Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

Last week was a pretty good week to be a student at our school. After enjoying the fun of our Athletics Carnival, during the week students participated in the Diocesan Cross Country, Catholic Rugby League Gala Day, finishing with celebrating our school’s Feast Day on Friday.

After joining together to celebrate Mass, our teachers organised a variety of enjoyable activities including Netball, AFL, Rugby League, Cricket, Hockey, Aerobics, Handball, Dancing and Meditation.

We concluded the day with our annual Teachers vs Year 6 Touch game with the Teachers winning 3-1. I can only hope that NSW doesn’t drop as much ball tonight as the teachers did.

We certainly appreciate the generous assistance of the many parents who helped lead activities for the children or assisted with the P+F BBQ. We also value the external providers’ (AFL, Netball, Hockey, Cricket and Rugby League) contribution in ensuring the day was active and fun.

**Year 6 Graduation**

An initial meeting to begin preparations for our Year 6 Graduation in December will be held at 3.20pm on Tuesday 14th June. All parents/carers of Year 6 are welcome to join us. The meeting will be held in the Year 6 classrooms.

**Sacred Heart Mass**

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with Mass commencing at 9.15am on Friday. It always makes a difference when our parents are able to join us as we celebrate the Eucharist.

**9:00 am Parish Mass**

This Sunday, 9am is a Parish Mass where all St Mary’s families are encouraged to attend. Our school are responsible for providing morning tea for after Mass, I ask for your support in this.

**Upcoming Events**

- **AP/REC Conference**
  
  Thursday + Friday
  
  2/3 June

- **Sacred Heart Mass**
  
  9.15am
  
  Friday
  
  3 June

- **Public holiday**
  
  Monday
  
  13 June

- **Year 6 Graduation Meeting**
  
  3.20pm
  
  Tuesday
  
  14 June

- **Reports sent home**
  
  Friday
  
  17 June

- **Parent-Teacher Meetings Week**
  
  20-24 June

**Your Child’s Report**

Teachers are currently writing your child’s Report. Today, accompanying the newsletter will be a letter inviting you to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress. The Parent-Teacher meetings occur in Week 9, Monday 20th—Friday 24th June.

**Best Wishes Mrs Roach**

We wish Mrs Roach all the very best as she begins her Maternity Leave today. We thank you for the wonderful job you’ve done teaching 2 Blue this year. We wish you well as you prepare for the impending birth of a baby daughter, a big sister for Jonah.

Mrs Brooks will now be teaching 2 Blue Monday-Wednesday with Mrs Houston Thursday-Friday.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Williams

Gold House Captains
First Eucharist

Congratulations to the many children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on the weekend. We hope that your day was special and that you enjoyed some time for family celebrations after Mass.

Parish Mass

This Sunday, 9am, we invite all families to join us at Mass. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mass as a school community. Following Mass will be a shared morning tea, provided by St Mary’s families. Please join us, and bring a plate to share afterwards! We look forward to seeing you all there.

School Feast Day

Last Friday we celebrated our School Feast Day, ‘Mary Help of Christians’. It was a wonderful day, a mixture of reflective moments and fun activities. Thank you to all involved in preparing such a smooth day; the many dedicated teachers who organised activities, our wonderful P&F and parent helpers who prepared and ran the BBQ for 500 hungry students (Bronwyn B, Katrina S, Catherine H, Kristy Ch, Kristy Cl, Chris B, Naomi H, Tiffany B, Peta K, Louise C and Julie A) and the many organisations who donated their time to provide fun activities for the students (Cathy and Bianca from Cathy Makin Dance Academy, Rebecca and Katie from Central Coast Academy, Jake on behalf of Sam Shergold AFL NSW, Mitch from Wyong Rugby League Club, Trent from Cricket NSW, Lou from Netball NSW and Josie and Jess from Hockey NSW).

We appreciate everything you did for our community last week - THANK YOU!!

Winter Appeal

Our 2016 Winter Appeal has begun! Our Mini Vinnies students will be hard at work over the remainder of the term collecting items donated to the school. Please see what you have at home that can be donated to this worthy cause.

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Religious Education Coordinator

From Our REC

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From Our Family Liaison Officer

Tuesday Morning Cuppa and Chat is going well with some knitting scarves for the elderly in our parish and some coming along for a chat and to meet other parents/ carers. Wednesday morning walking group has also begun straight after the morning assembly. Everyone is welcome to come along to either or both with a friendly, welcoming groups of parents/ carers.

A big part of the Social and Emotional Learning that children experience is developing independence. Being able to do things for themselves gives children a sense of confidence and self worth and builds their positive mental health.

