

# Rotary Citizenship Award

## Upcoming Events

- *Mariner's Schools Cup*  
Thursday  
15 November
- *Kinder Transition 3*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
21 November
- *Advent Liturgy 1  
Kinder + Year 2*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
22 November
- *Advent Liturgy 2  
Year 1 + Year 3*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
29 November
- *Kinder Transition 4  
Liturgy*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
5 December
- *Advent Liturgy 3  
Year 4*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
6 December
- *Advent Liturgy 4  
Year 5*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
13 December
- *St Mary's Christmas  
Carols Evening*  
6.00pm  
Monday  
17 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,

Each year, our school is given the privilege of identifying and choosing two worthy recipients of the Northlakes Rotary Citizenship Award. This award is for two children in Year 6 who are hope-filled and cooperative and have consistently displayed leadership values of honesty, compassion and trustworthiness. We are blessed to have a group of Year 6 students who have made this a very difficult decision! Please join me in congratulating our 2018 Citizenship Award recipients, Ryley E and Finn T. They will be recognised next Wednesday night where they will be presented with their award by Emma McBride, Federal Member for Dobell. Well done, Ryley and Finn!

## Debating

Yesterday I had the pleasure of traveling to St Patrick's at East Gosford to watch our Year 6 Debating Team verse Holy Cross Kin-cumber in the debating Grand Final. The topic of the debate was 'Too much emphasis is placed on winning' (we were the affirmative team). It proved to be a very challenging and lively debate. Our speakers were highly convincing in their prepared arguments and rebuttals and spoke clearly, purposefully and with conviction. Our students were victorious in a close debate. Congratulations Chloe K, Tom M, Finlay S, Tamika S, Cooper J and Ashleigh J for your amazing effort and fantastic result.

## Mariner's School Cup

Tomorrow, a number of students will represent our school in the Mariner's School Cup. This is a highly competitive competition and I am confident they will represent us well both on and off the field. Good luck, boys.

## Christmas Carols

Our annual school Christmas Carols will be held on Monday 17th December on our school oval. This is a wonderful community event, we hope to see all families there, so start to get your picnic blankets and nibbles

ready! It is an expectation that all students attend this evening. This is an alcohol-free event.

## New Website

Over the coming weeks, you will notice that our school website will be receiving a face-lift! We're excited about the changes and expect it will make accessing notes, newsletters, calendars and other important information even easier than before. It will also include new photos and new features.

## Long Service Leave

Mr Williams will be on Long Service Leave for Weeks 5 and 6. We wish him well as he enjoys a well deserved break cruising around the South Pacific.

Kind Regards,



Emma Sellars  
Assistant Principal



Cooper, Ashley, Tamika, Chloe, Finlay, Tom

## 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*  
Father Vince *Assistant Priest*  
Deacon Paul

## Merit Awards

Charlotte A  
Andy B  
Cooper S  
Emeri B  
Thomas M  
lylah M  
Alina L  
Keoni L  
Timmy S  
Willow F  
Nova B  
Riley T  
Will M  
Linsey A  
Bailey J  
Ava M  
Samuel T  
Darcy N  
Theresa D  
Caleb F  
Cooper O  
Jayden S  
Charli M  
Macey B  
Lily T  
Liberty C

## From Our REC

### Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. Sometime this week, your child will be given a particular item from a class list of items. We ask each child to please bring in this item to place in their classroom basket. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. Once again, our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies children will lead this initiative. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion.

### Christmas Eve Mass

A note went home last week in regards to our annual parent organised Christmas Eve Mass. Each year the parents of St Mary's organise a wonderful ceremony and we are asking for parent volunteers to help in the organisation of this special event. Please take the time to read the note. We are also looking for children to participate in the Mass too. Please return the note as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

### Advent Liturgies

Next week we begin our Advent Liturgies. These will be held every Thursday afternoon for the remaining weeks of the year at 1.50pm in the church. Next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Kinder and Year 2 will lead our liturgy. Year 1 and Year 3 will lead our Week Two liturgy on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4 will lead our Week Three liturgy on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Year 5 will lead our Week 4 liturgy on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Liz Hartge  
*Religious Education Coordinator*



## From Our Family Liaison Officer

There are many events and activities happening at our school and church over these last few weeks of Term 4 that all parents/ carers are welcome to attend. It is a wonderful, if very hectic time of year for all families, but we hope that you can join us for as many of these events as possible.

