

# Welcome Frs Tomy + Baby

### Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Year 2 Excursion to Tocal**  
Thursday  
20 June
- **First Eucharist Practice**  
3.30pm  
Thursday  
20 June
- **Reports sent home**  
Friday  
21 June
- **First Eucharist**  
9.00am  
Sunday  
23 June
- **Soccer Gala Day**  
Friday  
28 June
- **Sacred Heart Mass**  
9.15am  
Friday  
28 June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Father Tomy (Parish Administrator) and Father Baby (Assistant Priest) begin their servant leadership roles in our parish late this week. We welcome Father Tomy and Father Baby and ask Our Lord to bless and support them in their ministry in our parish.

We trust that your time in our parish school community is marked by many wonderful relationships that reflect the teachings of Jesus.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

On Friday 21st June your child's Report will be sent home with them. You will also receive an emailed copy. In the week beginning Monday 24th June teachers are offering meetings for all families to discuss your child's progress.

On Monday a letter was sent home (it is also on our school's website) regarding booking a time to meet with your child's teacher. Bookings can be made from 4.00pm on Wednesday 12th June.

### Restorative Practices

Accompanying today's newsletter is our *Restorative Practices* brochure. Restorative Practices encourage students to think about how their behaviour has affected others: students, staff and families. It helps children develop respect, responsibility and honesty. Restorative Practices are not about any child being in trouble, it is about repairing relationships.

### K-2 Swimming

In late Term 3, our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 children will participate in formal Swimming lessons. Once costing is confirmed, a letter regarding K-2 Swimming will be sent home in the next few weeks.

### First Eucharist

On Sunday 23rd June, children from our school and parish will celebrate receiving Jesus for the first time through the sacrament of First Eucharist. As these children prepare for this beautiful sacrament, would you please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Compass is Coming

One of the many uses of Compass is the roll marking system. When it is up and running parents can log their child's absences on their own device. You will no longer need to write absentee notes or phone our school's office.

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 Tomy *Parish Priest*  
Father Baby *Parish Priest*  
Deacon Paul

### Merit Awards

Cohen R  
Ava S  
Ashley V  
Dali M  
Taj Rennie  
Holly L  
Cynthia A  
John M  
Charli A  
Harry B  
Ruby K  
Zoe D  
Isabelle T  
Jasmine C  
Vanessa M  
Ivy D  
Dion M  
Sumira D  
Nova B  
Lexie L  
Dylan B  
Rylee F  
Bailey N  
Riley T  
Kitty G  
Matilda S  
Dakota L  
Liam S  
Linsey A  
Ozzy I  
Silongo K  
Kierra L  
Tara T  
Emily C  
Zara H  
Zoe J  
Sienna C  
Jessica B  
Sienna S  
Bella D

## 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.

### Winter Appeal

Our 2019 Winter Appeal has begun! Our Mini Vinnies students will be hard at work over the remainder of the term collecting items donated to the school.

We ask families, before the end of Term 2, to please donate any jumpers and blankets. If you or your children have outgrown anything that is still in good condition, please donate! Although we ask for donations of clothing items that have been pre-worn, please ensure that they do not have rips or stains, as they will be new clothes for people in our local community. Your donations are much appreciated.

### Sacred Heart Mass

Our Sacred Heart Mass will be on Friday 28/6 (Week 9) at 9.15am. This mass will be led by Kindergarten. Please join us.

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator



Zara and Mia from Year 5 volunteering their time for the Red Shield Appeal as part of their Kids 4 Community work.

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

Building a child's resilience and ability to bounce back from difficult situations is necessary for their future. Our instinct as a parent may be to try to protect our children from disappointment, loss, uncomfortable situations, etc, but this can be unrealistic and sometimes unhelpful. If we shield our children or do everything to try to make them happy all the time, they never learn how to deal with difficulties or disappointments in life. Going through challenging times is often the best learning experience for them.

As they get older, challenges and setbacks are inevitable and the more resilient children are, the better they can cope. While it may be hard to imagine if your child has just started Kindergarten, they will one day be independent young adults who will have to make their own way in the world and it's our job as parents to support them in developing character strengths they will need to succeed in life and that job starts at day one.

