Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

(1) For our P&F Meeting which will be held tonight in our school’s Library. We will be discussing possible ways of how to use our P&F Fundraising Levy. Please note that, due to a Eucharist Meeting in the parish, our P&F Meeting will be held at 6.15pm.

(2) For our feast day celebrations. Being a school named after Mary, a number of years ago, we chose to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, as our school’s feast day. You are most welcome to join us for Mass at 9.15am on Friday 22nd May. After an early recess, all children will be involved in many rotational, fun activities and our P&F is kindly providing a BBQ lunch for everyone.

School Improvement Plan
Our SIP for 2015 details the main goals for our school in three areas:

Catholic Life and Mission: To deepen and strengthen our students’ and parents’ relationship with Jesus through Scripture.

Learning and Teaching: To increase the learning gains of all students in Spelling.

Wellbeing: To consolidate whole school community knowledge and understanding of KidsMatter.

Winter Uniform
Thank you for the wonderful way you presented your children in their winter uniforms this week. The children look lovely. Wearing our uniform with pride is one of those ‘one percenters’ that certainly make a difference at our place.

Helpers Needed
We require some volunteers to help with the BBQ at our feast day celebrations (Friday 22nd May). Please leave your name with our Administration staff if you are able to help. We’d appreciate it.

Thank You
Sincere thanks to the following parents who were able to support us in the Mother’s Day Stall last Thursday:

Julie Anderson (Isla 4 Blue, Linsey K Blue), Fiona Fitzgerald (Mason 6 Green, Aedan 1 Gold), Chris Burns (Meika 1 Blue, Kyeden K Gold), Jess Brown (Marley K Green), Iriana Ribeiro Cash (Jessica K Green), Donna Maloney (Bridie 3 Green, Griffin 1 Blue), Melissa Pearce (Mia 1 Gold), Alison O’Brien (Seth 3 Blue), Elissa Glabus (Isabella 6 Blue, Brydie 2 Blue), Kristina Sprohar (Stefanie 3 Blue) and Shannon Elwell (Brooke 4 Gold, Bella 2 Green).

Kind Regards,

Kevin Williams
Principal

Steven K 6 Gold

Timothy V 1 Blue
**Parish Details**
4396 4455  
www.toukleycatholic.org.au

**Mass Times**
- **Saturday** 6.00pm  
- **Sunday** 7.30am, 9.00am, 6.00pm

Father Stephen Parish Priest  
Father Michael

**Merit Awards**
- Bailey J  
- Indy K  
- Jessica C  
- Tayla B  
- Marshall S  
- Tristan W  
- Jack M  
- Trinity T  
- Jai Co  
- Chelsea H  
- Tahla M  
- Joshua H  
- Olivia W  
- Lucy A  
- Cooper J  
- Layla H  
- Jack M  
- Stef S  
- Tyler J  
- Ava R  
- Jeremy B  
- Ethan M  
- Brayden G  
- Ariel C  
- Joel C  
- Jye B  
- Justin B  
- Sheridan S  
- Jade R  
- Imogen C

**From Our REC**

Well done to Amber R (5), Jade R (6), Daniel M (2), Lewis S (6) and Kobe S (2) who have all recently been Baptised Catholic. We warmly welcome you to the Catholic Faith.

**Mother’s Day**

Thank you to all of the mums and mother figures who were able to join us for our Mother’s Day Mass last Friday. It was standing room only! It was a beautiful and reflective mass, fitting for the amazing mums in our school community. We hope you had a lovely morning and a great day on Sunday. A thank you also goes to the P&F for organising morning tea and Year 3 students and teachers for helping to organise the mass.

**School Feast Day**

We celebrate our school feast day, Mary Help of Christians, with a mass and activity day next Friday 22nd May. Mass will begin at 9.15am, followed by recess before students move to some fun activities around the school. Activities will include novelty games, sporting activities and Mary reflection areas, which a team of teachers is spending a great deal of time organising. Activities will be followed by a BBQ lunch provided by our fantastic P&F (please contact the P&F if you can volunteer to help in any way).

**First Eucharist**

A reminder that the second compulsory parent classes for First Eucharist are this week, tonight (13th) 7-8pm at St Mary’s or tomorrow (14th) 4-5pm at St Brendan’s.

**Dates to remember:**
- **Renewal of Baptismal Promises:** 9am Sunday 10th May at St Mary’s or 5pm Saturday 9th May at St Brendan’s.
- **Commitment Mass:** 9am Sunday 17th May at St Mary’s or 5pm Saturday 16th May at St Brendan’s.
- **Practice and Reconciliation:** 4-5pm Tuesday 9th June at St Mary’s or 4-5pm Wednesday 10th June at St Brendan’s.
- **The Celebration of the Sacrament** is on Sunday 14th June, 11.00am.

**From Our Family Liaison Officer**

While work and family commitments can limit the amount of time you can physically be at school, there are plenty of opportunities for you to engage with St Mary’s school and your children’s learning.

**P&F Meeting tonight—** 6.15pm-7pm  
Learn what the P&F is all about.

**Athletics Carnival May 26th—** helpers and spectators welcome.

**Literacy Parent Education—** June 2nd.  
9.15am and 6.30pm. Focus on Spelling

We would love to see parents attend our Mass.

