



ST AMBROSE'S SCHOOL NEWMARKET

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NEWSLETTER

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DATE CLAIMER

Fri, 13 May
Start of Gala
Sports

Wed, 18 May
School Cross
Country

Sun, 22 May
Family Mass
9:15am
Please bring
a plate of
food.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Last week on the cover of our newsletter I placed a letter that we received. The purpose of this was to showcase the talents of one of our students. Jasmine produced a great example of what a persuasive letter should look like.

Often we overlook the impact of our roles in supporting children at school; as parents, as teachers or both. Jasmine approached Mrs Branson with her idea to add the extra colour to the hairband/tie aspect of the school uniform. Initially Jasmine was told to put case in writing, a challenge that Jasmine undertook with great passion. What has resulted is not only Jasmine putting into practise her control of the English language and her writing skills, she has brought about change. The letter inspired all amongst the staff who initially read it. The contents of the letter were beautifully tied to the many facets of our school which are highly valued.

The way Jasmine linked the colour purple to the church season of Lent spoke to us of the value of nurturing our Catholic traditions and the colours of the Liturgical seasons in our church. The colour purple also symbolises 'spirituality, potential, nobility, wisdom, trust, commitment and pride'. It was especially heartening to see the link being made to the qualities that the Year 7 students recognise as being qualities of Leadership.

The inclusion of the Good Samaritans was one of the elements of the letter which spoke to us of acknowledging our heritage and ensuring that we remember the Sisters and all of their hard work. Their ability to nurture children in their care leads us to ensure we continue to reflect on our community and our commitment to carrying on their work.

Change can often be something which is very hard to bring about, especially in a school environment where all aspects of our school life are so entrenched in maintaining traditions, it is sometimes forgotten that someone needs to be strong enough to recognise the chance for change, and then set about doing something about it.

Through her thoughts and actions, and persuasive abilities, Jasmine has indeed been a driving force for change and the start of a new tradition at St Ambrose's.

As a result of Jasmine's letter the staff voted to allow the colour to be introduced to the uniform for all. We congratulate Jasmine on creating change through the use of her persuasive skills.

Peace & Best Wishes
Ben

From the APRE

MAY- The month of Mary.

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Mary was a great example to all of us of how a mother's true love for her child know no limits. Even though Jesus experienced many joyous times and many difficult decisions, he always knew Mary supported and loved him no matter what circumstances he encountered. Mary, and all mother's deserve our prayers and our blessings on Mother's Day.

BEATITUDES FOR WOMEN

Blessed is she who suffers with the very young
The very old and the very lonely,
For she has compassion.

Blessed is she who greets the world with joy,
Laughter and anticipation,
For she has courage.

Blessed is she who speaks gently, lives humbly,
And chooses to give freely
For she has dignity.

Blessed is she who listens and hears,
And extends her hands as a friend,
For she has understanding.

Blessed is she who lives simply, loves deeply,
And walks joyfully in life,
For she has sincerity.

Blessed is she who lives intensely
And sings life's alleluias
For she has awareness

Blessed is she who has compassion and courage,
Freedom and dignity,
Understanding, sincerity, and awareness,
For she is a woman, a gift, a blessing.

Mothers Day is a special day set aside for us to show our mums how much we truly appreciate everything they do for us.

At school on Wednesday we celebrated all the special women in our lives with a whole school mass. The children recalled some of their memories of their mums and the different ways in which they help and care for us. On Sunday it's our turn to make sure our mums feel valued, cared for and loved.

Parish Family Mass

On Sunday 22nd of May all families are welcome to attend the Parish Family Mass.

Masses and Assemblies for this term

<u>Week, Date</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Class Mass</u>
Week 3	School Assembly	Yr 4
Week 4	Year 1's	Cross Country
Week 5	School Assembly	Yr 5
Week 6	Preps	Yr 2B
Week 7	School Assembly	Yr 3A
Week 8	Queen's B'day.	Yr 3/4B
Week 9	School Assembly	Yr 2A

Parents and Friends are most welcome to join us.

Go in peace this week
Marianne



SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN

Next week will be the beginning of the NAPLAN Testing regime, this has featured heavily in the media of late. The content of NAPLAN tests is meant to be representative of the National Statements of Learning. It is noted that currently, different states and territories have different curriculum frameworks that attend to the National Statements of Learning in different ways. Until the national curriculum is fully implemented, a single national test like NAPLAN will have test items not specifically related to some parts of the current Queensland curriculum. Like NAPLAN 2010, it is expected that there will be some test items in NAPLAN 2011 that are not directly related to the content of the current Queensland curriculum.

NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy with the specific purposes being the collection of data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students and the assessment of students against national minimum standards. The current focus of curriculum planning in our community of schools is on ongoing folios of student work, performances, and production of artefacts that contribute to more contextualised judgments about learners' progress along the learning continua. NAPLAN tests cannot replicate or replace the rich data such products of learning provide. They will add some "point in time data" to the bigger picture of student achievement.

