Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

I’ve noticed our classes preparing something special to share with you (our Mums) for Mother’s Day. What I’ve really enjoyed watching is the genuine love that is so obvious as the children colour, create, write or decorate their special item for you. You couldn’t put a price on it. It is immeasurable.

We wish all our Mums, Grandmothers and significant female role models a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday. I know that you will sense that great love, admiration and appreciation from your child. It will be impossible to miss.

Please join us at 9.15am on Friday for our Mother’s Day Mass which will be followed by Morning Tea in the undercroft area.

Your Prayers and Thoughts
Please keep the Downes family in your thoughts and prayers. Isabella’s grandmother passed away recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord’s strength bring you great courage in your time of loss.

Term Subject Overviews
Accompanying today’s newsletter is an overview of the content being taught during the term in your child’s class.

Kinder 2017
If you are interested in enrolling your child for Kinder 2017 enrolment packages are now available at our school’s office. Please complete them and, upon returning them, organise a time for your meeting.

Winter Uniform
The wearing of our winter uniform commences on Monday 16th May. If the weather turns cooler before the 16th, the winter uniforms may be worn earlier.

Parent Focus Group
On Monday 16th May there will be a designated time where we invite any parents and carers, who are interested in talking in a small group situation with members of the School Review panel, to join us. The Parent Focus group will meet at 1.45pm on Monday 16th.

Whether you have been with our school for a short time or for many years, you are welcome to join us. We warmly welcome your reflections.

We encourage a crowd of parents to participate in the process. The greater the number of parents, the richer the data we gather. If you can find the time join us, we’d appreciate it.

P + F Meeting
Please join us for our term’s P+F Meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th May.

Class Parents Meeting
A meeting for our Class Parents team is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 10th May in the staffroom.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Williams
Principal
From Our REC

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**Looking on the Bright Side**
Having an optimistic outlook on life is one of the key components of resilience. This doesn’t always come naturally to a person, children or adults, but it is something that can be cultivated and developed. Young children certainly need assistance from the important adults in their lives to help shape their attitude and develop a positive outlook. Adults modelling a positive attitude is certainly one of the biggest influences on how children develop their positive thinking and coping skills, but there are more factors that can help.

Feeling good about themselves and having confidence in their own abilities is so important for children. They need opportunities to take chances, develop new skills and build their independence. Being responsible for themselves and having caring adults who set limits for them is also important. Knowing that they are loved unconditionally, have adults they can trust with their fears and worries and that will support them is vital for every child.

For more information on helping children develop a positive outlook please use the link “Optimism in the face of adversity” to access this week’s KidsMatter article.

**From Our Librarian**

Last Friday I attended a Library Conference. I count myself lucky to have met well-known author and illustrator Stephen Michael King whose work I have admired since his first published picture book, *The Man Who Loved Boxes*. His work is distinctive and as well as writing and illustrating his own books he also illustrates for other authors as well.

I also met author Belinda Murrell who writes novels for the 9-13 age group. She has published time slip novels such as *The Forgotten Pearl* and *The Ruby Talisman* as well as the Lulu series.

I highly recommend both of these authors if you are looking for quality literature for your children to read.

**From Our Office**

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**Something We’ve Noticed**

Our ANZAC Day liturgy was a moving and reflective occasion. The music, the setting, the readings, the symbols and the children’s reverent disposition appropriately commemorated those who have fought in war.

**Star Awards**

Noah T
Abbie R
Zali M
Charlotte W
Jaime Lee S
Tyson S
Logan M
Kalen C
Lacee B
Cody B
William G
Ryley E
Caleb F
Amarli D
Rhys D
Tessa H
Grace H
Lily R

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- Tini-Tots Program 5—9 years
- Tennis Australia “Hot Shots” Program
- Junior Squads : Junior Comps
- Private and Semi-private lessons
- School Holiday Camps: Social Play

You’re Gonna Love it!
Uniform Shop News
Winter Uniform changeover date is Monday 16th May.
Shop Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8.30-11am.
Extended hours during this busy time: Fri afternoons
2.15-3.15pm in weeks 2,3 & 4.

For uniform enquiries or to make an appointment outside shop hours please call Julie on 0402 311 749.

Trade and Save Program: due to the amount of items currently in second hand stock, only items in good condition will be eligible for our trade and save program. Trade vouchers can only be used for purchasing new uniform items.

Please remember to label all uniform items with your child’s name.

Thank you
Julie Anderson
Uniform Shop Coordinator

From Our PE Teacher

DIOCESAN TRIALS

Netball – Congratulations Maddison S and Tahlia H on making the Polding Netball Team. A great achievement considering the high level of skill in girls attending Catholic schools in the Northern half of NSW.
5 girls from the Central Coast made the Polding team – showing the strength of Central Coast Netball!

Soccer – Congratulations to Zac W on making the Polding Soccer team – awesome work!
We are also very proud of Jeremy B whose goal keeping skills got him to the possibles / probables play off

11yrs Rugby League – Great effort from Cohan L and Joseph M who played against some very tough competition. Although not making the Polding side I’m sure the boys have learnt some valuable skills for the upcoming Rugby Union trials

ST MARY’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL Monday 23rd May Mingara Athletics Centre

Could we please have notes back by this Friday before the next 2 busy weeks involving Naplan and school review.
This also gives me plenty of time to compile then check the program.
Looking forward to lots of parent helpers as well please!

RUGBY LEAGUE – Catholic Independent Cup – Thursday 26th May
Training for 10’s Friday at lunchtime.
Training for Opens Friday during Sport.
We have lots of boys and will put 2 teams in each age group this year.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

Stories by the beach
Enjoy Stories, Friendship, Beautiful Food, Christian Meditation, Prayer & Reflection
ON FRIDAY, 27th of MAY
AT CATHERINE HILL BAY SURF CLUB, FLOWERS DRIVE
CATHERINE HILL BAY
FROM 9.30 FOR COFFEE STARTING AT 9.30 - 2pm
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"Come away and rest a while"
Mark 6:31
2016 Year of Mercy

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