Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

Our Wonderful Spirit of Sportsmanship
At yesterday’s Netball Gala Day we had 28 teams who ran and played all day. There were smiles all round and extremely high levels of cooperation and versatility. Almost every child from Years 3 to 6, boys and girls were involved in the day and an amazing number of parents attended as coaches, managers and cheer squads. Thanks to everyone who played any part in making this huge event such a success. Kids we are very proud of all of you.

Bus Zone
Parents are reminded that you cannot use the bus area as a drop off zone or pick up zone. If you are driving your child to school you need to park in a proper car space and walk your child to the gate. If you are picking your child up you also need to park in a proper car space and walk over to get your child. No child will be permitted to leave the school gates without an adult being there to walk them to the car. We are not doing this to inconvenience you - it is because the children’s safety is paramount! There are so many vehicles out there pulling out and turning around and when the sun is bad - it is quite hazardous to pedestrians even on the two pedestrian crossings. Please take extra care and allow that few extra minutes to make sure everyone is safe.

Sock it to poverty
Valuable funds were raised through this vibrant activity. Even though the weather wasn’t very bright the socks surely were! It was a nice bit of fun for a great cause. Thanks for getting behind it.

Volunteers Liturgy
Fr Stephen had everyone singing about love and smiling as our parish joined together to acknowledge the good work of our community volunteers. Senior students from St Brendan’s and St Mary’s Schools read beautifully and the representatives from the various services and agencies were touched by the beautiful liturgical movement and the positive attitude of the students. It was a lovely, prayerful liturgy about being of service to others. Thanks, too, to the Year 5 parents who provided morning tea.

Principal’s Retreat
For the remainder of this week Mr Williams will be sharing some renewal time with other principals from the diocese at their annual retreat. As leaders in Catholic Education it is important to take time to stop, listen, reflect, pray and share. We wish Kevin a gentle, enjoyable two days.

Kind Regards,

Julie Baker
Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events

- Year 2 Assembly
  Thursday
  15 September

- Cricket Workshops
  Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
  Thursday + Friday
  22 + 23 September

- Last Day Of Term 3
  Friday
  23 September

- First Day Of Term 4
  Monday
  10 October

- Year 6 Canberra Excursion
  Wednesday-Friday
  12-14 October
Catholic Mission Fundraising
Today was Crazy Sock Day, raising money for Catholic Mission. Thank you to all of the children who participated and brought in a gold coin donation. Our lolly guessing competition ends tomorrow, so please get behind this important fundraiser.

Volunteers’ Liturgy
This morning we celebrated the work of local emergency service and volunteer organisations in our Volunteers’ Liturgy. Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 children who participated so fully and to those who were able to bring a plate for morning tea.

Emma Sellars
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our REC

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Coming home with today’s newsletter are flyers for school holiday activities at Toukley Neighbourhood Centre (TNC). These are affordable, supervised activities at the centre, open to children 6-12 years of age.

TNC is also running adult programmes that may be of interest to parents/carers. There is a Friendship Group for women, parenting programmes, relaxation and reflection mornings, the community café, a presentation for families living in rental accommodation, information about the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) and much more. Please have a look at the TNC website here, to find details about the different activities and groups.

Our local libraries also run activities for children during the holidays and information can be found on the Wyong Council Website.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
**KidsMatter**

As noted last week, feeling angry is an emotion everyone experiences at one time or another. Knowing how to manage that anger in constructive ways is something children need to learn how to do.

Children may not have the knowledge to recognise when they are getting angry, or may be lacking the skills to be able to talk about their feelings and express themselves clearly. They may not even realise the exact reason they are angry.

When children get caught up with angry feelings it can be quite difficult for them to calm down. This is because the body’s immediate reaction is to get ready to either flee or fight when we are angry and can take some time to calm down. Teaching children steps to cool down their anger can help.

Please use the link “Helping children to cool down and stay calm”, for more information for parents/carers to use in helping children manage their anger.

It is appropriate to remind our children that sharing food can be potentially hazardous to other students. They should only eat what you have packed in their own lunch box and not share their food with others.

It is also important to remind our children to wash their hands after eating, at home before school as well as at school, to prevent any cross contamination by contact.

Thank you
Lyn, Jacqui & Leesa

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**Star Awards**

Lexie L
Nate O
Penelope P
Adelle S
Claire W
Ozzy I
Sienna S
Mason J
Tyler D
Alex S
Riley S
Thomas S
Harper R
Jack M
Shauna R
Max H
Tahlia P
Mia D
Lachlan O

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**School Banking Term 3 Competition**

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights
Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more deposits during Term 3, you’ll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes—PlayStation 4 packs.

To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

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**From Our Office**

**Being Allergy Aware!**
It’s up to all of us
With nut allergies on the increase and particularly with children in our school having severe nut allergies, it is worthwhile checking food labels to see what can be potentially harmful. A severe allergic reaction can occur not just through eating food containing nuts but also through contact contamination. Being considerate of the safety and wellbeing of those children with potentially life threatening allergies means not sending products containing nuts to school.
Canteen News
Soup this Friday, September 16th is Chicken and Sweet Corn.

Please check the Term 3 roster on our school website if you are unsure of your rostered day.

Thank you

From Our PE Teacher

POLDING ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our amazing athletes who competed in Newcastle last week. Mia C came 4th in the 100m, Mia T came 6th in the 800m, Tahlia H came 5th in High Jump & Shot Put, Joey F & Zander F came 1st & 2nd in 100m, 200m & Long Jump and Keegan F came 5th in 100m and an amazing 1st in the High Jump. Keegan now qualifies for the NSW All Schools at Olympic Park later this year Good Luck Keegan!

NETBALL GALA DAY
Congratulations to all of our 28 teams who competed yesterday – What a wonderful day was had by everyone!!! Thank you to the teachers and every parent who coached, managed and cheered for the day. Yesterday showed how valuable parents are in the St Mary’s community – we couldn’t have taken all of those teams without you.

2016 CCC NETBALL GALA DAY RESULTS

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