PREP INTERVIEWS FOR 2012 - Tour Guides

Prep Interviews will be conducted on 19th & 20th May and first offers will be posted on Wednesday 8 June. It will be lovely meeting all these new young people. As part of our interview procedure, I need the help of mums to take new families on a Tour of the school. A Guide's Information sheet is provided for you. Can you help?

Please complete below if you can give a few hours and take new parents on a Tour. Please circle the time you would be available:

Tour Times	Morning	Mid morning -	Afternoon
Thursday 19 th May <i>We need two people for this day</i>	8.30am - 10.30 am	11.15am - 12.25pm	1.10pm - 2.55pm
Friday 20 th May	8.30am - 10.30 am		

Name: _____

Child's Class _____

SPORT THIS TERM

Cross Country Training will be taking place in classes over the next few weeks. Please make sure your children have their water bottles at school.

Before school training for those who are interested will begin week 2 on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:30am at Corbie Park. Children will be accompanied back to school by a teacher. Children who will be training before school please bring your school shoes and a spare pair of socks in your bag.

GALA SPORTS

Starting next Friday, Years 3-7 students will be joining other schools from this area to compete in interschool Gala Sports. The children really enjoy the opportunity to participate in sports in a social setting. Thank you to the parents who offered to assist with teams. We still need a few more helpers in Years 4-7, especially on Friday June 17th. If you are able to assist please contact your child's teachers or Ms. Corina Bradley through the school office.

JAPANESE RESTAURANT OUTING

Year 7 students have been given a permission form for a Japanese Restaurant Evening on Thursday 26th May 2011. Please return slip and payment to the office by Wednesday 18th May 2011 **at the very latest.**

Mary Davis (Sensei)

75 FAIR- SAT 18 JUNE 11.00am

Our fair is shaping up to be a wonderful day. We have rides, nursery animals, a magician, sports stars, performances, a band, a historical display, the class art auction and a movie after dinner for the children. We also have good food, a coffee shop, games and other activities. Invite your neighbours and friends. Your CLOs will be asking you to get together soon to arrange your class for the day. Remember to keep your books, DVDs and CDs for the book stall.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you to all the families who placed an order from the clearance catalogue.

You will find issue 3 catalogue coming home with your child by the end of this week. The orders are due to the office by next **Friday (13th May).**

If you wish your purchases to be a secret, just write your request on your envelope along with a phone number or email address and I will contact you when the books have arrived.

Methods of payment

If paying by credit card please pay online as per the instructions on the order form and then submit the receipt number on the credit card coupon. **(If ordering from multiple catalogues you only need to make one credit card payment to cover the total value of purchases.)**

You are welcome to pay in cash. If paying by cheque please make your cheque out to Scholastic Australia.

Thank you for your support.

Carmel Swaine

CLASS NEWS:

PREP A & B:

The countdown is almost over. We are all very excited about having our Mums come in for a special surprise.

YEAR 1A & 1B:

This week year 1 have begun thinking about farms. Did you know there are lots of different types of farms? We are also busy making special things for our Mums for Mother's Day. We hope they like their surprise! Happy Mother's Day to our special mums.

YEAR 2A:

Happy Mother's Day to all of our beautiful mothers. We hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy being spoilt!

Year 2B:

Welcome back! We are all excited to learn about weather this term and we are looking forward to celebrating Mother's day with our mums this Sunday. Some things have changed... for homework we are writing 5 sentences with 2 of our list words in each sentence. We are learning the tricker sounds this term. We are going to be busy with hard work! By Charlie Kelly

YEAR 3A, 3/4B & 4A:

The grade fours have been busy learning how to play T-Ball in preparation for Gala Sport starting next Friday. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help out. 3, /3/4 & 4's are looking forward to learning about energy and forces. Look out in the coming weeks for updates! Happy Mother's day to all our Mother's, have an awesome day!

YEAR 5A:

Year 5 Endeavour Trip:

Last week on Friday the 29th April, the Year 5's all went on a trip to the Endeavour in the city. We were split up into 3 groups and travelled on board. There were four guides inside the boat and they guided us through the boat. When we were finished Jessica Watson was there and we got some ripper photos. We all enjoyed it and I would love to go again. By Gabby Ganter

YEAR 6/7A & 6/7B:

This week we have been very busy getting our new project started. We will be researching International Landmarks. We have also been busy working on a special gift for our wonderful Mums.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Xavier de Waal
Hunter Petrie
Finny Tapp
Stella Hosking
Tom Spry



FRIDAY SUBWAY/SUSHI ROSTER

6th May 2011

NO FRIDAY TUCKSHOP DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY TUCKSHOP

10TH May

Full Day 8:40am-2:00pm: Rebecca Clarke, Lisa Phillips, Michelle Apps

Morning 8:40am to 11:30am: Wendy Allie

Lunch 11:30am to 2:00pm: Lisa Durkin

Bakers: Sue Thiess, Tina O'Connell

