Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

The Parent-Teacher meetings occur in Week 9, Monday 20th—Friday 24th June. If you have not already done so, please return your preferred times to meet with your child’s teacher. Your child’s Report becomes an opportunity to celebrate particular achievements and efforts. It is important to focus on the effort your child is devoting to their learning. We cannot ask more than for a child to devote their best efforts in class.

Some possible points of discussion you may wish to have with your child’s teacher:
- Is he/she focused during learning?
- Is he/she a resilient learner?
- Is he/she a resilient person?
- What actions does he/she display that reflect Catholic values?
- What do you see at school that I should be proud of as a parent?
- Does he/she ask questions in class?
- What progress is he/she making?
- What is one thing in English I can help him/her with at home?
- What is one thing in Maths I can help him/her with at home?
- How does he/she relate to other children?

Our Masses
Last Friday’s Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass was the last whole school Mass celebrated this term. Our visiting priest, Father Brian, made special mention of the children’s lovely singing and reverent behaviour. Our Kinders were wonderful in the way in which they ‘stepped up’ and led many parts of our Mass.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students continue to be outstanding role models in Church.

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.

The Weekend Weather
Last weekend’s wet weather and resulting blackout on Sunday at school has left us with a number of air conditioning units, electronic whiteboards and computers damaged. As we were left with no power in half of the school on Monday morning, the children’s behaviour and sense of calm was commendable.

Kind Regards,

K Williams
Principal
From Our REC

Well done Kinder! You did a great job leading our Sacred Heart Mass last Friday.
Thank you to the many parents and students who attended Mass on the weekend and provided parish morning tea. It was great to have so many families present. In particular, Naomi H was key in the organisation of the morning tea - 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.

Reconciliation Week
Next Friday, 17th June, we will be holding a liturgy in the undercroft area to recognise National Reconciliation Week. This will be held at 11.25am. You are welcome to join us.

Grandparents Day Liturgy
Early Term 3 (date tbc) we will be holding our second annual Grandparent’s Liturgy. There will also be time scheduled for grandparents to visit their grandchild’s classroom. Last year we really enjoyed sharing our school with our grandparents and we’re excited to do so again. This is a great chance for children who have a grandparent nearby to show their Nan, Pop, Grandma or Grandpa their classroom and to celebrate them in a liturgy. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters, so please look out for details and spread the word.

Emma Sellars
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter is an integral part of St Mary’s and the wonderful information is available to anyone at anytime via the KidsMatter website, facebook and twitter. There is also a quarterly newsletter that you can subscribe to. You can use the following link to have a look at the Term 2 KidsMatter Newsletter.

The Parent/Carer Resource Library is available to all families at school and has some wonderful books, videos and cd’s to assist parents/carers in their parenting and education journey. If there is any topic in particular you are interested in please come see me and I can find something suitable.

In his weekly e-newsletter, one of Australia’s leading parent educators, Michael Grose, has a great article on how giving kids responsibility is a big confidence boosting strategy and that it’s best not to leave it too late. You can subscribe to receive the free weekly email with this and other great parenting tips via Parenting Ideas.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
KidsMatter

Helping children manage their emotions involves creating and maintaining feelings of safety, calm and optimism in children.

When children become anxious, stressed or frightened, stress hormones (adrenaline, cortisol) are increased and override their feel good hormones (dopamine, serotonin and oxytocin).

High levels of stress hormones limit a child’s ability to concentrate, problem solve, manage conflict and try new things—all of which are essential for learning.

More information about this can be found via last week’s KidsMatter link “Coping skills for managing emotions” under “From feeling bad to feeling good”.

From Our Librarian

This week in the library...
Kindy are viewing the text of Rapunzel and sharing their favourite part of the story.
Year 1 are viewing the life cycle of a monarch butterfly and drawing each stage on a timeline!
Year 2 are reading about children’s chores and after school activities in the olden days. We are highlighting key facts and making notes of these.
Year 3 are viewing photos of our local area in the olden days. It has been fascinating to see how much our local area has changed.

From Our Office

Student Travel Leave
If you are planning to take your child out of school for \textit{10 school days or more} for the purpose of travelling in Australia or overseas then we ask that you complete an Application for Extended Leave and provide copies of travel details. This form is available at the school office or can be downloaded from the school website by clicking above. Once this form has been received and the leave has been approved by Mr Williams, we will provide you with a certificate to carry with you whilst travelling.

If the travel is for \textit{less than 10 school days} then we request a written note to the teacher.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lyn, Jacqui & Leesa

Something We’ve Noticed
The manner in which parents (at morning assembly) join us as we say our School Prayer. The children notice your prayerful and respectful manner.

Star Awards
Harry B
Ellie B
Imogen N
Harry M
Marley R
Ella S
Liberty C
Lucy N
Elliot T
Alex S
Cohen B
Skye P
Olivia W
Samarah L
Tallin K
Sophie H
Hilton M
Taalirah G
Laura N
Joshua B

Uniform Shop News
NEW OPENING HOURS
The uniform shop will now be open every weekday morning.
8.15 - 9.45am

Back in Stock
Girl’s green tights (size 4-6) are now back in stock.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are continuing their rotation of activities. Each week a team leader is appointed to lead the team through their task. The major feedback from the teams is how well they are problem solving when they come to a road block in their work. Being a problem solver is an essential skill.

As you can see our library is a hive of learning activity!

And have your read…?
\textit{Webster’s Words!} by Dick Shunary

Miss Gray
Librarian

Sacred Heart Mass lead by Kinder
Catholic Independent Cup Rugby League

Congratulations to our 4 Rugby League teams and our Coaches Kyle Whiteford, Wayne Hancock, Shane Crowe and Nathan Bayley and to the mums and dads who assisted on the day.

We had very positive comments from the Central Coast Rugby League about the fact we had 4 teams involved and that boys and girls who don’t play rugby league on the weekend were involved and having a ball.

WAYNE HANCOCK – Thank you for everything you have done over the last 10 years with sport at St Mary’s! It has been greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Zac W and Tahlee M on being great representatives at the Polding Soccer and Touch Football competition last week. Both had a fabulous time and developed new skills and friendships.

Year 4 Excursion– Maritime Museum

Canteen News
Soup this Friday, June 10th is Chicken and Sweet Corn.

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.

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