Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

I’d like to share with you comments from our recent School Review Panel’s Report:

“Faith, Love and Understanding” are at the heart of this school community. The school’s mission and vision drive teachers’ commitment to “be the best version of ourselves” for students. This commitment encompasses Mission, where all relationships and interactions are based on the person and example of Jesus; Pastoral Care, where a deep understanding of the inextricable link between wellbeing and learning informs strategic and daily decision-making and actions; and Learning and Teaching, where the priority is ensuring every learner receives the best education possible by fostering the growth of all teachers. Respectful, visionary, distributed leadership enables the vision and mission to be lived out, every day, for every member of the school community.”

Parent Teacher Meetings
An important part of our communication with you is the Parent Teacher Meetings. We look forward to meeting with you next week, as we discuss your child’s progress. Reports will be sent home this Friday.

Parents/Carers
Among many aspects of our school, the School Review Panel made special mention of the wonderful parents and carers at St Mary’s. The panel noted your generosity, selfless attitude, insightful comments, sense of gratefulness, positive outlook and genuine partnership with our school. It is little wonder that we have great kids at our school. They come from fantastic families.

Year 2 Excursion
We wish Year 2 well for their excursion to Tocal on Thursday 23rd June. We appreciate the many offers of help we had to assist on the day.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal
From Our REC

Winter Appeal
There are only a few weeks left in our 2016 Winter Appeal! A huge thank you to all of the donations we have received so far. Our Mini Vinnies children are busy collecting and sorting the items ready for donation to St Vincent DePaul. Please continue to see what you have at home that can be donated to this worthy cause.

Grandparents Day Liturgy
On Friday 29th July (Week 2 Term 3) we will be holding our second annual Grandparent’s Liturgy. Following, there will also be time scheduled for grandparents to share morning tea with their grandchild and to then 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. Finalised times will be sent home this term.

Emma Sellars
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

With reports coming home Friday and Parent/ Teacher interviews next week it’s a great opportunity to think and reflect on the approach we take to our child’s effort and achievement. If children learn that through hard work and perseverance they can keep improving, that sets them up well for the future and that outlook is learnt from the supportive adults around them.

High levels of learning for all children is the goal at St Mary’s, but the high level is different for each child. Every child is special and their own capabilities and talents are unique to them, so it is important to keep that in mind when talking with them about their report. Focusing on their effort, the social and emotional skills they have developed and their wellbeing rather than simply their achievements and grades can be very encouraging to them.

Spending time supporting our children, engaging in their education and giving them our attention while they are young, not only builds our relationships but instils in them a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards life long learning.

Donna Falzon
**KidsMatter**

**Healthy Relationships**
Children first learn about relationships from their own families. Families come in many different forms but for all, positive, healthy relationships are important to children’s social and emotional development.

The quality of family relationships is more important for children’s wellbeing than the size or composition of the family. With positive family relationships children learn how to connect with other people and build healthy relationships.

Healthy family relationships help all members of a family feel safe and connected to one another. While all families go through good and difficult times, a family with good relationships is still able to interact with one another in a safe, respectful way.

Parents/caregivers and the other important adults in a child’s life are the initial and most important models for them. If children are able to learn how to connect with others and build strong, respectful relationships within their family they are then in a better position to develop strong friendships and positive social skills to benefit them their entire life.

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**From Our Librarian**

This week in the library...

Kindy are viewing the text of The Ugly Duckling and sharing their favourite part of the story.

Year 1 are viewing the life cycle of a lady beetle and drawing each stage on a timeline!

Year 2 are reading about children’s games and testing their skills with the old time favourite of jacks!

Year 3 are viewing the history of our special local place of Norah Head Lighthouse and identifying the key facts in the text.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are continuing their rotation of activities. We are also learning lots of short cuts when creating a Word Document such as changing the font and its size, justifying the text and creating dot points when recording key facts.

Our library continues to be a hive of learning!

And have your read...?

**I Love Crowds!** by Morris Merrier

Miss Gray
Librarian

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**From Our Office**

**Student Travel Leave**

If you are planning to take your child out of school for **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 **less than 10 school days** then we request a written note to the teacher.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lyn, Jacqui & Leesa

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**Something We’ve Noticed**

We’ve noticed the positive manner in which children greet each other when arriving at school. They are so keen to catch up with each other, enjoying one another’s company before heading into class.

**Star Awards**

Riley T
Harry M
Samuel W
Matilda S
Isaac R
Macey B
Abbey L
Charlize P
Harper R
Indianna C
Keira G
Mia C
Tanner J
Zara I
Isabella K
Oscar S
Riley G
Cooper J
Kyah R

**Uniform Shop News**

NEW OPENING HOURS

The uniform shop will now be open every weekday morning.

8.15 - 9.45am
Congratulations to the Athletics Carnival Age Champions

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From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News
Soup this Friday, June 17th is Minestrone.

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.

Athletics Carnival

Caitlin & Finlay - 4 Gold

Luke & Talon - 4 Blue

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