went to the wharf and got to go on his boat and looked where they sleep in the cabin, where they eat and how the pots operate for crayfishing. Josh was great explaining how the Crayfishing industry works with 'quoters' and how many pots you are allowed to have.

Lyncraft's Boat Building shed was next on our agenda to see how they are designed on the computer and then cut to size on a new piece of machinery that cuts within 1 millimeter of the exact measurement. We were shown their latest big boat they are finishing off ready to be sent to Strahan for a dive centre and spoke to two boys previously from St Helens High school now doing an apprenticeship in Sheet Metal Fabrication. It was great to see them enjoying their apprenticeship with the hands on and they said the theory isn't so bad as well.



The last part of the program we went to St Helens High School to dissect Albacore Tuna with Howard Jones who was so much fun. He really knows what he is talking about and gave us diagrams to go off once he had finished showing us what to do first. We worked in groups of 3 and learnt how to take out the heart, gills without popping their airbag.

We would like to thank Sally Johnson, Linda Goss for an awesome 2 days and have come away with some much knowledge around the Aquaculture industry and what is available on the east coast. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world!

By: Sam Neighbour, Brodie Barnes, Aaron Webb



Two Day Video Production Workshop



On the fifth and sixth of April I went to Hobart to participate in a two day video production work shop with two representatives from the Drug Education Organisation, or more accurately from a branch called TINO (Tune in not out) and they are working to raise awareness around teens by getting teens to be the ones to get the word out there. On The first morning we all arrived late due to a hard time finding the venue, but we were off to a flying start, we began by watching a few short movies about what we were doing before having a small activity to help break the ice between the 6 attending people; 4 boys, 2 girls. After the starting activity we quickly moved onto the main reason for us being there; Making a Movie! In the pairs we were assigned earlier we began thinking of ideas to make our movies around while listening to important tips. The rest of the day was very busy getting the main filming done and also going into the city to do some vox pops (small interviews with people). We also got a surprise visit from Southern Cross, who wished to do interviews.

The next day was just as hectic, all the participants were feeling the squeeze to complete the movies on time and to make it harder one of the participants had to pull out early, but his partner got by just fine and soon we were all working hard on the editing and finalization of the movies. At the end of the day all the videos were shown among the group and the few parents there, all three groups successfully completed their movie about their chosen topic; one was Gaming addiction, done by two boys from the Launceston area; another was Men's Anxiety done by two Hobart participants who were both over 16; and the last one was on Diabetes, done by myself and my partner Kadey. We were told before we all departed that the movies would most likely be shown on the Tune in not out website after they passed an inspection committee and we were also given a small goody bag each containing a TINO shirt, ball, wrist band and a TINO sticker.

I would like to do a special thanks to Ms Jillian Lewis for getting me into the workshop and Ms Sue Hindley for helping with accommodation; I would not have been able to go without both of them.



Written By Sherelle Bowron,
Grade 10.

BE SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS EASTER

Motorists are encouraged to be responsible and take a break when driving long distances this Easter.

During holiday periods, more drivers tend to travel while tired and distracted.

At the end of their holidays, drivers are generally fatigued and keen to complete their journey home, which is potentially a fatal combination.

Danger signs are:

- 👂 Frequent yawning
- 👂 Daydreaming
- 👂 Drifting out of your lane
- 👂 Delayed reactions

To avoid driver fatigue motorists are encouraged to:-

- 👂 Make sure you have had a good nights sleep
- 👂 Don't drive at times when you would normally be asleep
- 👂 Have a preventative 'powernap' before you start your trip
- 👂 If possible, share the driving
- 👂 Take a break and stop for 15 minutes every two hours

Remember, the moment you feel sleepy, you have a clear choice: drive on and risk a crash, or pull over for a break – lose a few minutes of your day, and live.

A Community Road Safety Partnership safe driving message



School Photos Wednesday 11th May

NEW DAY

REMINDER

- 📁 **EACH CHILD MUST RETURN THEIR INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPE TO THEIR CLASS BY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY.** Please do not place one envelope inside another as children without individual envelopes will not have their individual photo taken.
- 📁 **FAMILY GROUP** photo envelopes will be available at the office.
- 📁 Please ensure you have the **correct amount enclosed** as the office **IS NOT** in a position to give change.
- 📁 Any queries regarding your photos and/or payment can be made directly to :-

Kenny and Kohl School Photos phone 6228 9966.



**Please ensure that your child attends school on this day
dressed in appropriate school uniform!**





New Public Dental Service for St Marys

Oral Health Services Tasmania will open a new dental clinic with two surgeries at St Marys Community Health Centre to replace the old dental van in the grounds of the St Marys school.

The dental van will close permanently on 13 May 2011 after many years of service to the children of St Marys and surrounding districts.

Planning for the new clinic which is expected to open later this year is well advanced. Services to the local community will be increased with the addition of new adult dental services including dentures. To access these services, adults must hold a healthcare or pension concession card.

A mobile dental unit will operate from the rear of St Marys Community Health Centre from 20 June to 15 July 2011 to provide continuity of service for children.

Please make appointments by calling the Northern Dental Centre on 6336 4100 between 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Staff of the school dental van thank the St Marys school community for their help and support over many years.

Department of Health and Human Services



Calling Fishermen and Marine Farmers

The Seafood Industry Partnerships in Schools project connects school classes across Tasmania with fishermen and marine farmers through the Adopt a Fishing Boat and Adopt a Marine Farm programs. By participating in either of these programs you will help to educate a class about your industry. You might spark a passion in a young person and influence future career choices.

Australian Government
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

St Marys and St Helens District High Schools are seeking fishermen or marine farmers to form class partnerships as part of this exciting new project.

As a class 'partner' you'll work with a teacher to help students learn about the marine environment and the seafood industry. You'll have the opportunity to tell students and teachers in your local community what it's really like to work in the seafood industry.

Partnerships are flexible and you can commit as much or as little time as you like; you could visit your class and answer questions, take along some gear to show, send text message updates from sea or host an excursion.

For more information about the SIPS project or to register to become involved, please contact Jennifer Hemer on 0428 026 356 or email jennifer@oceanwatch.org.au or contact Sally Johnson 63723900

Happy Easter



St Marys Soccer Club 2011 Season

All ages – boys and girls welcome to play.

Senior coach (grade 6 & over) Craig Greenwood
Junior coach (K-grade 5) Tree – other adults who would like to assist with this age group are welcome – this can ensure small group sizes.

training commences
Thursday 5th May 3-4.15pm, school bottom oval

for more info contact Jack Foreman (treasurer) 6372 2034

Shin pads are recommended for all players to avoid injuries. Junior players should wear them for all practice sessions and match days.

Registration fee of \$10 applies to all players
Exception for those registered with St Helens Soccer club

Need child care over Easter ?

then ring Tanya now at the
St Marys Child Care Centre

Great fun and activities are provided for children up to 12 years
Care Sessions are available between 8.00am - 4.30pm

Government Benefits are available to eligible families for both working & non working purposes

Phone Tanya now on 6372 2187
(email: stmarys@ncn.org.au)

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