

# Farewell Father Tiziano

### Upcoming Events

- *Kinder 2020 Meetings*  
Wednesday  
1 May
- *First Eucharist Information Meeting*  
3.30 or 7.00pm  
Thursday  
2 May
- *Mother's Day Stall*  
Thursday  
9 May
- *Mother's Day Mass, Morning Tea and Netball Match vs Year 6*  
Friday  
10 May
- *NAPLAN*  
Tuesday-Thursday  
14-16 May
- *NAPLAN*  
Monday  
20 May
- *Winter Uniform*  
Monday  
20 May
- *School Feast Day*  
Friday  
24 May

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,  
Accompanying today's newsletter is a letter from Very Reverend David Ransom regarding Father Tiziano. Excerpts from the letter are included below:

"Earlier this year, Father Tiziano Torresan, Administrator of the Parish since November 2017, requested me, with a heavy heart, and for personal reasons, to be relieved of the responsibility for leadership of the community. In accepting his discernment, I asked Father Tiziano to retain his position until such time as I could consider a future framework that might be of most benefit to the parish's future stability and growth. I wish to record my deep appreciation of Father Tiziano's generosity and graciousness to do so. Together, we express our deep sense of gratitude to him for his service to the Parish, and for the many ways in which he has brought his considerable gifts to bear for the life of the community, particularly through his love of sacred music, and his unmistakable connections with the schools of the Parish which I know will greatly miss his largesse of spirit and heart."

"I am deeply conscious of the need for the Parish to enjoy a term of stability with renewed pastoral possibility. From the beginning of June, I would therefore like to appoint two priests to the Parish known for their pastoral maturity and experience, and for their deep fraternal spirit: Fr Tomy Kuruvell CFIC and Fr Baby Thomas CFIC. Frs Tomy and Baby came to our Diocese some five years ago, and for four years, lived and worked together sharing the chaplaincy at Royal North Shore Hospital. More recently, Fr Tomy has been Assistant Priest at the Parish of Lower North Shore and Fr Baby, Assistant Priest of Hornsby Cathedral Parish. They are members of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception which they have joined from the homeland of India. During their time with us, they have demonstrated personal leadership and pastoral maturity. I am confident that they will bring to their new ministry for you a great sense of commitment, stability and mission."

Father Vincent has been appointed as Assistant Priest at The Entrance and two Sisters, Sr Josefa Mabini OSA and Sr Jennifer Canillas OSA will join Frs Tomy and Baby at our Parish in August. Our diocese has asked Deacon Paul Simmons to maintain his appointment to the Parish.

"With these arrangements, I am hopeful that the Parish will be gifted with quite a remarkable pastoral team."

On behalf of our school community, I thank Father Tiziano for his servant leadership, joy in celebrating the Eucharist with the children and his gentle and kind ways. May Our Lord abundantly bless you as you move forward to the next chapter of your life.

### NAPLAN Recognition

Recently, we received an email from the CEO of ACARA. Excerpts from the email are included below:

"I am pleased to advise that ACARA has identified your school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN."

"On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging."

### Mother's Day Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the importance of our mothers beginning with Mass at 9.15am on Friday 10th May. Following Mass, a delicious Morning Tea precedes the annual Mums vs Year 6 Netball match.

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

## Your Thoughts and Prayers

On Easter Sunday, Mrs Kay Taylor lost her recurring battle with cancer. Kay was a dedicated teacher at St Mary's for many years. More recently she has been the School Chaplain at OLR, The Entrance.

Kay was one of those teachers who made every child feel very important. Children felt 10ft tall in her presence. Children left her class very well educated and feeling confident in themselves.

Please keep Kay and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also please keep the Durand family (Alexander 3Blue and Emmanuelle 1Green) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's grandfather passed away recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's strength give you great comfort during your time of loss.

## Mother's Day Stall Thursday 9th May

Thank you to the many families who have sent in their money & notes. To avoid disappointment please make sure all money & notes are sent in by this Friday 3rd May. We won't be accepting late orders. Could you also please send in a plastic bag with your child for the gift to come home in.

## From Our REC

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed your Easter celebrations.

