Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

**Book Week**
What a wonderful week we had sharing the joy of books and reading together. From shared reading in classrooms and on the oval to the displays of children’s work and, of course, our memorable book parade. The sheer delight on the children’s faces and the wonderful spirit in which everyone participated was a credit to St Mary’s. It’s very special to be a part of a community that can share so much fun in a calm and respectful way. Congratulations and a huge thank you to our Book Week team, capably and enthusiastically led by Miss Karen Gray.

**Father’s Day**
Our celebrations last Friday were lots of fun. Thanks to the P&F, especially Shannon Elwell and Julie Anderson for organising the breakfast bbq, Julie Anderson and her team who ran the Father’s Day stall and all the dads who attended or had a special role in our lovely liturgy. The children love the opportunity to share such events with you. It was a shame the rain made us postpone our annual Dads Vs Year 6 Netball match. The dads currently hold the trophy but Year 6 are eager to have the match rescheduled.

**Uniform**
Now that the Spring weather is here we are back in our summer uniform. We ask you to please be mindful of jewellery and hair accessories that are not part of our uniform. Also for some of the older girls a reminder that nail polish might be great for holidays but not for school. Let’s have everyone wearing their summer uniform with pride.

**Swimming**
Our Infants Swimming Program is well underway. The children are enjoying themselves and, according to their ability level, are being taught a range of swimming and water safety skills. We commend the children on looking after their belongings and we thank you for naming every item.

Primary swimming will be in Term 4.

**Your Thoughts and Prayers**
Please keep the Burns Family (Meika 1Blue, Kyedan KGold and Marley KGreen) in your thoughts and prayers. Meika and Kyedan’s grandfather and Marley’s great grandfather passed away recently. May your treasured memories help sustain you during this difficult time.

Kind Regards

Julie Baker
Acting Assistant Principal

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**Upcoming Events**

- **K-2 Swimming** 7-18 September
- **CCC Soccer** Thursday 10 September
- **CCC Netball** Tuesday 15 September
- **Last day of School** Friday 18 September
- **First Day of Term 4** Tuesday 6 October
- **Staff Development Day** Friday 23 October

**Surveys**
Hopefully by now many of you have used the email link to complete the survey about our school. Your feedback is useful and important to us as we identify our strengths and plan for the future.
If you haven’t yet completed the survey please try and find time THIS WEEK. It closes Friday!
If you would like to do the survey but don’t have access to emails or the internet please come and see the office ladies and they will sort it out so you can do it here. It takes about 15 minutes.

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Mrs Brooks, Mrs Murphy & Miss Burns
From Our REC

Father’s Day Mass
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Father’s Day Mass last week. We hope that all of the dads and father figures in our community had a fantastic weekend.

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

Thursday, September 10th is R UOK Day, a day specially designated to raise people’s awareness of how important it is to look out for one another. It would be great if this could become a part of every day life here at St Mary’s, not just something we think about one day a year.

Coming home with today’s newsletter is a flyer for the 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching course for parents/carers that will be running early Term 4. The course not only deals with how to manage children’s sometimes difficult behaviour, but also looks at the Social and Emotional development of children and how we can help them recognise and manage their emotions in constructive ways.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
KidsMatter

At St Mary’s we have a strong focus on children’s wellbeing and one of the biggest predictors of how positive and happy a child is travelling is the wellbeing of their parents/carers.

As parents/carers it’s important that we take care of our own mental health and wellbeing. That way we are in a better position to provide a secure, happy environment for our children to grow and develop.

As a community it’s also important that we look out for and try to support each other.

From Our Office

Important Information Regarding Student Medication

Please note that medication of any kind cannot be brought to school by students. Where possible the administration of medication should be done at home rather than school. If medication must be administered during school hours a “Request for Administration of Medication Form” must be completed by both the parent and the student’s doctor before school staff are able to administer medication. This is a Catholic School’s Office requirement.

Thank you
Lyn and Jacqui

Something We’ve Noticed

How proud the children are when mum’s and dad’s are able to come to school events.

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 Librarian

It is hard to believe that Book Week has come and gone. What a wonderful celebration we experienced here at St Mary’s. The excitement about books and the general feeling across our school was incredibly special, right to the very end of our week.

I especially wish to thank all of our families, mums, dads and grandparents who supported our Book Fair. It was a huge success and will now help us acquire new books for each and every classroom. A number of children are still patiently waiting for their books, especially The Bad Guys and Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey. The order has definitely been placed and I have my fingers crossed that you will have your books by the end of the week. I will call you to the library when your books are ready and labelled with your names on them.

Happy Reading Everyone.
Miss Gray
Librarian

P & F News

Our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast last Friday 4th September was a huge success. It was a special time for Dads and families to spend time together over a delicious breakfast. This year it was a privilege for the St Mary’s P & F to provide the morning free of charge due to the huge success of our fundraising levy. A huge thank you to Todd, Emma, Brian, Rochelle, Donna, Martin, Naomi, Tracey, Donna, Julie, Holly, Iri, Belinda & Michael for helping on the morning. It is greatly appreciated and we couldn’t do it without you.

From your P & F Team

Hayley 6Green & dad
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 11th September Soup-of-the-day is Pumpkin.

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.

From Our PE Teacher

POLDING ATHLETICS TRIALS NEWCASTLE
Congratulations to our amazing sprinters Keegan, Joey and Tom W who came 2nd in their 100m final and Mia C who was a narrow 4th in hers. Amazing results against very tough competition – St Mary’s is proud of you all.
Keegan, Tom and Joey have made the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships at Homebush in October.
Good Luck Boys!

CENTRAL COAST OZTAG GALA DAY
Congratulations to all of the children who represented St Mary’s with such good behaviour and sportsmanship. All of our teams had some wins, losses and draws against schools from all over the Central Coast.
Most teams made it to the quarter finals with 3 teams making the semi finals – Well Done to all players and thank you to our Year 6 coaches and Mr Wootton, Mr Riley and Mr Hancock for coaching our teams.

SOCcer Gala Day Thursday 10th September
Good Luck and thankyou to all the wonderful parents acting as coaches and managers for the day, we couldn’t take all of these teams without your help.

Netball Gala Day Tuesday 15th September
Thanks also to all those wonderful mums and dads assisting as coaches and managers.
Children should be at school by 8am if they wish to catch the bus – or be at Baker Park by 9am if going by car.
We will all assemble at 9am to take the roll and children must not leave until checked off by a teacher at the end of the day.
Draws have just arrived, I will have them organised and given out on Friday at school.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator