

What a Week!

Upcoming Events

- **Year 5 in Bathurst**
Thursday + Friday
14 + 15 March
- **St Mary's Playgroup**
9.15am
Tuesday
19 March
- **Kinder 2020 Information Evening**
7.00pm
Monday
25 March
- **Central Coast Cross Country**
Friday
29 March
- **Rugby League Opens**
Morrie Breen Oval
Wednesday
3 April
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
3.30pm
Tuesday + Thursday
9 + 11 April
- **Holy Week Liturgy**
1.50pm
Thursday
11 April
- **ANZAC Day Liturgy**
10.15am
Friday
12 April

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,

Last week began with teachers undertaking the Mini Certificate of Gifted Education, led by the University of NSW. Considerable learning occurred. The two days affirmed the many wonderful things teachers are already doing with our high-ability and gifted students. It also challenged us to further plan many and varied ways of enriching the students' learning.

Our Ash Wednesday Mass was beautiful. On a very warm morning in Church, the children's reverence and respect were exceptional. Their singing, reading and responses were wonderful. A special mention to our Kinders and Year 1, who were fantastic.

On Thursday we enjoyed welcoming our many visitors to the Open Classrooms afternoon. We like it when we have that many visitors being able to share the wonderful efforts and achievements of the children. It was fun to watch the proud looks on the faces of the children as they showed a family member some of their work.

And on Friday, we had all the fun of our school's Cross Country. We were very thankful for the many volunteers we had to either walk up to the park with us or help out up at Jenny Dixon Reserve. Clear highlights included the manner in which the children 'had-a-go' and their wonderful encouragement and support of one another.

We enjoyed our week.

Year 5 in Bathurst

Year 5 travel to Bathurst on Thursday for their overnight excursion. We wish them well for a safe and fun trip.

Playgroup

Playgroup is an invitation to all children, aged 4 to 5 years in our local area who will be enrolling for Kinder 2020 at our school and their parents and carers. The first session is at 9.15am on Tuesday 19th March in the Parish Hall.

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.

Best Wishes Mrs Perell

Shortly, Mrs Perell (2 Gold) will take Maternity Leave as she waits for the birth of her third child, a little sister for 'big' brothers, Eyli and Isaac. We wish Mrs Perell and her husband, Matt, all the very best at this very special moment of their lives.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Mahony family (Shelby 4 Blue, Thomas 1 Blue) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's great grandfather passed away recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's strength give you great comfort during your time of loss.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Parish Details

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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

Ruby P

Cruz C

Ashley V

Zakari B

Riley G

Anika L

Charlie B

Thomas L

Vincent E

Edward C

Alina L

Oscar L

Sam N

Bella H

Marli C

Summer R

Dion M

James M

Bailey N

Alice N

Connor V

Alexander D

Ben R

Ella S

Charlie T

Matthew P

Vasiliki P

Eyli P

Kahlil G

Griffin M

Elly S

Trinity T

Jayden S

Lucy N

Charli M

Abby L

Chelsea H

Skye P

From Our REC

Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to our newly appointed Mini Vinnies Leaders; Sarah L, Bella D, Brydie G, Zara H, Jayden F and Aedan F.

Sacramental Program

Please remember that the Sacramental classes for reconciliation are currently running. Please keep these children in your prayers. The Sacrament will be celebrated on the following dates:

St Mary's Toukley: Tuesday 9th April, 3.30pm or Thursday 11th April, 3.30pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah: Wednesday 10th April, 3.30pm

Please contact the parish office for more details: 4396 4455.

Stations of the Cross

Each Good Friday our students support the parish through re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. This is held in the church from 9-10am. There will be a few speaking roles and lots of non-speaking roles for all volunteers K-6. Parents, if any of you can help with organisation and supervision, this would also be appreciated. A note went home on Monday and more are available at the school office.

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

ICAS 2019 - This year ICAS testing will be completed online with the exception of writing for Year 3 and 4. The tests are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence over a variety of areas for students Year 3 and above. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated and thorough level of learning. ICAS is not compulsory. It is a parents individual choice if they would like their child to participate. Each assessment costs \$14.50. There are six different assessments. This year the assessments will be held in September from the 3rd to the 19th. Towards the end of term 2 I will send home a note with specifics. Thanks, Cath Kyle (Year 5 Teacher)

From Our Family Liaison Officer

The following information is for any family looking to enrol their child for Kinder 2020.

Playgroup, Tuesday March 19, 9.15am-10.45am in the hall
2020 Kinder Information Night on Monday, March 25, 7.00pm in the library.

Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet other parents and children, as well as seeing how children learn through play and discovering what you can do at home to help prepare your child for a successful start to Kindergarten.

Responsibility, Independence and Resilience

As parents/ carers what are we doing to help build responsibility and independence in our children? It is good to occasionally reflect and ask ourselves, "What am I doing for my child that they can do for themselves?" Do they carry their own school bag? Do they unpack their own bag of an afternoon? Do they make sure their reader and lunchbox goes in their bag of a morning? These are all simple things that even the youngest Kinder child can be responsible for which will help them devel

op greater independence and confidence. It's not unusual to sometimes feel that things are easier and simpler if we "just do it ourselves" but by always doing things ourselves are we actually robbing children of opportunities to grow and develop?

