Dear St Mary’s Catholic School Community,

After faithfully serving Catholic education in many Central Coast schools, our Assistant Principal Mrs Creen has submitted her resignation.

From 1989 Mrs Creen has worked at St Cecilia’s Wyong, St Brendan’s Lake Munmorah, St John the Baptist Woy Woy and at our school. She has held the positions of classroom teacher, Language Resource Teacher, REC, Assistant Principal and Acting Principal.

Central to Helene’s work at our school has been her capacity to reach out to the marginalised and those in greatest need. Mrs Creen’s pastoral approach has been valued by those who worked alongside her and certainly by those families whose lives she touched.

Helene’s great empathy and genuine willingness to listen generated considerable trust. Her people skills helped at risk students and families feel closely connected to our school.

Mrs Creen has been a very resourceful teacher. In terms of supporting teachers she had the uncanny knack of being able to find just the right resource to aid the children’s learning. Her organisational skills were of the highest standard.

We thank Mrs Creen for years of dedicated and selfless service to the students of our school.

Confirmation

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the children in our parish who are currently preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations Mrs Hartge

Mrs Liz Hartge has been appointed as our Acting Religious Education Coordinator (REC) during Mrs Sellars’ Maternity Leave. We congratulate Liz and wish her well in her new role.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Kyle (5 Blue) well as she enjoys some Long Service Leave. Mrs Kyle will be on leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 4 and we’re pleased that Miss Ana Marquart is able to teach 5 Blue during this period.

Miss Megan York will be helping teach 1 Gold during Mrs Hartge’s REC release time. We welcome Miss York to our school.

Congratulations Netballers

We congratulate our champion Netball team who competed in the NSW Netball State Cup at Homebush yesterday. Under the guidance of Mrs Sternbeck the team performed wonderfully well, coming 3rd in the State. Congratulations Maddi, Tahlia, Ruby, Ellie, Molly, Mackenzie, Isabell, Tessa and Megan.

Kind Regards,

K Williams
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Emma Sellars
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Just a reminder for any parents/carers who have borrowed resources from the parent library this term, can they please be returned by the end of the week. Thank you.

The latest KidsMatter e-Newsletter has been produced and contains some great information about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The newsletter looks at diagnosis, early intervention and treatment and support for children with ASD and their families. You can also access previous newsletters covering a wide range of topics from the link above.

On Thursday October 6th, 10am-1pm there will be a great community information day at Lake Haven Recreation Centre showcasing the wide range of services available to families in the northern area of the coast. It will feature information about government services, family and youth services, mental health, wellbeing, financial assistance, seniors and aged care and more. There will also be free activities for children. It will be worthwhile taking some time to check out what services are available to support families.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

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Mass Times
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 6.00pm
Father Stephen Parish Priest
Father Michael

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults)
Any interested parents, the next meeting will be here at St Mary’s Parish Centre on 21st September, 2016 at 7.00pm.

Merit Awards
Zara B
Mayah H
Tiernan B
Dylan B
Zahra D
Kitty G
Tayla B
Toby W
Harrison R
Joey T
Evie M
Malaya M
Joshua F
Kiara C
Elliot T
Zara H
Lacee B
Samantha W
Cody B
Phoenix R
Andre Z
Suzie B
Indi J
Lauren G
Tayte B
Josie R
Caitlin W
Maddison D
Jasmin S
Kyan C
Josiah F
Ari S
Ella T
Amarli D
Emily W
Cohan L
Bailey L
Summer H
Ava R
Alexi B
Ethan Mc
Riley G
Jasmine S
Maddi S
Brayden G
Obi M
Lucy H

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**KidsMatter**

Parents and carers who provide boundaries as part of a loving and secure relationship with their children help children feel secure and self-confident. Things such as establishing routines, setting clear limits and boundaries and being consistent in our approach to our expectations and discipline helps children feel confident and safe.

Positive and supportive environments help parents/carers build strong relationships with their children and are developed through quality time and positive attention. It’s important to “catch them being good”, let them know when they are behaving well and whenever possible try to teach positive behaviour rather than simply reacting to and punishing negative behaviour.

For more information about promoting positive behaviour and strategies for decreasing undesirable behaviour, please use the link, “Managing Behaviour” to access the KidsMatter website.

**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.

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

**Something We’ve Noticed**

The children are happy settled workers.

**Star Awards**

Harry B
Indiana Mc
Leigha D
Marley R
Shelby M
Shaniah C
Brock S
Annabel R
Tristan W
Gabrielle S
Megan Mc
Brydie G
Josh H
Jye S
Josiah F
Hayley B
Hannah G
Riana S
Kyle L
Kalin H

**Uniform Shop News**

**Year 6 parents and carers**

Do you have winter uniform for the Canberra excursion? Last chance to purchase this week before the school holidays. Also, I have a few spare Year 6 sport shirts available. (sizes 14, 16, S, L $45 each).

Has your child grown or is the shirt looking worse for wear?

**Lost property**

The bins will be cleared this Friday before the school holidays. Please check for any lost items (uniform and lunch boxes etc.) Uncollected items will be donated to charity.

**Year 5 students**

I am looking forward to seeing your creative designs for your Year 6 2017 shirts. Designs are due back first week of Term 4...
Canteen News
Due to work and family commitments some canteen volunteers are no longer able to fulfill their rostered days.

If you are able to spare just a couple of hours once a month in Term 4, particularly on a Wed, Thurs or Fri, please let me know either directly or through the school office.

Thank you.
Donna Falzon

From Our PE Teacher

Yesterday our wonderful netball team travelled to Netball Central in Homebush Sydney. The girls played out of their skins. Our defence was amazing, centre court brilliant and our shooting end was outstanding. We played 3 pool games winning 2 out of the 3. We lost in the finals by only 2 goals. We then went on to play for 3rd position which we won convincingly, placing us 3rd in the state, out of 913 teams.

Mrs Walker and Mrs Sternbeck did an amazing job with the girls and we thank them very much for all their hard work.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator