Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

We have great kids at our school. We have well behaved, positive children who understand the importance of ‘standing on their own two feet’. The children at our place understand that they are responsible for their own actions. They also know the importance of being a resilient person, knowing what to be able to handle themselves and when an adult (e.g. parent, teacher) should help them.

Our STARS is our positive behaviour approach at St Mary’s. It plays an important role in helping create a safe and welcoming environment at our school.

**Our STARS**

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

**Father’s Day Celebrations**

Please join us on Friday as we celebrate the important role our Dads play. Our P&F’s BBQ Breakfast commences at 7.15am and our Father’s Day Mass is at 9.15am. At 11.00am we have our annual Dads vs Year 6 Netball match on the top playground.

We wish all Dads, Grandfathers and significant male role models a great day on Sunday. Appreciate and enjoy being a Dad with your family by your side.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate all the children who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. The children dressed beautifully, reflecting the importance of the sacrament. Bishop Peter, Father Stephen, Father Michael and our teachers were very proud of you, girls and boys.

**Book Week Celebrations**

We’re celebrating Book Week. Our Book Fair runs all week. Our annual Book Week Parade begins at 9.30am on Thursday. What is your child coming dressed as? The teachers have been sharing their favourite picture book with classes other than their own and we are also looking forward to Year 6 reading to small groups of children on the oval later in the week.

**School Survey**

You probably have received an email regarding a survey about our school. It takes about 15 minutes to complete. It will provide important information for our school’s future direction. We really need you to complete it.

**Hair**

All boys and girls who have long hair must have it tied back. I’d appreciate your support with this school rule.

**Thank You**

We warmly thank the following parents for generously giving their time to run the Father’s Day Stall yesterday: Julie Anderson, Kristina Sprohar, Tracey Grainger, Tammy Cliff, Chris Burns and Iriana Ribeiro Cash.

**K-2 Swimming**

Our K-2 children begin their Swimming Program at Toukley Aquatic Centre next week. Your child needs to wear their swimmers underneath their Sports Uniform each day. They will also need to bring goggles, a towel, thongs and a plastic bag for their wet clothing.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Williams
Principal

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Book Fair**
  Monday-Friday
  31 August - 4 September
- **Fathers Day Stall**
  Tuesday
  1 September
- **Book Parade**
  9.30am Thursday
  3 September
- **Father’s Day BBQ**
  Breakfast, Mass and Netball match
  Friday
  4 September
- **K-2 Swimming**
  7-18 September
- **CCC Soccer**
  Thursday
  10 September
- **CCC Netball**
  Tuesday
  15 September

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**Maths Parent Workshop**
From Our REC

Confirmation

We also thank Mr Hochkins and the students from choir who supported these children on the day: Katie G, Penny F, Lily R, Beth F and Georgia A.

Father’s Day Mass
Parents, especially our dads, step dads, pops and uncles; please join us for our Father’s Day Mass this Friday. 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 7.15am).

Dads, after mass please stay around for our annual Dads vs Year 6 netball match - it’s always a much anticipated and competitive game.

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

In combination with all of our Father’s Day activities, Book Week offers plenty of opportunities for parents/carers/grandparents to visit school, get involved and be engaged with your child’s school and learning.

Even if you are working and can’t get here during the day, asking your children what they enjoyed most about each day, listening to how they get involved and reading some favourite books with them at home is a great way to still be engaged.

Tonight there is a Free Parent Seminar on “How to talk to your children about drugs” at Mackillop Catholic College, Warnervale starting at 7.00pm. It is a great way to learn how to start a vital conversation with your children.

Please find with today’s newsletter a flyer for a special mother’s retreat day to be held at Rafferty’s Resort on Friday Oct 16. It runs from 9am-2pm with morning tea and lunch provided. It is free of charge but places are limited so book in early for a wonderful, relaxing day designed to refresh your spirit.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
**KidsMatter**

It is important for children to receive praise and encouragement, but what is the best way to do it to encourage children’s motivation and learning?

Praise that is specific and acknowledges the process of completing an activity or solving a problem helps develop children’s learning and motivation.

Praising children for their efforts (rather than achievement) is motivating as it teaches them what they are doing well. They can then use this learning when they have similar experiences in the future. They are prepared to always “have a go”.

**From Our Librarian**

BOOKS REALLY DO LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!

