

Student Parliament

Upcoming Events

- *Advent Liturgy 1
Kinder + Year 2*
2.30pm
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
- *Award Ceremony*
11.00am
Wednesday
12 December
- *Advent Liturgy 4
Year 5*
1.50pm
Thursday
13 December
- *Thanksgiving Mass*
9.15am
Friday
14 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,

"A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way". This is an inspiring quote by John C. Maxwell that I heard mentioned in a number of leadership speeches last week. Every child in Year 5 is a leader. Daily, I see this group of children show kindness, respect, forgiveness, humour, friendship and acceptance. Recently, our Year 5 children have shared the important responsibility of helping to form next year's Student Parliament. After reflective discernment we are able to now announce our Student Parliament for 2019; Lucy A, Cody B, Tayte B, Isabella C, Lexi C, Bella E, Chelsea H, Indianna J, Connor M and Megan M. Please join me in congratulating these children.

Mariners Schools Cup

Last Thursday, our team of nine Years 6 boys traveled to Mariners Centre of Excellence at Tuggerah to participate in the Mariner's School Cup. The boys were in a very tough pool against talented children from the Central Coast and Sydney. The first game was 0-0 draw against Cromer and the second game was a 1-0 win over Star of the Sea, Terrigal. At the conclusion of this game our team was told they would need to win by 12 goals in their next game to have a chance of making it into the finals – very unlikely in a soccer gala day with players of such a high quality. The positive attitude that these 9 children displayed at this point in time was unlike anything we had seen. After conceding the first goal they become even more determined to achieve a win. The boys decided that they could and would score the 13 goals required to advance, and encouraged each other throughout the entire 22 minute game, counting down the goals they needed to make it to the finals. They defeated Niagara Park 13-1, using their skills and positive attitude to do so. They had made it to the finals! They then defeated Terrigal PS 4-0 to be crowned the winners of the day. This team will now play at Central Coast Stadium on Saturday 1st December before the Mariners game. Congratulations Finn T, Max H,

Liam I, Josiah F, Brodie S, Keanu J, Will B, Keegan F and Jacob W. What an achievement!

Canteen

Our school relies on volunteers to run facilities such as the canteen. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers for 2019 to allow the canteen to operate smoothly. If any mums or dads can offer to volunteer just one day, whether it is once a term or once a month, it will allow your children to have a canteen that operates 4 days a week. Please contact the office if you can help in any way.

Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of our school identity. It shows that we are one group with shared values and attitudes. When we wear our uniform correctly and with pride, we show that we are proud to belong to our school community. Please ensure your child is wearing their uniform correctly and in full, including the correct socks, shoes, hat and school bag.

Year 6 Transition

This Friday our Year 6 children will enjoy a final transition day to St Brigid's or Mackillop as they prepare for high school in 2019. Enjoy!

Kind Regards,

Emma Sellars
Assistant Principal



Our Boys Soccer Team

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

Kobe J
Andy B
Lila V
Brooklyn C
Lachlan M
Marli C
Marcus S
Sienna G
Olivia D
Nicholas L
Nova B
Rylee F
Zara B
Scarlett W
Charlotte W
Ruby H
Harry M
Charlie T
Joey T
Florence M
Alex S
Lacey B
Mark H
Halle O
Scarlette S
Christian W

Cancellation

Due to a poor response the St Brigid's Family Movie Night scheduled for 23rd November has been cancelled.

From Our REC

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. Last week, your child would have been 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. 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 recently 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-Change of time

Please note that our Advent Liturgy, run by Kinder and Year 2 scheduled for tomorrow will now be at 2.30pm, not 1.50pm. We hope

you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Helpers Needed!

We have been contacted by the Parish to see if there are any parents, grandparents or carers that would be interested in or able to help with organising to arrange the flowers in the Church each week. Please contact the Parish on 8379-1730 for further information.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

While we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year, there is still a great deal of learning happening in your child's class. It's important to remember that attending school and being on time is just as important now as it is all throughout the year. Being punctual sets the children up for a positive day of learning.

When arriving late or leaving early, the disruption impacts not only that one child, but every child in the class. Children miss vital instructional and learning time when they arrive late or leave early and it becomes disruptive

to others when the teacher needs to stop the lesson to repeat everything. Children can also become very self-conscious if it happens regularly. This can cause stress and worry for children, as well impact on their learning.

