Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Saturday at 12noon in the Church approximately 55 children from our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Peter Comensoli will lead the liturgy in which our children will be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation. Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist are the three Sacraments.

Please pray that these children, through receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, grow closer in their relationship to Jesus.

Maths Parent Workshop

Our next Maths Parent Workshop is on at 9.15am and 6.30pm tomorrow. Free coffee and child-minding are available. How can I support my child’s mathematical understanding at home? What skills will my child be learning at their age? Please join us to learn more.

Father’s Day Celebrations

Our Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast begins from 7.15am on Friday 4th September. Most importantly, we invite you to join us for our Father’s Day Mass, commencing at 9.15am. Our Dads vs Year 6 Netball Match follows shortly after Mass.

Book Week Celebrations

Next week we celebrate Book Week. Our Book Fair runs from Monday 31st August to Friday 4 September. Our annual Book Week Parade begins at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd September. What is your child coming dressed as? You should hear what some of the teachers are parading as.

Welcome Mrs Murphy

We warmly welcome Mrs Heidi Murphy to our teaching staff. Mrs Murphy will teach 3 Green for the remainder of the year. May your time with us be filled with great learning and good people.

Congratulations Mason

At the Brother Tony Whelan Diocesan Public Speaking Final last night at Asquith, Mason F (6 Green) won first place. In a highly contested final with the 12 best speakers from across our diocese, Mason performed brilliantly. His prepared speech was articulate and thoughtful but it was his impromptu one minute speech that proved defining. Congratulations, Mason! Our school is proud of you.

STARS

Share Fun
Think Safe, Act Safe
Act Responsibly
Respect All That God Has Made
Speak With Kindness

Kind Regards,

Kevin Williams
Principal

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Upcoming Events

- Broken Bay Athletics
  Wednesday 26 August

- Year 2 Excursion
  Wetlands
  Thursday 27 August

- The Language of Maths
  Parent Workshop
  9.15am + 6.30pm
  Thursday 27 August

- Book Fair
  Monday-Friday
  31 August - 4 September

- Father’s Day Stall
  Tuesday
  1 September

- Book Parade
  9.30am Thursday
  3 September

- Father’s Day BBQ
  Breakfast, Mass and Netball match
  Friday 4 September
From Our REC

Confirmation
This Saturday, August 29th at 12pm, children from Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. We invite any families in our school community to come along on Saturday to support the children. A reminder that any choir children who are available on Saturday are invited to sing in the choir with Mr Hochkins. A compulsory practice for all children making their Confirmation is this afternoon at 4pm in the church.

Father’s Day Mass
Parents, especially our dads, step dads, pops and uncles; please join us for our Father’s Day Mass on Friday, 4th September. We would love for you to join us on this special day. Mass will begin at 9.15am, after our Father’s Day breakfast (which is from 7am). Dads, after mass please stay around for our annual Dads vs Year 6 netball match - it’s always a much anticipated and competitive game. Please join us, whether it’s to play or cheer on your team.

Children’s Liturgy
A reminder that St Mary’s now celebrates Children’s Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Parents, this is a great way of connecting the church and parish with your family. Fr Stephen would love to see many families making this a regular Mass you attend.

Emma Sellars
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

“It’s not what we do for our children, but what we teach them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings” Ann Landers I came across this quote the other day and it reminded me of the well known author and parenting expert Michael Grose. His philosophy is that in raising children, the ultimate job of a parent is to make themselves redundant.

Always keeping in mind that we aren’t simply the parents of little children, but that we are guiding the young adults of the future can have a real effect on how we approach our role as parents. The adults our children become depend upon the examples we set and the way we support, encourage and teach our children every day.