What an exciting week we are having here at St Mary’s. I am always amazed at the reports and TV interviews around this time of the year of experts telling us that children have lost interest in reading. This is certainly not the case at our school. St Mary’s kids love books, love to read and be read to and... love Book Week!

Thank you everyone for supporting our Book Fair. Our aim is to increase the number of books available for leisure reading in every classroom.

Tomorrow is our annual Book Week Parade. (Please pray for a fine day as the weather forecasts have not been promising!) I can’t wait. The children have been talking about it for ages and the teachers have not uttered one clue about their costumes! After recess, just for the kids, our Year 6 leaders share a book with the rest of the children in our school. It has become a long standing St Mary’s tradition.

A week like this does not happen without lots of help. I would like to thank our Book Week Committee: Mrs Jones, Mrs Houston, Mrs Roach and Mrs Walker. I would like to thank Mrs Cowan, our Book Club Coordinator, who is my right hand when it comes to the Book Fair. I would also like to thank Mrs Miao, our Library Assistant, who works tirelessly for our children. I would like to thank our staff who throw themselves into the spirit of Book Week. Lastly I would like to thank Elyse, Julianna, Molly, Reese, and Sascha, our library monitors who willingly give up their free time to help out in the library.

Happy Reading Everyone.

Miss Gray
Librarian

**From Our Office**

Thank you to the parents who are phoning the office of a morning to advise the school that their child will be absent. Please remember to phone the office on 4396 5100 before 9.00am if your child/ren are going to be absent. By doing this you will not have to send in a note.

Thank you
Lyn and Jacqui

**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.

**Something We’ve Noticed**

There have been many nervous laughs in the staffroom lately as teachers plan what to wear for tomorrow’s Book Parade. At this stage, teachers don’t know what other teachers from different grades are wearing.

**Spotted**

A teacher at the local party hire shop exploring options for the Book Parade.

**One From The Past**

A favourite Book Character from the past was when Mr Merlino came dressed as Buzz Lightyear.

**Star Awards**

Adam Q
Violet I
Jessica C
Harry H
Elly S
Erin N
Mia C
Bailey S
Ruby W
Holly M
Nikolas K
Stefanie S
Zachariah W
Isaac N
Reese C
Sheridan S
Ethan W

**From Our Librarian**

**Encouraging and Praising Children**

Children who are self-motivated tend to stick at things for longer. They feel a sense of control over what they are doing and like challenges. When children feel they can achieve their goals, they feel good about themselves, which benefits their mental health and wellbeing.

Please use the KidsMatter link, “Encouraging and Praising Children” to find out more.
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. Friday 4th September Soup-of-the-day is Chicken and Sweet Corn.

Spring Fete
All welcome at the 2015 Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School—Shelly Beach Spring Fete. Sunday 13th September 8.30-2.30pm.

Toowoon Bay SLSC Registration Sessions 2015/2016 Season
New Members
Sunday 13th & 20th September 10am-12pm
Sunday 11th & 18th October 9am-11am
Renewing Members
Are encouraged to complete their membership online at https://portal.sls.com.au or by attending the following sessions
Sunday 13th & 20th September 8am-10am
Sunday 11th & 18th October 7.30am-9am
Please call 4332 2411 for more details or visit www.toowoonsurfclub.com.au

From Our PE Teacher

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS NARRABEEN
Congratulations to our amazing athletes – Tayte, Justin, Mia C, Daniel D, Joey, Zander, Keegan, Tessa, Grace, Tahlia H, Ella H, Bailey L, Mia M, Marea, Maya W and Tom W. Mia C, Keegan, Joey, Zander and Tom W have qualified for the sprints at the Polding Competition at Newcastle next week. We wish these speedsters the very best of luck at this very high level of competition – the best of all Northern NSW Catholic Schools.

CCC SOCCER GALA DAY – Thursday 10th September EDSACNORTH AND PAT MORLEY OVALS
This event was washed out in Term 2. Now due to EDSAC South Amenities building being burnt down EDSAC South Games have been moved to Pat Morley Bateau Bay.

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE DRAWS TOMORROW
CHILDREN SHOULD BRING LUNCH AND DRINKS – Canteen will be snacks, drinks and the fabulous SNOWCONES!
Children should also wear shinpads – I will bring some to Pat Morley as well.
Buses will leave at 8.15am – children need to be at school at 8am.

EDSAC North – Killarney Soccer Fields

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