

Holy Week

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *Last Day of Term 1*
Friday
12 April
- *Stations of the Cross*
9.00am
Friday
19 April
- *First Day of Term 2*
Monday
29 April
- *First Eucharist Information Meeting*
3.30 or 7.00pm
Thursday
2 May

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

A number of years ago my wife and I were blessed to travel throughout the Holy Land for six weeks. It was both a privilege and amazing spiritual journey visiting the sites of the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, Jesus' tomb, the Sea of Galilee, the Annunciation, Bethlehem, Cana, the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus' Ascension.

The sense of awe and wonder was obvious walking along the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross – where Jesus carried the Cross) and entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built at a later date over the sites of Jesus' Crucifixion and burial. We had to stoop low to enter Jesus' tomb. It was only big enough for about three people at a time. After we entered the tomb, I vividly remember an Italian priest asking me to put my hand on the end of the slab of stone. He said that it was there that Jesus' head laid.

I pray that Christ's blessings become abundantly clear to you during the Easter season.

Holy Week Liturgy

Please join us as we celebrate the important events of Holy Week. Our liturgy will commence at 1.50pm in the church on Thursday 11th April and is led by Year 5.

Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday our students will lead the re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. It commences at 9.00am and you are very welcome to join us.

Farewell Bernie

Our school has been blessed to have you with us for so long. Thank you for the faithful service you have dedicated to our school.

The Secret

Repeatedly I witness examples of students dedicated to their learning. Students who are persistent, students who don't give up, students who enjoy succeeding. With learning, repeated and sustained efforts often equals rewarding achievements.

Kinder 2020

If you have a child for our Kinder 2020 cohort, please contact our Administration to organise both the paperwork and an enrolment meeting. Individual enrolment meetings are scheduled for May 1 (Wednesday), May 7 (Tuesday), and May 28 (Tuesday).

Outstanding enrolment packages are now due back.

Eucharist Information Meeting

The Information Meeting for children intending to receive their First Eucharist is on Thursday 2nd May (the first week back at school in Term 2). You have the choice of either the 3.15pm or 7.00pm sessions. The meeting will be in the church.

Enjoy the Holidays

We wish you a holy and happy Easter surrounded by close family and good friends. If you're travelling, please go safely.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click [here](#) to access our school's website.



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

Yenna W

India S

Hayden T

Hunter N

Zoe S

Ryan M

Ruby R

Mia S

Liam G

Levi M

Bailey C

Cooper M

Timmy S

Coco T

Brooklyn C

Elise C

Eddie A

Addison L

Zali M

Ava G

Mayah H

Riley T

Evie M

Harry B

Linsey A

Ruby H

Jackson J

Reif D

Florence M

Annabel R

Macey B

Jack B

Scarlett O

Tayte B

Mia C

Jess B

Josh H

Ava E

Lucy A

Mia T

From Our REC Project Compassion

Thank you to all of our families who are supporting project compassion and for the kind donations that the children have been bringing in.

Holy Week

Please join us for our Holy Week Liturgy, which will be run by Year 5 this Thursday 11th April at 1.50pm.

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. We invite you all to attend.

ANZAC Liturgy and March

This year ANZAC day is in the school holidays. On Friday 12th April our school community will remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in a free and safe country. Our ANZAC Day Liturgy will be held in the undercroft at 10.15am.

Details regarding the ANZAC Day March have been sent home and we have already

received some responses. Thank you to the families who have already committed to attending this service.

Details are as follows:

VENUE: Meet at the Canton Beach Road Marshalling Area (near the Coles car park, look out for our school banner)

DATE: Thursday 25th April 2019

TIME: Meet from 9.15am for a 9.45am start

WEAR: Full summer uniform

PICK UP: Toukley RSL Club after proceedings

First Eucharist

A reminder to parents and carers that the information session for the Sacrament of First Eucharist is on:

Wednesday 1/5/18 at St Brendan's at 3.15pm

Thursday 2/5/18 at St Mary's at 3.15pm or 7.00pm

Parents and carers wishing for their child to make the Sacrament of First Eucharist are required to attend **one** of the above information sessions. This is for students in Year 4, 5 or 6 who have already made their Confirmation and Reconciliation. For further information please contact the parish office on 4396 4455.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Resilience

"What is it about some kids? They just seem to be able to roll with the punches, while others are demolished by the smallest challenge. Is it nature or nurture? Realistically it is probably both but there are definitely environmental elements that help build resilience from a young age."