From liturgies, to awards, to our Christmas Carols night and more, parents/ carers participating in these events help make them even more special for our entire community, but particularly for our children.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer

JOIN US FOR  
**Storytime**

*in the library*

**If any families who have attended Storytime this year still have borrowed library books at home, can you please return them to school by the end of Week 6.**

**You can either drop them into the library collection box personally or send them in with your older child.**

**Thank you.**

## KidsMatter

While it is normal for children to have some worries and fears, and these can be protective and instructive, if a child struggles to deal with worrying thoughts and they become out of proportion and begin to impact on their ability to participate in regular everyday activities that other children enjoy, it is important to deal with this level of anxiety as early as possible.

The KidsMatter articles "[Anxiety and mental health in children](#)" and "[Suggestions for families](#)" have great information about recognising anxiety in children and practical strategies for parents/ carers to help children deal with their worries.

## From Our Librarian

We are at the half way mark of Term 4 and the weeks are flying fast.

In the library children continue to explore coding. Our Kinders are providing and following directions. We are learning the importance of accuracy!

Years 1 and 2 are designing their own mazes for Colby Mouse to solve and reach the cheese! They are drawing and recording Colby's movements.

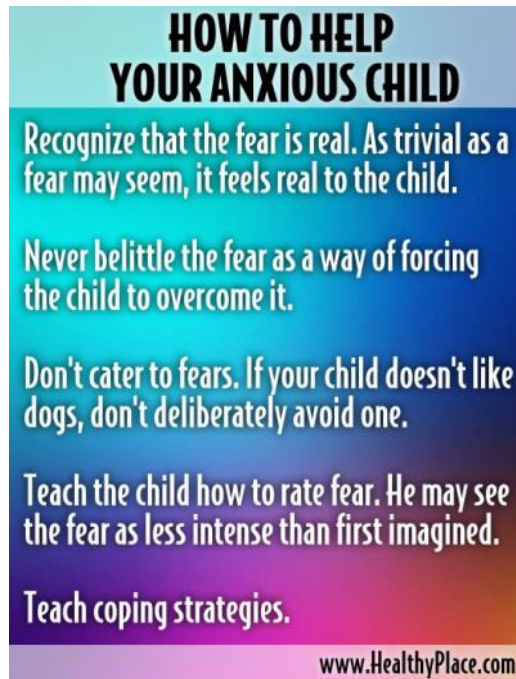
Years 3, 4 and 5 are also designing their own obstacle courses for Botley Robot to solve. We continue to investigate the obstacle function and how Botley manoeuvres around objects that are blocking his path.

Year 6 continue to work with Sphero. We are exploring coding features and trying different courses Sphero is to

## From Our Office

Family Registration forms for 2019 were sent home two weeks ago. We kindly ask that you complete and return the form to school by next week, **Wednesday 21st November**. 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



travel.

Lots of learning and lots of fun is being had in the Library!

**PLEASE CHECK:** We still have a number of outstanding library books borrowed at the end of last term. If your child brings home a library note please check where these books may be hiding. They have a knack of escaping from library bags. These books need to be returned as soon as possible. As we move closer to the end of the year a number of administrative procedures take place behind the scenes in the library. It is important that all books and guided readers are returned promptly. Children's library borrowing will cease in Week 8 of this term.

Miss Gray  
Librarian

## Star Awards

Abel N  
Owen M  
Hunter H  
Bethany M  
Emilia R  
Rylee F  
Mitchell W  
Owen W  
Yumi S  
Indy K  
Mason J  
Edan R  
Malachi P

## Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that white ankle socks are to be worn with the sport uniform for both boys and girls. They are part of the uniform so therefore are compulsory, as is the St Mary's school bag.

Thank you  
Leesa Sternbeck  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## Year Six Graduation Tickets

A friendly reminder that the Year Six Graduation tickets are now on sale to be purchased through the school office. The RSVP date is Monday 3rd December. Also please advise by this date of any dietary requirements. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling 4396 5100.



### 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.



Elise, Ava, Lila 1 Gold



Myles, Isabelle 1 Gold

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

### 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  
0417 416 678



Year 3 Excursion to Newcastle Museum

\$500 to help with education costs for you or your children

Find out more

Could \$500 help you with school costs? Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500. See if you're eligible, follow the link- <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/financial/saver-plus>

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