We won’t get instant gratification for our efforts, in fact it’s likely to be 20 years or more before we really see the result of our hard work reflected in the attitude, independence and capabilities of our young adult offspring, but it’s worth all the time, effort and grey hairs along the way.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

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
Samuel B
Bailey J
Kyunten B
Dimity M
Josephine R
Sinead H
Ava M
Natalia S
Zack M
Elliott T
Olivia C
Max C
Scarlett O
Herbie G
Luke W
William G
Ryan V
Charlize P
Mason G
Jeweliet M
Corey T
Gabrielle A
Ellie N
Kiera-Lee D
Indianna C
Allanah W
Fletcher M
Rylind D
Tom H
Shannon R
Kristal L
Amarli D
Alexi B
Alex C
Ben R

Boys and girls, remember to email in one photo of you with dad, stepdad, pop or uncle to rebecca.dunn@dbb.catholic.edu.au by this Friday 28th August! Any late submissions will not be included.

Shhhhhhh, don’t tell dad – it’s a surprise!

From Our REC
**KidsMatter**

This week’s KidsMatter article, *Tips to build children’s confidence* has some great ideas for parents/careers around three main themes.

**Encourage them to have a go**. Trying new things can be challenging but if children never try, give up if they don’t get it right the first time or we always do things for them, they won’t learn how to develop the grit or determination to succeed. They need the adults around them to encourage them to be responsible, to try and to know that we believe they are capable of doing things themselves.

**Support their self esteem**. Help children feel positive and accept themselves the way they are. Be optimistic and celebrate effort and improvement.

**Help them deal positively with disappointment**. Being disappointed sometimes is inevitable and something every child needs to learn to deal with. Parents/careers can help them find the positive and learn to “bounce back”.

*But!*...the kids are only too happy to share what the character they are dressing up for our Book Parade!! How are we celebrating Book Week? Below is a timetable of our Book Week celebrations.

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**Something We’ve Heard**

For our Book Parade, I’m hearing that some teachers may be dressing up as fruit salad, another perhaps as the Big Bad Wolf, someone as a banana, yet another as a princess. We’ll wait and see.

**Something We’ve Noticed**

Mrs Bain, Ruby E and some friends in 3 Green noticed a wallaby join them on the oval for PE last week.

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**From Our Librarian**

**BOOK LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!**

5 days to go until Book Week!

*Is your costume ready for our Book Parade?*

The excitement is building here at St Mary’s this week. Teachers have lowered the cone of silence about their costumes and are giving nothing away!

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**From Our Office**

A reminder that account statements are emailed after the end of each month. If you change your email address please notify the office as soon as possible so that you do not miss your monthly statement. The bottom of your statement indicates if there are any overdue instalments, please check your statement each month and contact the office if you have any questions.

Thank you
Lyn and Jacqui

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**Star Awards**

Patrick C
Harrison R
Elle R
Jack B
Marshall S
Andre Z
Jaime F
Zoe M
Riley S
Keegan F
Christian W
Seth O
Tahila H
Tahila P
Libby T
Grace H

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**Registration Days**

**Soldiers Beach Nippers**

Sunday 30th August, Saturday 5th September, Sunday 13th September 2015. 9am-12pm at Soldiers Beach Surf Club.

Join us to learn surf skills and have fun!

Existing members invited to re-register online.

More info at www.soldiersbeachsurfclub.com.au

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Sascha F 6 Gold
The Language of Maths in the Classroom Parent Workshop
9.15am + 6.30pm Thursday 27th August
In our school library

Summer Uniform
The changeover date to our summer uniform is Monday 7th September (Week 9). If the weather turns warmer earlier, your child is welcome to wear their full summer uniform.

Canteen News
Term 3 roster is on the school’s website. If you are unable to come in on your rostered day, please remember to contact Donna or the school ASAP.

P&F Father’s Day Stall
Just a reminder that if your child wants to select a gift from the Father’s Day Stall then notes and money must be returned by this Friday 28th August.

Uniform Shop Hours
Current shop hours are: 8.30-11.00am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For appointments outside these hours, please call Julie on 0402 311 749.

From Our PE Teacher

NETBALL GALA DAY – Tuesday 15th September Baker Park Wyong
Thankyou so much to all of the parents who have returned their children’s permission notes – we have over 90% returned – a fantastic effort.
Thank you also for the wonderful parental response for help with teams – If you wish to coach your team at school let me know – we have some wonderful Year 6 girls already training Year 3 and 4 teams at lunchtime.
Please let me know if I have missed any helpers.

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Liam, Laylah & Abby
1 Green