



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4
7 November 2018



Student Leadership

Upcoming Events

- *Touch with Toukley PS*
Friday
9 November
- *Mariners Schools Cup*
Thursday
15 November
- *Kinder Transition 3*
9.30am
Wednesday
21 November
- *Advent Liturgy 1 Kinder + Year 2*
1.50pm
Thursday
22 November
- *Year of Youth Liturgy*
9.15am
Friday
23 November
- *Advent Liturgy 2 Year 1 + Year 3*
1.50pm
Thursday
29 November
- *2019 Leadership Speeches*
12.15pm
Thursday
29 November
- *Kinder Transition 4 Liturgy*
9.30am
Wednesday
5 December
- *Advent Liturgy 3 Year 4*
1.50pm
Thursday
7 December

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,

As a child grows throughout the years at our school, they behave beautifully because they have developed a clear sense of responsibility. They have developed ownership of their actions and ownership of their behaviour. They require less teacher direction.

It is similar with the leadership exhibited by the students at our school. Leadership is exhibited by many, many students in our school. You don't have to wear a badge to display leadership in our school. You don't have to present awards at Assembly to display leadership in our school.

Recently, we were discussing leadership with our Year 5 students. We discussed the importance of being a role model to others and of the need to be reflective. When the students were asked to consider their leadership, one student's reply was, "I need to be less competitive when playing at lunchtime." His reply was genuinely reflective. He was demonstrating how he could become a better role model on the playground. He wasn't just telling the teachers what he thought we wanted to hear. He was displaying leadership.

Our Year 6 have displayed wonderful leadership repeatedly throughout the school year. They understand that they have a duty to the younger children. They understand that their actions influence the younger children. They understand that the younger children look up to and respect and admire them. They understand that they are important role-models in our school. Our Year 6 have a well developed, collective sense of responsibility.

Upcoming Liturgies

In the left-hand *Upcoming Events* column are listed a variety of liturgies to which we invite you to join us. Your presence makes a difference.

Kinder 2019 Transition

Our third Kinder Transition session commences at 9.30am on Wednesday 21st November.

Leaving Students

Whenever a student leaves our school, legally their parent(s) are required to write or email the school indicating the date upon which their child will finish, noting their destination school. If you are aware that your child will not be at our school in 2019, please inform us in writing.

Year 3 Excursion

Our Year 3 are currently enjoying their excursion to Newcastle Museum.

Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday 12th December we celebrate outstanding student effort and achievement at our annual Awards Ceremony. At 10.30am we invite parents of children in K-2 to join them in their classrooms. At 11.00am our whole school gathers in the Church for the K-6 Awards Ceremony.

Like we enjoy celebrating the sporting, dancing etc. success of the children, the Awards Ceremony is an important opportunity for us to highlight the academic success of students. Consequently, the majority of the K-6 awards are for outstanding academic achievement.

Further highlights of the ceremony include announcing the *2018 Catholic Values Award*, the *2018 Community Spirit Award*, each individual class's *STARS Award* and naming the *2019 School Parliament*.

You are most welcome to join us.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

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

Thomas L
Charlotte A
Ava S
Ryder A
Louis G
Oscar L
Matilda S
Ivy D
Seth T
Elijah P
Griffin M
Halle T
Jack B
Eloise L
Olivia W
Kourtney F
Chelsea H
Megan M
Cohen B
Holly C
Indianna C
Ashleigh J

From Our REC

Year of the Youth 2018

The Year of the Youth was officially launched at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival last December. In our Diocese (Broken Bay) the Year of Youth Cross has been travelling around to every parish and school. The Year of Youth Cross will be in our Parish from 17th -23rd of November and will be at our school on Friday 23rd. We will be holding a small Liturgy in the under-croft at 9.15am with Years 3-5 invited. Other grades will be given the opportunity throughout the week to visit the Cross.

All Saints' Day Mass

Thank you to Year 5 and their teachers in leading us in Our All Saints Mass last Friday. Congratulations to all of you on displaying great reverence, responsibility and leadership, whether you had a formal role to play or not.

Remembrance Day

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. On Friday we will we stop to remember and acknowledge all of the men and women who have seen the horrors of war. Please join us at our morning assembly for a short reflection and remembrance ceremony. Lest we forget.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

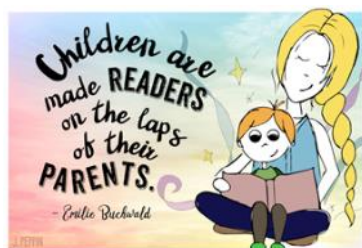
Storytime in the Library on Thursday mornings is proving very popular with our younger toddler and preschool siblings. Last week we read a book about spiders and they learnt a lot as well as being able to share what they already knew. They also had fun making spider headbands to take home. If you have younger children you are very welcome to come along and join in each week, 9.00-9.30am, right after morning assembly.

