

# Something We've Noticed

## Upcoming Events

- **NAPLAN**  
Monday—  
Wednesday  
20-22 May
- **Winter Uniform**  
Monday  
20 May
- **3 Blue +3 Green Sacred Space**  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
23 May
- **School Feast Day**  
Friday  
24 May
- **1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Education**  
9.15-11.00am +  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
Wednesday  
29 May
- **St Mary's Playgroup**  
9.15am  
Tuesday  
4 June
- **1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Education**  
9.15-11.00am +  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
Wednesday  
5 June
- **Year 6 in Canberra**  
Wednesday-Friday  
5-7 June
- **1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Education**  
9.15-11.00am +  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
Wednesday  
12 June
- **Athletics Carnival at Mingara**  
Friday  
14 June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

At our Mother's Day celebrations last Friday, we noticed how great the kids are at our school. At Mass, their sense of reverence and behaviour were outstanding. The singing throughout the Church was joyful and uplifting. The readers, procession children and liturgical movement children all reverently added to the celebration of the Mass.

At morning tea, it was wonderful to see the children with their Mums. And at the Netball match, the children's attitude and behaviour reflected the respectful, fun-loving kids we want them to be.

Parents, you're doing a good job raising your kids. They're kind, thoughtful and empathetic. And they are forever wearing great smiles across their faces. We're pleased to be able to be a part of their growth.

## NAPLAN

Yesterday, along with many schools across Australia, we experienced some technical difficulties with the online NAPLAN Year 5 Writing Test (Year 3 completed the Writing assessment with a pencil). The difficulties were not stemming from a school or Catholic Schools Office problem but on a much larger scale. NESA is currently attempting to rectify the situation.

Consequently, I have postponed the remainder of our NAPLAN assessments until Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (we have a window to participate in the assessments that closes next week). In delaying the assessments, I am hoping that NESA will have remedied the technical glitches by Monday.

## School Feast Day

On Friday 24th May we celebrate our school's Feast Day. We invite you to join us as we start with a 9.15am Mass. After Mass, the children participate in a variety of fun-filled activities ending with a free sausage sandwich kindly organised by our Parent Wellbeing Team.

## Kinder Excursion

On Friday, our Kinders head off on their excursion to Grace Springs Farm at Kulnura. We wish our Kinder children, teachers and volunteer parents all the best for a safe and enjoyable trip.

## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is always an exciting, fun and action-packed day for our students. All children K-6 participate. You are most welcome to join us. It is at Mingara on Friday 14th June.

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

## Merit Awards

Isaac B  
Madison C  
Hunter N  
Flynn B  
Harrison L  
Amarli M  
Connor D  
Sonny I  
Rosie W  
Alfie O  
Lillian D  
Abel N  
Kingston K  
Kirrilee F  
Euan B  
Olivia R  
Koby D  
Max W  
Chelsea B  
Luca K  
Nate O  
Marcella R  
Bailey J  
Myah L  
Sinead H  
Peyton B  
Kahlil G  
Olivia C  
Cooper M  
Kourtney F  
Harper R  
Connor M  
Jaime F  
Jonah A

## Uniform Shop News

Our official change over to winter uniform is next Monday 20th May. If your child wishes to wear the winter uniform before then they most certainly can, however they are not to mix the uniforms, it's either FULL summer of FULL winter uniform.

Lastly the shop will be closed next **FRIDAY 24th MAY**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Leesa Sternbeck  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

# From Our REC

## First Eucharist

A reminder to parents and carers: The First Eucharist preparation has commenced. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1730 for further information.

## Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

We celebrate our school feast day, Mary Help of Christians, with a Mass next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Mass will begin at 9.15am, followed by recess before students move to some fun activities around the school. Activities will include novelty games, sporting activities and Mary reflection areas, which a team of teachers is spending a great deal of time organising. Activities will be followed by a BBQ lunch provided by our Wellbeing Parent Team. We would love to see parents attend our Mass.

## Parish Mass

On Sunday 2nd June, families attending the 9am Parish Mass are asked to please provide a plate for morning tea (after Mass).

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator



# From Our Librarian



Our countdown is on for National Simultaneous Storytime! Next Wednesday, 22 May, our entire school will stop and view the text Alpaccas With Maraccas by *Matt Cosgrove*.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Each week every child has the opportunity to borrow a library book from the school library. It's the one place we can go and take something away for free. Some children love reading books about animals such as Holly Webb's puppy series.

A few children have re-discovered Baby Sitter's Club and Pony Pals while Harry Potter is becoming a favourite with a whole new generation of readers. David Walliams, Andy Griffiths and Roald Dahl books are constantly checked in and out again. The Bad Guys, Tom Gates, Dogman and Captain Underpants are in constant demand. Many children are borrowing but some books are not being read. Library books are part of our home reading log. It is also okay for mum or dad to read our library book with us or talk about the storyline, characters or even why we

chose it.

Why not check what your child has borrowed from the library this week. Don't let it stay in the library bag never to be read and enjoyed.

