

*“ On him lies a punishment that brings us peace
and by his wounds we are healed”*

Isaiah 54:5

NEWSLETTER – APRIL MAY 2004

Dear Parents,

Belated Easter Greetings. May the peace promised to us this season be our consolation in all the circumstances of our lives. Here is a brief note to bring you up to date on the latest in school.

GOOD BYE BR DAVID: Br David left St Mary's on the 15th of April. He has been transferred to St Augustine's School - Vasai. To lose our good choir master in this year of the jubilee is indeed a grievous setback to all musical activities for the rest of the year. The singing at the easter liturgies this year was as melodious as ever. Some of the hymns at the easter vigil mass involved some dancing. Br David danced along with the boys reminding some of us perhaps of another David who –long ago -had danced with joy before the Ark of the Covenant. We wish Br David every success in all his future endeavours and pray that God will bless him in all his ways.

NEW VICE PRINCIPAL: Mr Christanand Vase took up duties as Vice Principal of the school at the start of the new Academic Year. In these two months he has proved to be a real asset to the running of the school. Apart from teaching physics and value education he has been involved in an evaluation of the school curriculum, in the assessment of study habits of the boarders and in following up students who are lackadaisical in their approach to doing of homework. He has been coordinating school discipline and staff activities. In addition he is also coaching the junior football team for the inter school football tournament scheduled for June. So he has a pretty full day !!

PLATINUM JUBILEE : The main functions to celebrate the jubilee have been decided to be as follows:

Saturday 25th Sept: Concert in the evening.
Sunday 26th Sept : Morning :Thanksgiving mass in the morning
Evening: Variety concert in the evening followed by dinner.
27th Sept: Morning: Walk down memory lane
Evening: Dinner – Dance
28th Sept: Sports and Drill display in the afternoon.

Boarders will be permitted to leave with their parents after sports is over on the evening of the 28th. They are to report back in school on the 10th of October.

Let us hope that we will be able to celebrate this jubilee in a worthy manner. There is a lot of hype and expectation and sometimes I wonder if we will be able to measure up to all that is anticipated. Among the projects mentioned for the jubilee two are nearing completion. The restoration work on the façade of the old building is nearly complete and renovation of servants quarters is also almost done.

I would like to thank all the many parents and expupils who are helping to get things organized for the big event. Please mail at stmarysh@sancharnet.in for any clarifications.

ANNUAL FETE: The fete was held on Saturday the 24th of April. As in previous years it was a day thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. There was plenty of food to be eaten at the various food stalls, plenty of prizes to be won at the various games stalls, and music and dancing at the request stall and the disco respectively. This year one of the most successful games stalls was the 7B game stall because the game had something to do with live rabbits.

The other main extra curricular programmes so far have been [a] Jungle Warfare and [b] Overnight walk to Guru Shikar. Both events were successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. The next distraction from studies is the annual musical competition. It is scheduled for the 16th of May – and all budding musicians and singers from classes 7 to 10 will get a chance to put their talents to the test.

Class picnics are also underway. Classes 4 and 5 completed their picnic on Saturday the 8th. The other classes will have their picnics during the course of the month.

PHONE CALLS :

I once again remind all parents the phone calls on Sundays and Thursdays are “ a privilege offered by the school which cannot be claimed as a right or guaranteed.”

While every effort is made to ensure that boarders receive phone calls it is not possible for all boys to receive calls every week.

I end with asking for your prayers for all our ICSE students who anxiously await their results which are due to be released shortly. Let us pray that they may be rewarded for all the effort that they put in and that they may continue to do well always.

Sincerely

Br Anish