

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8
5 December 2018

Something We've Noticed



Upcoming Events

- *Advent Liturgy 3 Year 4*
1.50pm
Thursday
6 December
- *Awards 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
- *Students Last Day*
Wednesday
19 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,
Our teachers like working at our school. Our teachers enjoy being with their class every day. Our teachers work tirelessly to help their students improve academically. Our teachers take a personal interest in their students growing and maturing as people. Our teachers understand that they are in a privileged role as they help shape the life of a child. Our teachers love to see their children succeed. Our teachers love to see their children grow in confidence. Our teachers enjoy witnessing the way in which their children treat one another. Our teachers value the smiles their children bring to the classroom each day. Our teachers enjoy the children's sense of humour and the kindness they show.

Collectively, our teachers are proud of the children at our school. We are also very appreciative of the open, honest and trusting relationships that you, as parents, help build. That trust is at the foundation of the happy, calm, positive and beautiful children we have at our school.

Advent Liturgy 3

On Thursday our Year 4 students lead the liturgy celebrating the third week of Advent. We commence at 1.50pm in the Church and you are most welcome to join us.

Mariners Cup Final

Congratulations to our school's soccer team who, although defeated, played with pride and passion in the Mariners Schools Cup Final at Central Coast Stadium on Saturday afternoon. You represented our school with great credit boys. Well done! Congratulations Finn, Liam, Brodie, Will, Max, Josiah, Jacob, Keanu and Keegan. We also thank our Coach, Greg Hartge and Manager, Joe Ippolito.

Awards Ceremony

Our Awards Ceremony commences at 11.00am in the Church on Wednesday 12th December. 5-6 children from each class receive a special award reflecting their outstanding achievements and efforts. A STARS award is presented to one child from

every class for continually being an exceptional person during the year. Our Catholic Values Award and Community Spirit Award are presented to deserving Year 6 children and our 2019 Student Parliament and School Captains are announced.

Year 6 Graduation

We wish our Year 6 well as they celebrate completing their primary school education with their Graduation on Wednesday evening 12th December. The function is at Halekulani Bowling Club commencing at 6.30pm.

Christmas Carols

A festive and fun atmosphere highlights our annual Christmas Carols. The Carols commence at 6.00pm on Monday 17th December on our school's oval. Please join us.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730
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Mass Times

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am
9.00am
6.00pm

Father Tiziano *Parish Priest*
Father Vince *Assistant Priest*
Deacon Paul

Merit Awards

Phoebe-Rene F
Sunie T
Rose M
Oscar S
Isla C
Chloe S
Zoe W
Cooper M
Alexander D
Havi M
Lexie L
Owen W
Bailey J
Toby S
Emma C
Liam S
Harrison R
Hudson D
Oscar P
Blake B
Tayla B
Bede B
Zara H
Lacey B
Max H
Brock S
Sienna S
Tasman S
Baxter H
Cody B
Lauren G
Ava E
Tamika S
Keira-Lee D
Josiah F
Malachy B

From Our REC

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.

Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgy for this week will be on Thursday 6/12 (tomorrow) 1.50pm in the Church. This will be run by Year 4. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

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.

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. 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.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

Screen time and online gaming are activities that parents often worry about. Over the upcoming holiday break children's screen time is likely to increase and parents can struggle to know what boundaries to set and what is appropriate. The KidsMatter article "[Keeping kids safe online over the holidays](#)" has some very useful tips for parents in this regard.

The "[Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#)" is also a great resource for parents. It has a wealth of information about online gaming and apps, cyber safety and what to do about cyber bullying.

It has information about the latest apps and games and how safe, or not, they are. You can access this information via [this link](#).



Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter

Traditional special family times can be challenging for children and their parents after family breakdown. Providing children with reassuring messages and a space to talk openly about their feelings is key to supporting them.

There are steps parents can take to help make this time of year positive and special for their children. Some parents may find communicating with each other difficult, but making time to talk in advance about the logistics of Christmas celebrations without the children, to allow any disagreements to be resolved privately is a practical first step. After plans are decided it is a good idea to communicate those plans clearly to the

children, so they are clear about what will be happening and won't need to worry. For the benefit of children's positive mental health and wellbeing it is also important that parents stick to the plan as agreed.

Providing children opportunities to connect with extended family is also important, particularly if a child has a strong relationship with a grandparent, aunt or uncle. It is reassuring for children to know that those relationships will continue even if mum and dad aren't together any more.

The KidsMatter article "[Supporting children from separated families during the festivities](#)", has more information about how to look after yourself as well as supporting your children during this time.

Star Awards

Addison W
Cochella O
Coco T
Marli C
Luke W
Diesel M
Dion M
Reif D
Linsey A
Dimity M
Vasiliki P
Annabel R
Erin N
Sienna S
Savio D
Liam I
Jasmyn S

From Our Librarian

We are certainly winding down now that the end of term is in sight. This week in the Library we continue viewing the traditional Christmas story of The Nutcracker. It has proven to be a timeless tale that the children are enjoying immensely.

CALLING FOR ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!!!!

All library books and guided readers are now due. 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.

CENTRAL COAST LIBRARY

Are you a member of our local library? Why not join and take advantage of the children's programs provided over the summer holidays. Our Central Coast Library not only lends books and e-books but offers a wealth of online services and resources. Have you been thinking about investigating your family tree? The Central Coast Library holds resources that can help you make a start! I encourage every family to become members of invaluable incredible resource service.

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 hasn't received this form by Friday, there will be no discounts applied to your 2019 school invoice.

Thank you
Julie, Jacqui & Leesa

PAST DUE

School Banking

The last day for school banking this year will be Monday 10th December. Any outstanding rewards will now be issued next year.

Thanking you
Mrs Ballard
School Banking Coordinator

St Mary's Choir

The choir will be singing at the Lighting of The Tree - Village Green Toukley on Saturday 8th December at 4.30pm.



From Our PE Teacher

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

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

Mariners Schools Cup Final

Finn, Liam, Keanu, Max, Keegan, Jacob, Brodie, Josiah and Will.

Congratulations to our amazing team of year 6 boys who qualified for the Central Coast Final against the International Football School. They got to play at Central Coast Stadium and experienced all the excitement of being Football stars for the day!

What a nerve racking, spine tingling game. The 2 teams were so closely matched for the duration of the game. I was sitting on the edge of my seat just hoping St Mary's could score. It was not to be - with the Football school scoring 2 late goals and the final score being 2 - 0. What great sportsmanship and ability our boys showed - I wish them every success in high school and can't wait to hear where their football takes them in the future.

Thankyou to Greg Hartge and Joe Ippolito who so capably coached, managed and outfitted our team.

Thank you also to all of the families from St Mary's who came to support the boys - great to see you there!

Little Filipo from Kindergarten came along with his mum to support his buddy Liam - what great school spirit!

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



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