**A Spirit of Motherhood**

A Parent Spirituality Morning, themed ‘A Spirit of Motherhood’ will be run in our school computer lab/library on Wednesday June 17th, 9am-11am. This will be a lovely way of having some time out and finding a space for quiet and reflection. I highly recommend coming along to the morning, it makes no difference if you are Catholic or not, or attend church or not. There will be no pressure during the morning! An invitation will be sent home with more details next week.

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Week 9—Parent Teacher Meetings. A great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out what learning is happening in the classroom and for your child.

**Parent Meditation/Mindfulness Sessions—** every Monday morning 9.15am. All parents/carers are welcome.

**Cuppa and chat—** Every Tuesday morning after morning assembly. Meet other parents and chat in a casual setting.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer
KidsMatter

Having caring and responsive adults in their lives to help meet their needs, is important for children's emotional development and means they are more likely to be mentally healthy.

Children who have consistently experienced warm and responsive care develop a sense of security and trust that their primary caregiver will be there to listen and support them after they go off to experience the wider world outside the family home.

All children will have times when they experience stress and they can react in a variety of ways. Having secure relationships with adults around them who can teach them positive skills for dealing with stressful, anxious, or scary situations is the best way for children to learn to cope.

This week’s KidsMatter article, “Coping skills for managing emotions”, explains how children may react to different situations and gives many great examples of things parents/carers can do to support their children in their emotional development.

From Our Librarian

NEW BOOKS!
Our new books have finally arrived. Here at St Mary’s we value the importance of reading as a lifelong skill. Last year as part of our Book Week Celebrations we experienced incredible success with our Scholastic Book Fair. Because of the generous support of our parent community we have been able to put up to 90 brand new books into every class. This has been an amazing achievement that we hope to continue building with this year’s Book Fair. By 2016 we hope to add even more books to each classroom library for children to read in their spare time.

I am always grateful for the wonderful support of our parents in helping make reading a priority at our school. Our new books will be on display outside your child’s classroom during parent teacher interviews at the end of this term.

Miss Gray
Librarian

From Our Office

If you would like to purchase an entertainment book, they are available to purchase from the school office for $60. Fantastic value!

Please remember to call the office on 4396 5100 if your child/ren are going to be absent from school.

Thank you
Lyn and Jacqui

Something We’ve Noticed

Our school’s Leadership Team does a lot ‘behind the scenes’ to ensure that ‘things’ flow smoothly at our place. Their gifts compliment each other and their collective efforts combine beautifully to have such a positive influence on our children.

Thank you Miss Baker, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Burns and Mrs Hartge. We like what you do.

ICAS Dates 2015

Digital Technology - Tuesday 19th May
Science - Wednesday 3rd June
Writing - Monday 15th to Friday 19th June
Spelling - Tuesday 19th June
English - Tuesday 28th July
Mathematics - Tuesday 11th August

Star Awards

Dakota L
Evie M
Samantha W
Cohan S
Griffin M
Nicholas L
Joseph F
Luke W
Jaime F
Kourtney F
Bella D
Bailey S
Fletcher M
Noah E
Kalin H
Katie-Anne G
Ben R
Maddison E
Kaitlyn B
Liam S

Mother's Day Mass
From Our PE Teacher

CENTRAL COAST CROSS COUNTRY
MT PENANG PARKLANDS
St Mary’s had its best ever result for a Cross Country Carnival 2nd on the Central Coast!!
It must have been the great “Have a Go” attitude and those many laps of the School oval.
We usually have 5 to 7 children qualify for the Diocesan Cross Country, this year we have 20.
Congratulations everyone!
Mia T 1st, Josh H 2nd, Brodie S 1st, Zach B 2nd, Isaac B 6th, Chase B 7th, William B 12th, Isla A 7th, Tessa H 9th, Maya W 19th, Brandon W 14th, Molly B 15th, Mackenzie F 16th, Zac W 10th, Joseph F 1st, Zander F 2nd, Mia M 2nd, Liam S 7th, Stephen K 10th, Ben W 14th and Joshua B 17th.
Great effort St Mary’s – each race had up to 110 competitors.
Please let me know if parents are having problems transporting children to Diocesan Carnival.

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT CUP RUGBY LEAGUE 10YRS – 12YRS THURSDAY 4TH JUNE

CCC SOCCER GALA ALL YEAR 5 AND 6 – TUESDAY 16TH JUNE

SHOTPUT AND DISCUS TRIALS
Age: 8 Yrs - 12 Yrs
Dates: Friday 15th May, Tuesday 19th May & Wednesday 20th May
Where: Back of school oval
Details: Children only need to attend one session
Time: 7.45am - 8.40am
Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

Seasons for Growth
The final Seasons for Growth Parent Program session is next Wednesday evening, at 6.30pm
Information regarding the Children’s Seasons for Growth Program, which will begin in Week 6, went home last week. An information session for parents will be held Tuesday May 19, at 2.30pm in the staff room. If you would like more information please come along or contact the office.

English Parent Education
Our next Parent Education session is on Tuesday 2nd June. Practical ideas for how to help your child with spelling is a focus. The repeated sessions are at 9.15am and 6.30pm. Free child minding is available.

Canteen News
The Term 2 canteen roster is now on the website.
Friday May 15th Soup of the day—Pumpkin

On Our Website
- Optional Homework Suggestions
- Canteen Roster
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Year 3 Assembly