

Communication

Upcoming Events

- *World Teachers' Day*
Friday
26 October
- *Class Parents' Meeting*
Tuesday
30 October
- *Kinder 2019 Orientation*
Wednesday
31 October
- *Year 6 Assembly*
1.50pm
Thursday
1 November
- *All Saints Mass*
9.15am
Friday
2 November
- *Kinder Transition 1*
9.30am
Wednesday
7 November
- *Year 3 Excursion*
Wednesday
7 November

All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click [here](#) to access our school's website.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

The quality of relationships is fundamental to the culture of our school. Communication between home and school is pivotal in the quality of those relationships. Communication between teachers and parents is an important element of any school.

At our school, we consider that communication, be it face-to-face or via a phone call, are the most effective ways of truly sharing the intent of a message to be shared. Consequently, if teachers need to contact you, it will be either through a phone call or a face-to-face meeting. Teachers will not use email or social media to contact you.

In keeping with this thinking, I ask that, if you need to contact your child's teacher, please phone the school or request a face-to-face meeting. **I ask that you do not email or use social media to contact a teacher.**

Staffing 2019

We are currently advertising for teaching positions at our school for 2019. It is one of the most important Leadership Team jobs of the year. Please keep us in your prayers throughout the discernment process of selecting quality teachers entrusted to care for and help your children learn.

Mission Mass

The annual diocesan Mission Mass is celebrated tomorrow at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Our REC Mrs Hartge, six children from Mini Vinnies and myself will represent our school at the Mass.

School Uniform

Thank you to the many parents who ensured their child(ren) returned to school in our full summer uniform. It certainly makes a difference to the culture of our place when the children take pride in wearing the correct uniform. If you need to clarify what the correct school uniform looks like, please refer to our school's website.

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 26th October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. If you would like to join us, we have a special liturgy in the Church beginning at 10.15am.

What can your family do to recognise the extraordinary efforts of your child's teacher?

Classes 2019

Shortly our teachers will begin the strategic task of forming the class lists for 2019. Each year, the classes do not remain the same, with a variety of changes for many different reasons. One (of the many) reason is that it is important for children to be able to adapt to change and view change as an opportunity (and not a negative). Parents have an important role to play in helping their children become that adaptable, resilient person.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



6 Green

Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730
www.toukley.dbb.org.au

Mass Times

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am
9.00am
6.00pm

Father Tiziano *Parish Priest*
Deacon Paul

Merit Awards

Ellie C
Lillian D
Sonny I
Mia S
Evie Z
Ryan M
Coco T
Lucas C
Zachary W
Lara N
Isabella H
Eliette J
Addison L
Caylon A
Hua Qiang P
Riley T
Shelby M
Zack M
Reif D
Savannah T
Jackson J
Malaya M
Blake B
Peyton B
Tayla B
Lacee B
Jaxon C
Jayden S
Edan R
Lilly M
Ryan C
Cohen B
Connor M
Tamika S
Sam L
Blake S
Jack M
Keegan F
Ewan H

From Our REC

Hello and welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your holidays were a happy time for you and your family.

Mission Mass

Last term we were fundraising for Catholic Mission. Our St Mary's children raised; **\$541.40**. What an amazing effort! Well done boys and girls! Your compassion and willingness to help others in need is so strong. Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies students who all helped during this time, and the families who continue to support our school. Well done, everyone! Tomorrow some of our Year 6 Mini Vinnies students will present our donations in the form of a cheque to representatives from Catholic Mission at the Mission Mass. The Mass is being held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Dates for Term 4

Masses and Liturgies

As always, we invite you to join us for the many beautiful Masses and Liturgies we have each term.

World Teachers' Day Liturgy:

10.15am Friday 26th October

All Saints Mass: 9.15am Friday 2nd November

Thanksgiving Mass:

9.15am Friday 14th December

Advent Liturgy 1:

1.50pm Thursday 22nd November

Advent Liturgy 2:

1.50pm Thursday 29th November

Advent Liturgy 3: 1.50pm Thursday 6th December

Advent Liturgy 4: 1.50pm Thursday 13th December

Parent Retreat Day

Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay is offering a Parent Retreat Day in the beautiful restful grounds of St Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Kincumber South. Friday 2 November, 9am–4pm. Cost: suggested \$20 donation (pay on the day). Theme: 'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives'.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to Term 4. All parents/carers are welcome and invited to the many events and activities happening this term.

At our Tuesday morning Cuppa and Chat next week, we will have a look at some information from the Dr John Irvine presentation last term on Building Resilient Kids and Families. We get together from 9am-10am in the Emu room, next to the undercroft. If you have toddlers/ pre-schoolers please bring them along as there are plenty of toys and games for them to keep busy. If you missed Dr John Irvine's

presentation and would like to hear what it was all about, please come along.

Our Parent Resource Library will be out on the playground Tuesday morning for all parents/ carers to borrow from. Please come and have a look at what is available.