While it can be frustrating for us and take a lot longer, children learn new skills and improve with regular practice, provided we allow them opportunities to take on more responsibility. Competence breeds confidence and when children learn to do things by and for themselves it helps them feel good which means they are far more willing to try new things socially, physically and academically.

From trying new things and learning from their mistakes children also build their resilience. One of Australia's leading parent educators, Michael Grose, has a great article "[here](#)" on how independence and resilience go hand in hand.

***"Building resilience in children is not about making them tough.
Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel."***

Donna Falzon

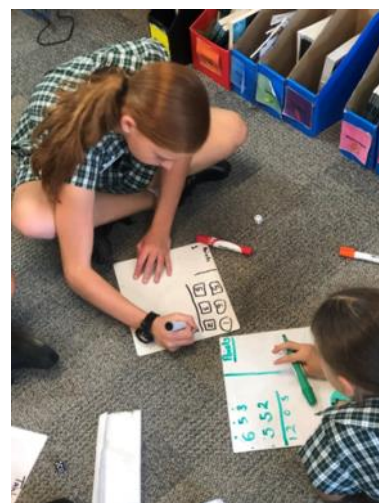
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 6



In Year 6 we have been looking at the 'Elements of Art' we created line art and drew our own Mandalas.

In Year 6 we enjoy using our iPads to complete different tasks in all subjects, they are a great tool to use in our classroom.



In year 6 we love to play maths games against our classmates. We have been playing addition and subtraction games for warm ups

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle will start next week. Tickets will be on sale on the top playground before school from 8.30am. Tickets are 50cents each or 3 for \$1. Donations of Easter eggs, baskets and gift bags can also be made at the raffle ticket table each morning. Thankyou in advance to our families that are supporting this initiative.



Star Awards

Jazz B
Josi C
Holly L
Cynthia A
Emeri B
Finn P
Luke W
Ma'Niyah J
Willow F
Matilda S
Eddie A
Ellie B
Emily T
Zahra D
Malaya M
Liam S
Florence M
Sienna S
Mikayla M
Samantha W
Rayah K
Rianna B
Isabella D

Something We've Noticed

Our Kinders have made a wonderful start to the school year. Their teachers have shared with me that they are very settled, eager to learn and very happy. They are also very pleased with the tremendous effort of the children.

From Our PE Teacher

Diocesan Swimming

Congratulations to our Diocesan swimmers, they gave it everything to produce great times against the best in our Diocese of Broken Bay. Our relay team – Josh, Harper, Tasman and Caleb - came an exciting 3rd. Harper also had 3 individual events in which he came 4th from our 33 schools. Well Done!

Rugby League – Opens Catholic Independent – Wednesday 3rd April – Training today - Wednesday after school – bring mouthguards.

St Mary's Cross Country

Thank you children for your fabulous effort – I love how everyone gives it a go to the best of their ability.

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents – your support of all of the runners was so positive.

Thank you to our wonderful judges, nurse and track marshalls – you did a great job – and to see all the witches hats and equipment packed up after presentation was such a relief. Special thanks to Nick Carroll for your help setting up and pulling in all the groundsheets.

	6yrs	7yrs	8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs
1 st	Jazz	Mia	Rose	Theresa	Adelle	Lucy	Mia T
2 nd	Sascha	Addison	Chloe	Ellie	Mia M	Candice	Grace
3 rd	Ava	Rosie	Kirrilee	Malaya	Zara	Marlee	Mia C
4 th	Piper	Ruby	Summer	Lexie	Shelby	Zoe	Alexis
5 th	Amarlie	Phoenix	Isabelle	Zara	Indy	Maddi	Kourtney
6 th	Josi	Arlie	Amelia	Tayla	Evie	Lacee	Riana
7 th	Yenna	Tahlia	Sienna	Rylee	Emma	Kiarra	Holly
8 th	Sienna	Zoe	Coco	Summer	Ella	Mia J	Tahla
9 th	Maci	Ayla	Tayla	Chelsea	Linsey	Eloise	Bella D
10 th	Mia	Lila	Sophie	Marcella	Marley	Sienna	Phoenix

Sportsmanship Medals – Cohen, Jack B, Rayden and Finn

	6yrs	7yrs	8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs
1 st	Flynn B	Kai	Koby	Bailey N	Griffin	Harper	Josh
2 nd	Reece	Sonny	Zac	Harry	Hudson	Kalen	Caleb
3 rd	Layken	Henry	Max	Will	Bailey	Connor	Ryan C
4 th	Flynn R	Andy	Samuel	Noah	Lachlan	Jayden S	Cody
5 th	Archie	Harry	Seth	Tiernan	Cahill	Jayden F	Corey
6 th	Caspian	Byron	Lachlan	Riley	Owen	Max C	Tayte
7 th	Ashton	John	Kingston	Eddie	Toby S	Mark	Ryan V
8 th	Lachlan	Archer	Ben	Nate	Samuel	Cooper	Savio
9 th	Max B	Connor	Lincoln	Alexander	Toby W	Jaxon	Tasman
10 th	Cruz	Tom	Ewan	Dion	Matthew	Clayton	Sebastian

CCC Cross Country – Friday 29th March, top 10 competitors from 8yrs – 12yrs

Liz Bain - Sports Coordinator