Simple things like carrying their own school bags, unpacking their bag themselves, being responsible for taking their polly-wally into class, walking to class after assembly without having to go back to parents/ carers repeatedly are all things even our youngest students are very capable of. But as parents/ carers do we let them undertake these tasks themselves or do we step in? It may seem to be helping when we do these things for them but it can delay children’s chances to develop their independence and perhaps give them the message that we don’t believe they are capable, especially when they see other children doing things themselves. Donna Falzon

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
Zara B
Jonah M
Mason J
Levi J
Eyli P
Josephine R
Kyeden B
Toby W
Harry M
Joey T
Liam S
Linsey A
Logan M
Timothy V
Annabel R
Shaylah H
Elly S
Phoenix R
Chelsea H
Andre Z
Connor M
Savio D
Corey T
Alexis C
Fletcher M
Christian W
Samarah L
Jaxon P
Blake H
Tahlia H
Ruby W
Hannah G
Nikolas K
Ryan C
Molly B

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KidsMatter

Children learn self-control and appropriate emotional expression and behaviour by watching and experiencing how other people manage their emotions and from their own experiences of how others behave with them. Children who have been helped to manage their difficult feelings gradually learn how to do it for themselves and over time become more independent in managing their emotions across more situations. It is important however, to acknowledge and let children know that turning to others for guidance and support, especially in times of stress, will always be an important coping skill throughout their entire life. Children need to feel secure enough to be able to ask for assistance to help them deal with different circumstances, not to simply fix things for them, from the important adults in their life.

Children need repeated experiences of having their needs met by a responsive and caring adult to help them feel secure, develop a positive sense of self, manage their emotions and to learn how to get along with others. When children have these experiences they are more likely to be mentally healthy and have good relationships with others.

Please use the link, “Coping skills for managing emotions” for more great information on the KidsMatter Website.

From Our Librarian

This week in the library...

Kindy are viewing the text of Jack and the Beanstalk and reading their own book of the story.

Year 1 are reading that chickens are not the only animals to lay eggs. They are working on a categorising activity on just who and who does not lay eggs!

Year 2 are reading about cooking and storing food in the olden days. We are highlighting key facts and together we are making notes of these.

Year 3 are completing their task of places that are special to them in response to Nadia Wheatley’s text My Place.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are continuing their rotation of activities. Year 4 are reading about explorers, Year 5 are reading about colonial life and events that affected the development of the colonies and Year 6 are reading about events that have shaped our Australian identity. Our focus is on selecting key facts and putting these into our own words to avoid plagiarism!

And have your read…?

I Say So! by Frank Opinion

Miss Gray
Librarian

Lost Property

Once again, lost property is overflowing with jackets. Please check for your child’s items. Remember to label all uniform items with your child’s name.

From Our Office

Please be reminded that any form of medication cannot be brought to school by students. Where possible the medication should by administered at home rather than school. If medication must be administered at school a “Request for Administration of Medication Form” must be completed by both a parent and the student’s Doctor before school staff are able to administer the medication. You can find a copy of this form on our school’s website or pick one up at the office. This is Catholic Schools Office requirement.

Lyn, Jacqui & Leesa

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Something We’ve Noticed

We found out who displayed a great sporting attitude at our Athletics Carnival last week. When Maya B fell during the running of the 800m, Logan M, Seth O and Finlay S all stopped to help her. Thank you Logan, Seth and Finlay. Your attitude helps make our school a better place.

Star Awards

Lexie L
Charlotte G
Bailey J
Emma C
Milan B
Cahill L
Mikayla M
Bree E
Mia W
Abigail T
Holly C
Aoife Q
Ashleigh J
Krystal S
Bailey L
Lucy H

Uniform Shop News

New Shop Opening Times

To increase accessibility and to better suit working families the shop will now be open every weekday morning (8.15am-9.45am). New hours will commence Monday 6th June (Week 7)
Canteen News
Soup this Friday, June 3rd is Pumpkin.

Volunteers, please remember to check the Canteen Roster on our school website if you are unsure of your next rostered day. The canteen pricelist is also available for everyone to access/download at any time from the website.

Engaging Adolescents
Tuesday 10 am - 12.30
7th June - 21st June (3 sessions)

Lake Munmorah Family Centre
Colomera Bay Rd,
Lake Munmorah,
Morning Tea provided

Learn:
- Skills for tough conversations
- Common ground shared by parents
- Reasonable expectations
- New understandings of adolescence
- Building relationships with your teenager

Places limited, to book in please call 4351 5008

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