Community Connections—Information night for parents discussing “Fussy Eaters and Gut Health” on November 15th at The Entrance Leagues Club, Bateau Bay. Presented by Wholistic Impact. You can get more information and register your attendance using the link [“here”](#). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group meet the first Friday of each month in Wyong. More details are available using the link [“here”](#).

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer



Pre-schooler's enjoying storytime in our library



KidsMatter

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for positive mental health and wellbeing, now and into the future. Mental health difficulties affect children's behaviour, feelings, ability to learn, social relationships, as well as their physical health.

Getting in early to help children with their mental health and wellbeing is very important. There are many ways that parents, carers and school staff can provide support to children experiencing difficulties, but in spite of this support being very effective, many children do not receive the help they need.—this may be because families are unsure if their child has a difficulty or

they may not know who to speak to about their concerns.

Problems, worries or concerning behaviour may start out as small or minor things but can get bigger if not addressed and can have a major impact on day to day life of both the child and the whole family.

Caring families, schools and medical professionals working together offer strong support for children and sharing knowledge about what to do and where to go to for help can make a big difference in a child's life.

The KidsMatter article, "[Should I be concerned](#)", has some very valuable information. You are also always welcome to speak with your child's teacher or our Family Liaison Officer if you have concerns for your child.

From Our Librarian

After the capture of the Lone Pine ridge in Gallipoli (6 August 1915), an Australian Soldier who had taken part in the attack, in which his brother was killed, found a cone on one of the branches used by the Turks as overhead cover for their trenches, and sent it to his mother. From seed shed by it she raised the tree, which she presented to be planted in the War Memorial grounds in honour of her own and others' sons who fell at Lone Pine.



So reads the inscription on the plaque beside the Lone Pine Tree at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. This week in Library we are viewing the picture book, Lone Pine by Susie Brown that tells the story of a pine cone sent from a soldier who fought at Gallipoli to his mother at home in Australia. She propagated the seeds one of which she sent to Canberra. This tree was planted by the Duke of Gloucester in 1934 when building of the Australian War Memorial had just begun. It has braved many fierce storms and the extreme summer heat to still stand today.

Each year since 2015 our school has received a number of plaques and statues to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of World War I. These are on display in the Library. Miss Johnson has received a lone pine sapling which will be planted as part of our Remembrance Day service at school on Friday. Our sapling has originated from the pine trees that were used to line the trenches at Gallipoli. We are viewing this living memorial during our Library lesson this week.

Lest We Forget

Miss Gray
Librarian

Something We've Noticed

The children have been outstanding at remembering to wear their hat every day (before school, at recess and at lunch).

Congratulations girls and boys.

Star Awards

Ashton M
Chloe S
Tayla M
Lincoln S
Lukas F
Portia R
Candice B
Marni R
Phoenix R
Isabella D
Allanah W

From Our Office

Family Registration forms for 2019 were sent home last week. We kindly ask that you complete and return the form to school by 21st November 2018. Both parents must sign the form for it to be valid. The information on this form is used to apply sibling discounts.

Thank you
Julie, Jacqui & Leesa



Uniform Shop

Yesterday the order form for the 2019 Year 6 sports shirts were sent home with your child. Please call into the uniform shop as we have samples for sizing. Orders are due back in by Monday 3rd December. No late orders will be accepted.

Thank you
Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform Shop Coordinator



From Our PE Teacher

NSW All Schools Athletics Championships

Mia C in year 5 has had a wonderful year in athletics. This year, for the first time, she qualified for the NSW Championships at Homebush. Competition was held last week and Mia competed in the 100m. She competed in the heats, made the semi and then to her delight made the final. Mia is the 10th fastest 11yr old in NSW - what a great achievement!



Mia C - 5Gold

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.



Volunteer forms for 2019 have gone home today. Please consider if you can help—just once per month. The canteen relies on the support of our volunteer parents/ carers to operate.

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

Thank you
Donna Falzon



CCC Touch Football Gala Day Thursday 8th November

Thanks to all parents who have returned notes so promptly. If any parents can help manage and move teams to games on the day it would be greatly appreciated. We are very short of helpers at this busy time of year.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

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.

CCR Approved

Enquiries call Tania Wilson
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Year 6 captains - Kinder 2019 orientation morning

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