## A COMFORTABLE PLACE

Our Library has many cosy nooks and crannies to relax and experience quiet time in the 'busyness' of the school day. This has become even cosier with our new, colourful, vinyl beanbags. There's nothing better than curling up with a good book!!!

Happy reading everyone and to all mums I hope one of your Mother's Day surprises was a good book to read!!!

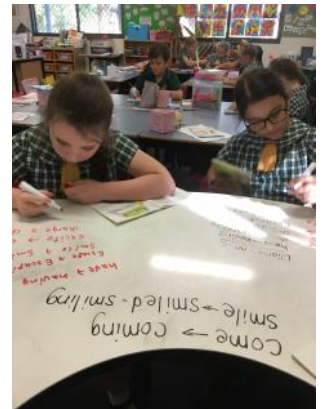
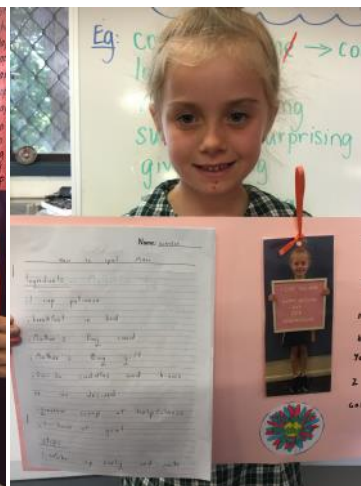
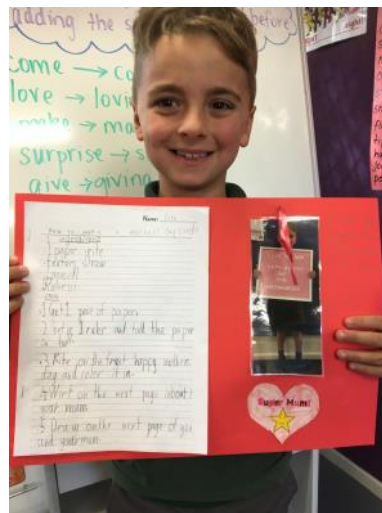
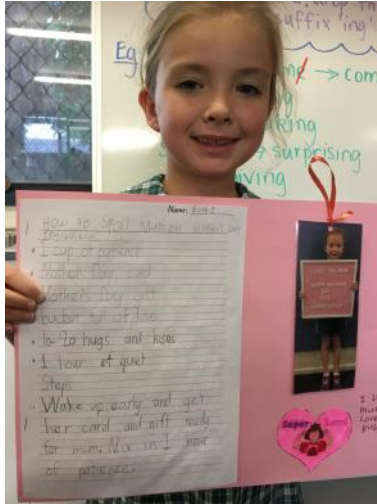
Happy reading everyone

Miss Gray  
Librarian





## A Spotlight on Year 2

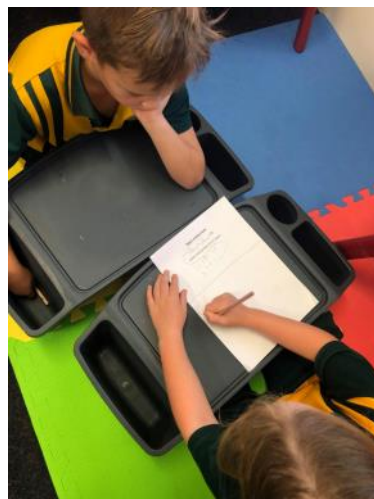


2Gold holding their Procedures on "How to Spoil Mum on Mother's Day" & engaging in spelling tasks.



2Green have been learning about Procedure writing by making and eating fairy bread.

2Blue have been challenging themselves to solve addition problems and prove their answers in more than one way.



## From Our PE Teacher

### Canteen News

Term 2 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday May 17, soup is Chicken and Sweet Corn.



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.

Thank you  
Donna Falzon

### Star Awards

Stephanie M  
Mia N  
Noah B  
Ashton M  
Emmanuelle D  
Ezri D  
Beau T  
Jasmine C  
Emilia R  
Hua Qiang P  
Blake C  
Toby S  
Zach M  
Mason J  
Lexi C  
Riley S

### Athletics Carnival

Permission notes have gone home for our Athletics Carnival on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Mingara.

I would appreciate as many of our wonderful helpers as possible to make the day the success it always is.

Please return all permission notes by next Thursday – this allows buses to be booked and programs to be completed.

### League Stars Afterschool Program

A fantastic afterschool program full of fun activities for kids. A great way to enjoy being with friends afterschool.

Start – 22/5/2019, Wednesdays 3.20pm, 5yrs – 8yrs. Register [LEAGUESTARS.COM](http://LEAGUESTARS.COM)

### St Mary's sacks

Has anyone got our St Mary's sacks in their garage? I am on the hunt hoping they may turn up. They were borrowed a few times last year by other schools and families and I can't seem to find them. Thank you so much.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



#### REMINDER

All book club orders need to be finalised by this Friday 17th May. Thank you.



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Entertainment Books are on sale in the office. They are great value at only \$65.00.

## 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Please see the flyer that came home with the newsletter in Week 1 about the upcoming 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching parent programme. It is also available on the school website. 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**