

Praise for Our Children

Upcoming Events

- **Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation**
3.30pm or 7.00pm
Thursday
21 February
- **Swimming Carnival Presentation**
2.40pm
Friday
22 February
- **Staff Development Days**
Monday + Tuesday
4 + 5 March
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**
9.15am
Wednesday
6 March
- **Catholic Schools Week Open Classrooms**
2.30pm
Thursday
7 March
- **School Cross Country**
Jenny Dixon Reserve
Friday
8 March
- **Year 5 in Bathurst**
Thursday + Friday
14 + 15 March
- **Kinder 2020 Information Evening**
7.00pm
Monday
25 March

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,

Below is an email from the *Evangelisation and Catholic Formation* team member, Mrs Spek, to the *Head of Mission Services*, Mrs Ryan, at our Catholic Schools Office:

"I hope you are having a happy Friday, mine has certainly got off to a great start. I had the pleasure of attending the St Mary's Toukley opening school mass this morning and it was a joy that I wanted to share with you.

Starting with the year six students around the church setting up, welcoming and ushering parents and students. The students entered reverently without a peep taking their seats. Students did all the readings and responsorial psalm clearly proclaiming the word, then the music, oh the music, the students lifted the roof, I've never heard such enthusiastic singing at mass, you would have loved it.

The student leaders said their school pledge, by heart in front of the congregation, felt a tear, then they left the altar crossing the floor in perfect lines, leaving the parents and Father T. utterly impressed. Clearly Liz and her team had put in great preparation and it was a credit to Kevin, his staff and students.

So beautiful I wanted to share this with you!

I'll see if I can get an invite for you to the next one, you may be able to join the choir!"

Kind words about our school.

St Brigid's and MacKillop

On Friday morning, teachers from both St Brigid's Catholic College and MacKillop Catholic College are visiting our Year 6. The meeting is to introduce the particular school to the students. Students, depending on their addresses, will be only attending the school for which they are zoned.

New Website

You may have noticed that our school's new website is now live. We hope the changes to the website make it easier to navigate and find relevant information. There's also some great photos and videos on the site.

Thank You

We thank the many parents who were able to join us last Wednesday for our Welcome Evening. Our teachers enjoyed meeting you and it helped establish the all important partnership between teacher and parents. We appreciate your efforts to join us.

We thank Mrs Bain, our many parent helpers and our teachers for ensuring the children had an action packed, fun Swimming Carnival on Monday. We especially thank the children for displaying an excellent attitude, encouraging and supporting one another all day long.

Swimming Carnival Presentation

Our Swimming Carnival Presentation is on Friday commencing at 2.40pm. You are most welcome to join us.

Correct School Uniform

Just a reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct black school shoes (check our website if you are not sure) and have our school bag by the beginning of next week.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Swimming Carnival 2019

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

Flynn R

Evalata M

Levi R

Caspian W

Sophia K

Oliver R

Matthew W

Evie Z

Harry P

Jay K

Kai M

Henry H

Sienna G

Kingston K

Havana G

Lily D B

Darcy M

Sophie B

Will M

Brody A

Joshua Y

Scarlett W

Levi J

Harry B

Harry B

Sam T

Emma C

Tayla B

Adelle S

Will S

Kiarra L

Cohen S

Jayden F

Aedan F

Laylah S

Elliot T

Tahla M

Baxter H

Charlize P

Grace J

Savio D

From Our REC

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 6th. The whole school (K-6) will come together for Mass at 9.15am. Parents, we invite you to join us.

Sacramental Program

The enrolment sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are **this week**. Please attend one of the following, if you intend on your child making this sacrament. This is for children in Year 3 or children in Year 4, 5 or 6 who have not already made this sacrament:

St Brendan's Mass Centre Lake Munmorah: Wednesday 20th February 2019, 3.30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley: Thursday 21st February 2019, 3.30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley: Thursday 21st February 2019, 7.00pm

More information will be provided at the enrolment sessions.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching! It is in Week 6 (March 4th - March 8th) of this term.

We want to celebrate everything that is

great about our wonderful Catholic School, St Mary's.

Please join us for Open Classrooms on

Thursday 7th March, to be held after our assembly, **between 2.30pm and 3.10pm**.

This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and celebrate their learning.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Librarian

READING IS A LIFE LONG SKILL

Reading is a fundamental skill that we need throughout our lives. Now more than ever, we rely on our ability to read books, the world around us and navigate the ever growing online world.

Here at St Mary's we value our strong focus on reading. One achievement we are very proud of is having every child complete the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for the past 6 years. Our Year 3 children have received PRC Gold Certificates and Year 6 Platinum Certificates.

Parents often ask us to suggest books for their child's reading. One resource I strongly recommend is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Book List. The lists are comprehensive and cover a range of genre. You will find books for children in Years K-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9. Each book is only included on the list after it has been independently read, analysed, reviewed and evaluated by a team of teachers and librarians. Not every book that is published makes it onto the PRC list! If you are ever looking for a good book to read with your child then check out the following link. You will be spoilt for choice!

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/>

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray

A Spotlight on Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to 2019! We are settling into our classes well and developing an understanding of the rules and expectations.



We have had a big focus on knowing and understanding the language of our School Stars so that we are displaying these in everyday school life.

In maths we have been focusing on our understanding of numbers. We have explored different ways of partitioning numbers, understanding different ways to make numbers, as well as knowing and understanding where numbers go on a number line and explaining why they go in a particular place.



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Canteen is **CLOSED** on Tuesdays.
No lunch orders.

The current pricelist and Term 1 canteen roster are both available on the St Mary's website and can be accessed at any time [here](#).

Please check the current pricelist for updated prices.

Thank you
Donna Falzon

Star Awards

Willow L
Dali M
Zane B
Cochella O
Rosie W
Piper E
Elliot H
Zoe D
Lila V
Elise C
Sumira D
Alice No
Mayah H
Indy K
Linsey A
Peyton B
Macey B
Shaylah H
Max C
Sienna C
Isabella C

Something We've Noticed

We've noticed that many parents have supported our focus on the correct uniform with, either purchasing the correct black shoes or ensuring their child has our school bag.

Thank you. We value your support.

ST MARY'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL RED WINS FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW AFTER 9 YEAR DROUGHT

What a spectacular day we had on Monday! The weather was beautiful just like the behaviour, effort and sportsmanship of every child at St Mary's School. Every child gave their best whether it was 10m, 20m, 50m or novelty races.

Congratulations to the House Captains and Vice Captains – you led your Colour House with pride and I loved the preparation you put into your House Cheers!!!

We have the most amazing parents at St Mary's, such a big Carnival would have no chance of running without you! Most schools struggle to get one set of helpers – we had 3 sets of workers with 10m, 20m and 50m events simultaneously running to have children all occupied. We then had another great band of parents who spent an hour and a half in the water giving the kids such a fun experience in the novelty events. My special thanks to the wonderful 50m helpers – you worked so hard to get through the large number of heats. It was a huge effort by everyone to continue from 9am until 2pm with almost no break in order that all children could finish their events. I really appreciate what you did for all of our swimmers.

AGE CHAMPION PRESENTATION – This Friday 2.30pm

CCC Swimming will be next Monday 25th February. Children participating have received notes and should have them back at school by Thursday. Good Luck to all participants.

Please remember to register for AFL – a great way for children to have fun together after school.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



School Opal Card

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers. To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go on-line to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/. Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support