Storytime in the Library is back again this term, on Thursday mornings from 9am-9.30am. It is available for any of our students toddler or pre school age siblings to come along, enjoy the fun of reading, borrow a book and make some craft. It is a great introduction to reading for them. All are welcome.

Donna Falzon

Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter

Family rituals make family members feel good and create a sense of identity, security and belonging. Rituals are things that only your family does and that hold special meaning for your children, yourself and perhaps the extended family. They create shared memories and build special family relationships and bonds. Until you take time to think about it, you may not even realise you have family rituals.

Does the birthday boy or girl get to pick a special dinner or activity? Do you have a meal with nan or pop each week? Is there a particular sporting event you go to every year? Is there a particular phrase you use to say goodnight to the kids? Is the game of backyard cricket on

Christmas day something everyone looks forward to and expects? These are all rituals that children can come to expect and rely upon. They may even continue with them when they become parents.

Rituals can be of comfort to children and help them to feel a sense of safety and security if they are experiencing challenging times such as moving house, family breakdown, grieving the loss of a loved one. While things may be changing all around them, things which they have no control over, knowing that they can rely on the predictability and certainty of family rituals can be of great comfort.

The article, [Family Rituals](#), from Raising Children Network same some wonderful information and tips for developing strong family rituals.

From Our Librarian

It's Term 4 and we are learning all about coding! Coding is now a basic literacy in the digital age. It is a key component of **STEM** education.

What is **STEM** education?

STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an integrated approach. Why is **STEM** education important?

STEM Education is essential in our digital age as it pervades every part of our lives.

Through learning to code children are able to apply Maths to real situations as well as visualise abstract situations. In learning to code children are able to understand how to plan and organise

their thinking. Coding does not work out the first time we try it so we have to reassess, problem solve, and try another way to reach our goal. Children learn that there is no one way to do something and they can improve on what they have done without worrying about failing.

Watch this space for more about our learning in the Library this term!

LIBRARY DAY TERM 4			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
5 GOLD 5 GREEN 1 GREEN 1 BLUE 1 GOLD	2 GOLD 2 GREEN 4 BLUE K GREEN K GOLD	3 BLUE 3 GOLD 4 GREEN 4 GOLD 6 GOLD	2 BLUE 6 GREEN 6 BLUE K BLUE 3 GREEN

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

From Our Office

Welcome back to our last school term!

Thank you to the families who inform the office of any changes to their contact details. It is very important for the school to have updated information in case of an emergency. Eg. Email addresses, mobile numbers & emergency contact details.

Julie, Jacqui & Leesa



Star Awards

Oliver K
Oliver G
Rhani L
Keoni L
Isla C
Ruby K
Kingston K
Nova B
Myah H
Owen W
Bailey J
Makenzie W
Benjamin R
Vasiliki P
Mia P
Malachi P
Alexis C
Mia W
Keira-Lee D
Kyan C
Luke A
Shontalia D
Ethan G

Uniform Shop News

Just a reminder that the St Mary's school bag is part of our uniform, therefore compulsory.

Our summer uniform for the boys is grey shorts, (not cargo style), St Mary's green polo and the St Mary's school socks, grey with the green and gold stripe, no other socks are to be worn.

Our summer uniform for the girls is the school tunic and the St Mary's white ankle socks. No long socks are to be worn.

The school hat must be worn before school, at recess and at lunch, **'NO HAT NO PLAY'**.

Lastly, lost property is overflowing. If you have lost anything please check and remember to label everything.

Thank you
Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform Shop Coordinator



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Volunteers are always needed to keep the canteen running for our students. If you are able to lend a hand for just a couple of hours, once a month, please let the office know.



Canteen is **CLOSED** on Tuesdays.
No lunch orders.

Thank you
Donna Falzon

Kids Club OOSH Care

Before School Care:

6.30am—9.00am

After School Care:

3.00pm—6.00pm

Vacation Care:

7.00am—6.00pm

Permanent and casual places available.

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0417 416 678

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Waratah Shield Cricket

Good Luck to our cricket team who play 2 games this Friday at Darren Kennedy. Have a great day Seth, Keegan, Jack, Tom, Ryan, Josh, Nate, Harper, Connor, Ashton and Baxter.

Get Active Afterschool Skills Program

We are lucky enough to be a pilot school for this fabulous program to develop running, throwing, catching and kicking skills in boys and girls with friends.

It is Tuesdays straight after school on the oval and coaches will be there from 3.15pm.

\$60 includes 6 weeks of active play plus backpack, pencil case, football, cap, drink bottle
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Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

get active

Participate in a non-contact Rugby League skills program in a fun & friendly environment.

START 23 October 2018
TIME Tuesdays 3.30pm
LENGTH 6 weeks
COST \$60
WHERE St Marys Catholic School
458 Main Road
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