

Please Join Us

Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Central Coast Cross Country**
Friday
29 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,

During the next couple of weeks there are opportunities for families to join us.

In particular, we'd like to invite you, as part of Catholic Schools Week, to our Open Classrooms from 2.30pm on Thursday 7th March. You have a chance to visit your child's classroom and celebrate their learning.

Also, next week marks the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. You are most welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday Mass, commencing at 9.15am in the Church.

On Friday 8th March, we have the fun of our annual School Cross Country. Our Cross Country will be held at Jenny Dixon Reserve. Soon after 9.00am we will be walking up to Jenny Dixon and kindly request that many parent helpers help us supervise the children on the walk. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help. A highlight of the day is the constant support and cheering of each other displayed by the children. It's fun to watch.

Staff Development Days

Our teachers are undertaking the Mini Certificate in Gifted Education next Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th March. The UNSW led course will further help us cater for the many gifted and high ability students in our school. Both Monday and Tuesday of next week are Staff Development Days with no students attending school. Thank you for the considerable efforts you have made in arranging other care for your children. I understand that it is not easy to do.

Your Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep the Fitzgerald family (Aedan 5 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. Aedan's grandmother passed away recently. We trust that Our Lord's blessings become obvious to you and provide you with great strength.

Please also keep the Eady family (Piper 1 Blue) in your thoughts and prayers. Piper's grandfather passed away recently. We pray that the strength of Our Lord gives you great

comfort in your time of need.

Something We've Noticed

Our teachers have commented on the children's settled start to the school year. Our classes have now established clear guidelines, processes and structures for the children. The children have adapted to the teacher's expectations and their new routines. We're pleased with the children's effort and attitude to learning. From my angle, I've observed our classes to be calm and focused.

Kinder 2020 Information Evening

Our Information Evening for parents wishing to enrol their child for Kinder 2020 will be held from 7.00pm on Monday 25th March in our school's Library.

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

Mia M
Cohen R
Vincent B
Alexandra T
Ella T
Jackson Q
Byron H
Ashton M
Kobe J
Charli A
Summer D
Seth T
Lukas F
Indiana M
Olivia R
Chloe S
Tayla M
Max W
Elijah P S
Evie S
Emily T
Caylon A
Charli D
Polly T
Josie R
Harry M
Tyson S
Bailey J
Marley R
Theresa D
Liberty C
Olivia C
Timothy V
Jack M
Herbie G
Bree E
Isabella P
Alexis C
Brendan T
Brydie G
Phoenix R

From Our REC

Ash Wednesday

Please join us next Wednesday, March 6th as we come together as a whole school (K-6) to celebrate Mass at 9.15am. Parents, we invite you to join us.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is next week! (March 4th - March 8th).

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.

School Banking

Due to the Staff Development Day next Monday, there will be no school banking until the following Monday 11th March.

Year 6 Parents

St Brigid's Catholic College are having a Come and See Open Day on Tuesday 12th March from 1.30pm. The Parent Information Evening is on the same day from 5.30pm-7.00pm.

The Light is on for you

Churches of the Diocese of Broken Bay will be open on Fridays in Lent, 7pm-8pm, for quiet time and prayer, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available. For more information and participating churches, please visit www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

All parents/ carers are invited to come along to our Cuppa and Chat each Tuesday morning. It is an opportunity to meet other parents, find out what happens at school, ask any questions you may have in a relaxed environment. Young children are welcome, with toys and games to keep them busy.

Our Parent Resource Library is available for all parents to borrow from. It is situated in the library and I will bring it out on to the playground each Tuesday morning for you to see what is available. If you are after information about a particular topic please let me know and I can help find an appropriate resource.

KidsMatter has changed. It has now come under the BeyondBlue banner and the original KidsMatter website will close tomorrow. It will now be known as BeYou for early childhood service and Primary School staff. For families, the BeyondBlue Healthy Families website has lots of great information for parents and carers on children's wellbeing, development and mental health, from babies to young adults.

This week's article from has some very practical suggestions for parents and carers to help children develop social skills. Social and emotional learning (SEL) skills are important for children to develop friendships and get along with others. You can access the article [here](#).

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Kinder

Kindergarten have made a settled start to 2019!

In Kindergarten there has been a strong focus on what it means to be a good listener and a good worker.



In Maths we have been focusing on number recognition and showing that we understand what the number means. We do many different hands on activities to recognise and show different ways of making numbers to 10. We've also used iPads outside taking pictures of how we can see that number.



In English we are learning to recognise sounds of the alphabet and common words. The children are doing an amazing job attempting to write a sentence with support.



From Our PE Teacher

Congratulations to our swimming age champions

8yrs Girls	9yrs Girls	10yrs Girls	11yrs Girls	12yrs Girls
Ava S	Malaya M	Zara H	Kiarra L	Alexis C
Ruby K	Ellie B	Bree E	Eloise L	Mia C
Willow F	Charlotte G Summer M	Mia M	Shaylah H Gabrielle S	Phoenix R
8yrs Boys	9yrs Boys	10yrs Boys	11yrs Boys	12yrs Boys
Brooklyn C	Harry B	Will S	Harper R	Josh H
Oscar L	Bailey N	Bailey J	Kalen C	Tasman S
Zachary W Lucas C	Noah T	Griffin M	Maverick E	Ryan C
Sportsmanship	Joshua S Herbie G	Zac H	Elliot H	Josh F

CCC Swimming – Monday 25th February Mingara

Congratulations to our wonderful swim team – 4th on the Central Coast

Our team of 30 swimmers produced many personal best times and top 10 finishes against some very tough competition. Our Senior boys relay team – Caleb, Tasman, Josh and Harper came 2nd overall and will be competing at the Broken Bay Carnival next week. Good Luck boys – hopefully Polding is next.



ST MARY'S CROSS COUNTRY – Permission notes went home last week – could you please return by Friday.

- Our school Cross Country will be held on Friday 8th March, 2019. It will be held at Jenny Dixon Reserve during the morning and all children will be encouraged to participate and 'Have a Go' doing their best: running and/or walking the course. The top 8 - 10 competitors will be chosen from 8yrs to 12yrs to run in the Central Coast Catholic Schools Cross Country at Mt Penang Parklands on 29th March, 2019.

- All children should wear sports uniform and bring a **water bottle** and **towel** to sit on. We will begin with 8yrs at 9.30 am, 7yrs at 9.45am, 6yrs at 10am, 9yrs at 10.15am, 10yrs at 10.30am, 11yrs and 12yrs at 10.45am. These are approximate times.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

Canteen News

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

Please check the current pricelist for updated prices.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday March 6
All regular canteen lunch items will be available to order as well as Fish Fingers, 30c ea and Fish Burger \$3.50 ea for this day only.

Thank you
Donna Falzon

Star Awards

Corben D
Flynn B
Marley B
Ellie C
Andy B
Ruby R
Sunie T
Zach M
Eliette J
Coco T
Lincoln S
Zara B
Brody A
Zali M
Thomas B
Toby W
Bailey F
Ozzy I
Edan R
Zac H
Joshua F
Max H
Reyes M
Cody B
Isabella B

Something We've Noticed

Our representative swimmers behaviour and efforts on Monday at the CCC Swimming were excellent. Congratulations girls and boys. You were wonderful representatives of our school both in and out of the water.