## First Eucharist

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

**Wednesday 1/5/18 (today) at St Brendan's at 3.15pm**

**Thursday 2/5/18 (tomorrow) 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 8379 1730.

## ANZAC Liturgy

Late last term, our school community remembered all those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in a free and safe country. Our ANZAC Day Liturgy was a very special liturgy. Thank you to the

Teachers who helped prepare the liturgy and also the members from our local Toukley RSL Branch who attended.

## ANZAC Day March and Project (Honour our Fallen)

Thank you to the many families and boys and girls who attended the ANZAC Day March in the school holidays and the Honour our Fallen project. Thank you also to the many teachers that attended too. We appreciate your support and efforts.

## Dates for the Calendar

As always, we invite you to join us for the many beautiful Masses we have each term. During Term 2 our Masses will include:

Mother's Day Mass, Friday 10th May at 9.15am (followed by morning tea)

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day Mass, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am

Sacred Heart Mass, Friday June 28th at 9.15am. Please join us to celebrate together.

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator

## From Our Librarian

Welcome back to Term 2.

It's time for **all library books that are still at home from the holidays** to be returned back as soon as possible so all children can read them. A few class library days have changed so it may be worthwhile having the new day on the fridge calendar so that we don't forget our library bags or books.

## Library Conference

During the holidays I was fortunate to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Australian School Library Association (ASLA) Conference held in at the National Library of Canberra. The focus of this year's conference was on Leading Learning.

My conference began with a visit to the home of Jackie French, children's author of books such as **Diary of A Wombat** and **Hitler's Daughter**. Her work is widely known and celebrated. Jackie graciously hosted a group of teacher librarians from across Australia, of whom I was one, for lunch at her home. It was a memorable afternoon and an absolute highlight for me as Teacher Librarian of St Mary's.

Of all the times I have been to Canberra as a Year 6 teacher this was my first visit to the National Library of Australia. It was quite fondly referred to as the 'mother ship' of all Australian libraries.

I went on a behind-the-scenes tour of its collection and operation. The immense size and storage of what I could see was staggering and the knowledge that more of the collection is stored off site where the librarians have to wear hard hats and have a forklift license as part of the qualifications is almost unimaginable <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/> provides online access to explore old newspapers, photos, maps, articles and books that have been digitized.

There were numerous guest speakers throughout the conference, as well as authors Morris Gleitzman, Shelly Unwin, Bruce Pickworth and Jack Heath. The conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Teacher Librarians from right across Australia and share our school libraries, practice and expertise. It was, truly, an unforgettable experience.

Happy reading everyone

Miss Gray  
Librarian





## A Spotlight on Holy Week



## A Spotlight on ANZAC Day





## From Our PE Teacher

### Canteen News

Term 2 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday May 3, soup is Chicken Noodle and Vegetable.

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

If anyone has some time to help out in canteen it would be very much appreciated. Due to work and/or family commitments some parents can no longer volunteer and we are short of help on a few days. It's just once per month, either all day or just a couple of hours.

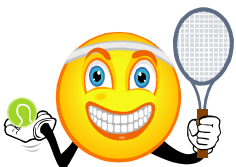
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Donna Falzon

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### Wyong Cup Rugby League

Congratulations to our St Mary's Rugby League Team - Tayte B, Josh H, Caleb F, Griffin M, Khalil G, Mason J, Malachi P, Ryan C, Ryan V, Riley S, Logan R, Cohen B, Joshua F, Corey T, Tyler D and Joey T(res). The boys were Runner's Up in the Wyong Cup.

The Wyong Cup involves all schools in the Northern half of the Central Coast.

The boys played with exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship – Miss York who attended reported that they looked out for each other all day.

A special thank you to Shane Crowe who has been coming in after school and lunchtimes to coach the boys so they understand and can work with each other as well as they did.

The final will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at which time our team will play Terrigal and the winner will qualify for the state knockout in Sydney.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



## 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Please see the flyer that came home with today's newsletter about the upcoming 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching parent programme. If you are interested in attending, please complete the form below and return to the school office.

PARENT/ CARER NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS : \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which session you would like to attend –

- ☐ **MORNING** Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12th **9.15am - 10.45am**  
OR  
☐ **EVENING** Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12th **6.30pm – 8.00pm**  
(numbers permitting)

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