Children feel secure and safe when regular routines are in place and functioning. While we all occasionally have a bad morning and run late or an appointment during school time is unavoidable, please keep in mind the impact it can have on children's learning and wellbeing when it becomes a pattern of behaviour.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter

Many children's behaviour can be disruptive and challenging at times. As part of learning how to behave appropriately, children may test adult rules at homes, school or in the community. Often such behaviour is a reaction to stress or frustration.

For some children serious behaviour difficulties develop into a pattern that can include acting impulsively, aggressively, refusing to follow adult directions and defying authority. Children who behave in these ways usually have trouble making and keeping friends.

These patterns of behaviour interfere with children's social emotional and

academic development.

This type of behaviour can be challenging for parents to deal with and can lead to parents becoming frustrated and upset when trying to manage this behaviour. This week's KidsMatter article, "[Serious behaviour difficulties; suggestions for parents](#)" has ideas and related links for parents to access.



From Our Librarian

Library Week 6

We are now in Week 6 and continue to work with our newly acquired STEM Resources.

Kindy have begun working with Colby Mouse and learning about its operational features. We are learning that it is a learning tool rather than a toy.

Years 1 and 2 are designing their own mazes for Colby Mouse to solve. They are recording the code they have developed for Colby to follow.

Years 3, 4 and 5 are investigating the obstacle detection feature of Botley. This has been a little tricky for us to solve and is our focus this week.

Year 6 are coding Sphero to navigate an obstacle course. We are learning that working slowly and steadily is much more effective and successful.

We are all learning that making mistakes

is necessary when we are learning about coding. We are identifying where the code has a glitch and then modifying what we have done. Our discussion about the problems we are experiencing is rich and positive. We are learning the process of trial and error, how to negotiate in a team activity and problem solve our way to reach our learning goals.

LAST WEEK FOR BORROWING: Next week is Week 7 and will be the last week for borrowing this term. Over the last weeks of the term we will be conducting an inventory of library resources. It is important that all books including instructional readers are returned no later than Week 8.

Many thanks for your support

Miss Gray
Librarian

From Our Office

Family Registration forms for 2019 were sent home two weeks ago. These are now due. We kindly ask that you complete and return the form to school as soon as possible. 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



Something we've noticed

Our Year 5 children have stepped up to be great leaders as our Kinder 2019 children have attended their transition days.

Star Awards

Ellie C
Zoe D
Havana G
Sam N
Luca K
Evie S
Milan B
Patrick C
Peyton B
Kiara C
Kahil G
Clayton B
Sam L

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder all boys are to be wearing the St Mary's grey school socks.

All children should be wearing white ankle socks on sport days.

We have samples for the Year Six 2019 sport shirts. Please visit the uniform shop to try on.

Uniform shop hours are Monday to Friday 8.15am until 9.45am.

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.



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.



Volunteer forms for 2019 went home in Week 4. 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

SPORTS NEWS

First Ever Mariners Schools Cup

This was held last Thursday and our boys were lucky enough to be a part of one of the two gala days held at Tuggerah. The boys had two very tight games against Cromer (the fancied winner) and Star of the Sea Terrigal. In their third game the boys found out they had to win by 12 goals to make the final. In the first few minutes Niagara Park scored. Instead of giving up, the boys got together and spoke of how they could do this..... The rest is history – in 20 minutes the boys scored 13 goals and made the final!

The boys then won their pool final and are keenly awaiting the result of tomorrows' gala day which will decide the other grand finalist.

The two winning teams will progress to the grand final to be held on 1st December at Central Coast Stadium before the Mariners Game

As a winning school we have a whole bay to fill with cheering supporters so if you are free please come and cheer on St Mary's, details will follow as soon as we have them!

Thank you Greg Hartge for coaching the team and Joe Ippolito for organising shirts for the boys for the Grand Final.

CCC Touch Football Gala Day

Well Done to all St Mary's students on your sportsmanship and game play at our Gala Day. We had lots of awesome results and a huge snowcone consumption which always leads to success on the field.

Thanks to all the wonderful parents who always attend and keep our kids sun screened, fed, hydrated and to the right field at the right time.

Together for Toukley Touch Gala Day

Year 5 attended a Gala Day with Toukley Public School, the teams were all mixed and all students had a fabulous day playing together. Toukley Neighbourhood Centre provided food and drink and the Lions Club cooked the BBQ. A fun day with our local friends.



Together For Toukley Touch Gala Day



Mariners School Cup

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