

Reports

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *Reports sent home*
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,

Our teachers are currently finalising your children's Reports. The Report is a reflection of your child's academic and social progress during the second half of the school year. As mandated by NESA, Kindergarten children do not receive achievement grades. Children in Years 1-6 receive achievement grades for all KLAS.

At the end of each Report are ratings regarding your child's Learning Behaviours. This section gives you a clear indication about your child's attitude to learning, their organisational skills and their ability to collaborate with peers.

Reports give you a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge your child's sustained efforts and achievements. In the Report will be a slip indicating your child's 2019 class and teacher. We often observe the children opening their Reports and enjoy seeing the excitement on their faces as they realise whose class they're in and what friends are with them.

Please Join Us

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.

Our Thanksgiving Mass is at 9.15am on Friday 14th December. It is a very special Mass celebrating the leadership of our Year 6 students.

We also enjoy our annual Christmas Carols. They commence at 6.00pm on Monday 17th December. All classes will present two Christmas Carols and our Choir will be performing.

Mariners Cup Final

Good luck to our Soccer team who, on Saturday at Central Coast Stadium, play in the Mariners Cup Final. If you would like free tickets for adults or children, please contact our school's office. The ticket includes the Mariners vs Sydney FC match which commences at 5.35pm.

Our Choir

Our Choir are performing over the next two weekends at the Wyong Christmas Carols and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Toukley. Under the guidance of Mrs Houston and Mr Hochkins, the children's singing is beautiful.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



St Mary's 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

Tahlia T

Nikkita C

Piper E

Harry B

Lucas C

Isabelle T

Lincoln S

Ruby K

Ben G

Max W

Caylon A

Riley T

Ellie B

Makenzie W

Jessica R

Samuel W

Harry H

Timothy V

Cohan S

Mia J

Kiarra L

Mia C

Charlize P

Nate M

Harper R

Rianna B

Lauren G

Tom M

Sam L

Blake S

Kyan C

From Our REC

Year of the Youth 2018

Last Thursday students, teachers and parishioners from St Brigid's, St Brendan's and St Mary's shared in a Liturgy celebrating the Year of Youth Cross. Our Year 5 and 6 students travelled to St Brigid's Lake Munmorah to help commemorate this significant event. On Friday, Kinder to Year 4 visited our Church to see the cross and learn of its significance and importance. Father Tiziano greeted the boys and girls and shared with them information and stories about the cross.

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. 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.

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

Our Advent Liturgy for this week will be on Thursday 29/11 (tomorrow) 1.50pm in the Church. This will be run by Years 1 and 3. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Helpers Needed! No Experience Necessary

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.

Thanksgiving Mass

Year 6 are currently preparing for our final school mass for 2018, our Thanksgiving Mass. This will be held on Friday December 14th (Week 9) at 9.15am. This is a particularly special mass and I encourage all members of our school community to attend. It's at this mass we wish the class of 2018 well, as we celebrate the Eucharist together one final time as a St Mary's community. Please add this date to your diary.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

A reminder for any parents/ carers who still have outstanding books at home from either the Parent Resource Library or Thursday morning Storytime in the Library, that books need to be returned as soon as possible. Miss Gray is finalising her stocktake and everything needs to be accounted for. If you could please check at home for any stray books, it would be appreciated.

Parents/ carers and grandparents are all welcome to come along to our many school events over the next few weeks. Year 1 and Year 3 will run our

Advent Liturgy this week, with Year 4 next week. Our awards ceremony, thanksgiving mass and Christmas carols night are also great opportunities for our whole community to come together and celebrate our students and a wonderful school year.

Community News—Saturday December 8th, 4pm-9pm is the annual Toukley Christmas Celebration on the Village Green. Our school choir will be performing as well as fireworks, face painting, a magician and a visit from a very special guest. Can you guess who?

Donna Falzon

Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter

Family breakdown and separation can be a challenging time for both adults and children. Children's responses to family separation can be varied and diverse and will be dependent upon individual circumstances, a child's age and their temperament as well as environmental factors.

Supporting children to feel connected to both parents following separation is important. Maintaining relationships can help ease the way for children when parents separate. Making sure children know that they can seek support when they need it and that they will be listened to helps to build a sense of belonging.

From Our Librarian

This week in the Library we are learning about the traditional Christmas story of The Nutcracker. We are viewing the text and discussing the suite of music composed by Tchaikovsky.

I am making my list and checking it twice!!!!

It's that time of year when we are all making those to do lists before a well-deserved break! With just three more visits to the library this is the last week children will be borrowing. All books need to be back next week.

I have now scanned every Fiction and Junior Fiction book in the library and will be soon starting on Guided Readers and hopefully the Non-Fiction books. Now that all Fiction and Junior Fiction books have been accounted for any overdue

That sense of belonging is an important factor in children's mental health and wellbeing. Children who feel they belong tend to be happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems.

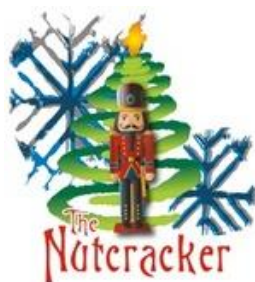
Separation is also a very stressful time for parents as well. Sometimes the everyday demands of parenting may become more challenging and parents find it harder to cope. It is important for parents to seek support from family, friends or professionals to help them manage this difficult period in their life.

Please see the KidsMatter newsletter article "[Managing Separating Families](#)", for more information on the difficulties children face and how they can be supported to best deal with family breakdown.

books children have checked out are definitely not on the library shelves. If your child brings home a note of overdue books please help us by looking for and returning them as soon as possible. If a book has been damaged or lost you are able to replace the book with the same or similar title or pay for the cost of the book at the office.

Many thanks for your support

Miss Gray
Librarian



From Our Office

Family Registration forms are now overdue. There are many families who have not submitted these signed forms to school. Please remember if the school doesn't receive a completed form there will be no sibling discounts applied to your 2019 account.

Thank you
Julie, Jacqui & Leesa



Star Awards

Ayla C
Ruby R
Myles S
Elise C
Lara N
Eden L
Zahra D
Will M
Harry M
Harry B
Cooper O
Scarlett O
Sebastian R
Mia T
Maya B
Mahlie C

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 6 Graduation Tickets

A friendly reminder that the Year 6 Graduation Tickets are on sale through the front office. The RSVP date is this Monday 3rd December. Please call on 4396 5100.

Thank you
Year 6 Graduation Committee



Canteen News

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



St Brigid's Catholic College - Year of Youth Cross
Liturgy

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



Laylah & Ruby



Toby & Tristan

CLASS PARENTS 2019

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents to be on our Class Parent Team for next year. If you would like to volunteer to be a point of contact for other parents and would like to help out your child's class teacher whilst contributing to the greater good of our school then please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday December 7th. The Class Parent Team meets with Mr Williams once a term and contributes positively at both class and whole school levels. This is one of the many ways you can become more involved and enjoy 2019 with other parents who like to help our school.

We hope to have the 2019 Class Parent Team finalised and listed in the newsletter by the end of this term.

Expression of Interest - Class Parent Team 2019

I would like to express interest in joining the Class Parent Team next year.

In 2019 my Child/ren will be in: (Please circle) Kinder Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6.

My name is (Please Print) _____

Best contact phone number: _____ Signed _____

458 Main Road, Norville NSW 2263

Telephone: (02) 4396 5100
Fax: (02) 4396 5101

Email: smt@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.smtddb.catholic.edu.au