



Farewell Year 6

Upcoming Events

- *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

2019

- *MAIs*
Wednesday
30 January
- *Students First Day Years 1-6*
Thursday
31 January
- *Kinders First Day*
Monday
4 February

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

For many years, our school has certainly been blessed by the presence of our current Year 6 students. Repeatedly, Year 6 have had high expectations of themselves for both their learning and their behaviour. Year 6 is a close group of children who enjoy mateship and often look out for each other. They are an inclusive group who have been tremendous in accepting the differences of others.

In terms of the student leadership at our school, Year 6 has been outstanding. Because of their fine example, when younger students reach Year 6, they understand that considerable responsibility is involved. To be a Year 6 student at our school means that you are a role model for the younger children.

You have been honest. You have been thoughtful. You have been trustworthy. You have earned great respect from your teachers because you have been deeply trusted. You're just a good group of people whom we, in the future, will be proud to say were students at our school.

Year 6, enjoy your special Graduation evening tonight.

We Welcome New Teachers

For 2019, we are pleased to welcome the following teachers to our school: Mrs Madeline Martin, Miss Megan York and Mrs Danielle Lee. We trust that your time with us will be filled with considerable learning and many friendships.

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.

Leaving Staff

Although their time with us was only brief, we thank Mrs Cindy Noah and Mrs Corinne Roberts for their efforts at our school. We appreciate that we were able to benefit from their skills and expertise.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Maloney family (Bridie 6 Gold, Griffin 4 Gold) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's grandfather passed away last week. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's strength bring you great courage during this difficult time.

Advent Liturgy 4

On Thursday our Year 5 students lead the liturgy celebrating the fourth week of Advent. We commence at 1.50pm in the Church and you are most welcome to join us.

Reports

Your child's Report will be sent home with them on Friday. Included in the envelope is a letter regarding booking an MAI interview time for your child, a requirements list for their new class and a slip detailing your child's 2019 teacher and class.

2019 Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children for being elected as Sports Captains for 2019: *Green:* Tahla and Savio; *Red:* Mia and Tasman; *Blue:* Lilly and Ryan; *Gold:* Grace and Harper.

MAI Online Bookings

The opportunity to book your MAI time for Wednesday 30th January closes on Wednesday 19th December.

Website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.au>
Code:

Those families who do not book a time(s) will be allocated a time.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of our staff, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas surrounded by the love of your family and close friends.

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*

Father Vince *Assistant Priest*

Deacon Paul

Merit Awards

Grace B

Ellie C

Jay K

Byron H

Elise C

Milla A

Sophie B

Emilia R

Tayla G

Euan B

Jacob F

Dylan B

Ellie B

Riley T

Evie M

Eyli P

Yumi S

Liam S

Harry B

Theresa D

Ava C

Mason J

Mia M

Edin D

Herbie G

Tyler D

Zoe J

Caleb H

Lucy A

Jessica B

Jai C

Tayte B

Fletcher M

Ruby E

Rylind D

Stefanie S

Makayla J

Ewan H

Ethan G

Sophie H

From Our REC

Christmas Appeal

Thank you to our families and the wider community for donating food items to our annual Christmas Appeal. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. We have been overwhelmed and inundated with a variety of products that will help our local families in need over the Christmas season. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion and the Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies children who have led this initiative.

Thanksgiving Mass

Our Year 6 are currently preparing for our final school mass for 2018, our Thanksgiving Mass. This will be held this Friday December 14th 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. We look forward to seeing many of our families present.

Advent Liturgies

This week sees Year 5 running our Advent Liturgy. This will be held in the church tomorrow at 1.50pm. We invite you to please join us.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

It has been a wonderful year with lots of learning and growth for St Mary's students. Our Kinder students have made huge strides both academically and socially and while it only seems like yesterday that our Year 6 students walked through the school gates for their first day of Kinder, they'll be heading off to High School and entering the teenage years. Across all grades it has been great to see the progress children have made. It is also a time of farewells, with some families ending their St Mary's school journey.

The next six weeks will fly by so please take the time to enjoy the summer

Christmas Carols

Our annual Christmas Carols evening is here once again. All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come along on Monday December 17th and join in as we sing some of our favourite Christmas carols. Each grade will sing two carols and choir will also feature. We look forward to seeing you all there for a fantastic evening.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator



2017 Christmas Carols

break and spend quality time with the kids. Just staying at home to relax and unwind and play board games, cook together, have a movie day at home or cricket in the backyard are all great ways for families to spend time together and provide opportunities for children to learn at the same time. Enjoy your family time this holiday period.

Community News - Please check out our local Libraries and Neighbourhood Centres for many free or low cost activities for children these holidays. Lakes Food Care is open at 199 Main Rd, Toukley until Thursday Dec 20th and will reopen on Wednesday January 9th.

Donna Falzon

Family Liaison Officer

KidsMatter

Family Relationships are the biggest influence on a child's development and wellbeing and this long school holiday break is a perfect opportunity to spend time together and build those relationships. While children may ask for a whole host of toys or electronics for Christmas, it is the time we spend with them and the memories we make that they will remember most as they grow older. Many surveys of children and research projects show that what children want from us, more than anything, is our time and attention.

Building strong, respectful, trusting family relationships when our children our young is a great foundation for when challenging times may pop up as

they reach adolescence and young adulthood. If children learn early on that the important adults in their lives are always willing to take time to listen to them, that they believe in them and that their ideas and opinions are valued by the adults around them, children feel connected and closer to their parents/ carers.

For some great information about building strong family relationships please use the following links

[Family Relationships](#), from KidsMatter
[Enjoying time with your child](#) from Raising Children Network

Star Awards

Summer D
Connor D
Beau T
Darcy M
Kingston K
Alex D
Lexie L
Madeline P
Sinead H
Tyson S
Cahill L
Candice B
Rayah K
Bree E
Tara T
Mia W
Cooper M
Cooper J
Bridie M
Ella T
Aoife Q

From Our Librarian

CALLING FOR ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!!!!

All library books are now due. I am still waiting for over 70 books to be returned by the end of this week. If your child brings home a note of overdue books please help us by looking for and returning them as soon as possible. If any books are lost or damaged payment to replace the copies can be made at the office.

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR OLD UNWANTED LIBRARY BOOKS?

Each year as we conduct our inventory of the shelves we also examine the condition of our library books. Books that are looking worn and tired are deleted from our collection. Sometimes a tired book is kept because it is out of print and cannot be replaced. However

deleted books still serve a worthwhile purpose. Last year we sent a sizeable shipment of books to schools in Papua New Guinea that made many children and teachers very happy. This year we have sent another shipment of books to schools in India. Knowing the incredible lack of resources such schools experience St Mary's is proud to support the literacy skills of these children in need.

Many thanks for your support of our library this year.

Miss Gray
Librarian

Uniform Shop News

The last day for the Uniform Shop will be Wednesday 19th December. I will re open on Tuesday 29th January 2019 from 9.00am - 2.00pm.

With today's newsletter is a flyer from Athletes Foot Tuggerah. If you purchase your school shoes from Athletes Foot Tuggerah and mention St Mary's our school will receive \$5.00 for every pair sold.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform Shop Coordinator

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



St Mary's School Choir

Canteen News

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 5 students with their Kinder buddies for next year



Friday is the last day for Lunch Orders
at the Canteen.

**No lunch orders will be available next
week.**

Only snacks at recess and ice blocks at lunch
on Monday and Wednesday, Week 10.

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