This is a quote from a great article by leading Australian Education writer, Linda Stade.

Genetics can't be changed but there is a lot that parents/ carers can do to positively influence children's resilience. Providing a caring, supportive environment, being able to draw on support from the significant adults around them, offering opportunities to participate in shared activities, being part of a community with a positive environment and having experience in dealing with relatively minor stresses are all factors which help build a child's resilience and gives them skills and strategies to cope when bigger challenges occur. The resilience of parent/ carers, other adults close to them and the family as a whole, is also a big predictor for the resilience of individual children.

Resilience shares a close relationship with mental health. Being able to bounce back

from adversity is a significant protective factor that supports positive mental health and wellbeing. Please take a look at Linda's article, "[Does your home promote resilience in your kids?](#)" for more information and practical ways to support children's resilience.

School holiday fun

Coming home with today's newsletter is some information about children's school holiday activities at TNC, Toukley Art Society, and Lake Haven Shopping Centre. Our local parks and libraries are another great source of free or very low cost activities for children. For children, love is measured in TIME with their parents/ carers, so with free time over Easter it's the perfect opportunity to do things together as a family. Please have a look at a "[Family Wellbeing Plan](#)" available from ReachOut with more ideas to connect as a family.

As well as 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching at St Mary's starting in Week 5 next term, the excellent Circle of Security parent program will be at both St Brendan's Primary School (rebecca.leahy@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and Toukley Public School (ph. 4340 1585) early next term. Please contact them directly for more information and to book in.

Donna Falzon

Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Music

At St Mary's we are very musical!



Kindergarten have been enjoying many Nursery Rhymes together and have been accompanying the rhymes with percussion instruments.



Year 2 have been studying the instruments of the orchestra and listening to and enjoying the "Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens.



Year 1 love to dance, sing and play. Some of their favourite songs to accompany and move with are Pop See Ko, Baby Shark and Kids' Bop Shuffle.



Year 3 are becoming very accomplished on their recorders and can play quite a few tunes including "Hot Cross Buns" just in time for Easter



Year 6 have been learning about 12 Bar Blues music and have been playing and composing on keyboards, guitars and xylophones.



Canteen News

A friendly reminder that the school canteen is not open on Tuesdays.

Star Awards

Zara B
Harlow R
Caspian W
Owen M
Ellie M
Alina L
Sophie B
Tia S
Charlie S
Chelsea B
Kitty G
Josephine R
Bailey F
Vasiliki P
Halle O
Diezel P
Alexis C
Sienna S
Aaliyah W
Olivia W
Kalen C



Uniform Shop News

The change-over to winter uniform is Term 2 Week 4. I will have pre loved winter uniforms available Term 2 Week 1.

Lay-bys can be made through the uniform shop. If you have any enquiries you can contact me on 0432 584 683 during SCHOOL HOURS

Enjoy the holidays.

Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform shop coordinator



Thank you

Thank you to our parent helpers who wrapped our Easter raffle prizes, Maria MacKenzie, Tracey McDaid, Janet Cincotta, Tammy Cliff, Danielle Barnes and Kim Ireland. Your generosity is always very much appreciated.

Honour Our Fallen

Honour Our Fallen has a mission to ensure a flag is erected each ANZAC Day on every grave or memorial plaque in Australia to honour those who have served their country.

If you are interested in your child being a volunteer to erect the flags on particular sites at Noraville Cemetery, please meet at 10.00am on Tuesday 24th April near the entrance off Oleander St, Noraville.