For example, parents can become anxious when their child talks about having difficulties with friendships at school or social situations and parents then try to intervene directly. It's important to be mindful when responding to things that have upset children that they tend to be focused on themselves and see things from their own perspective, particularly young chil-

ren. A calm and thoughtful approach is always best when helping your child deal with situations like this. Talking with your child about what kind of things they can do to help themselves, getting them to think about how others may be feeling in that circumstance and showing them how to greet people and be a good friend will help to make them more proficient in dealing with similar situations in the future. If this approach doesn't seem to be working and you are concerned about them, then your child's class teacher is the ideal first point of contact.

Sometimes it is helpful for us as parents/ carers to reflect on what kind of things we do that either help or hinder our children's ability to bounce back or take responsibility for their own actions? We don't want to minimise or dismiss children's emotions when they tell us how they feel or about things that are happening, but just as importantly we don't want to inflame a situation and cause them anxiety with our own reaction. Parents are children's biggest role models in all aspects of life, including how to respond when challenging times occur.

We have a number of books in our Parent Resource Library that deal with resilience and supporting children's development. Please see me if you are interested in borrowing any of them.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



## A Spotlight on Year 4



Multiplication games in 4Green



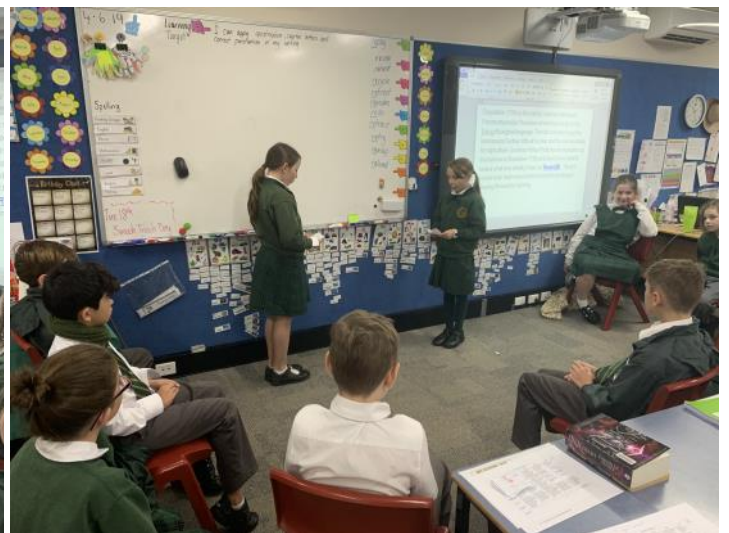
Visitations of Mary artwork 4Green



Students are exploring multiplication and division facts 4Blue



Year 4Gold have been working hard on planning, writing and presenting their partner debates.





## Canteen News

Term 2 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday June 7 soup is Pumpkin.



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

If anyone has some time to help out in canteen (particularly on either Thursday or Friday 12pm-2pm) 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

India S  
Charlotte C  
Jackson Q  
Oliver G  
Connor D  
Archie M  
Kingston K  
Olivia D  
Eddie A  
Addison L  
Kobe E  
Joshua Y  
Nate O  
Chelsea F  
Myah L  
Yumi S  
Theresa D  
Annabel R  
Clayton B  
Indi J  
Ryan V

2019/2020  
Entertainment Books  
are on sale in the  
office. They are great  
value at only \$65.00.

## Boots For Africa Donation

Brydie & Lilly of year 6 are asking our school community for your support. The girls are collecting donations for Boots for Africa, their chosen charity for their Kids 4 Community initiative.

The girls will be collecting items such as second hand:

- Soccer / football boots
- Head / shoulder gear
- School shoes
- Joggers / runners
- Sport equipment

Donations can be made every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 - 8:55 am in the top playground from Week 5 Term 2 through to Week 5 Term 3.



## Woolworths Earn and Learn

For the next month our school will be taking part in the Woolies Earn and Learn promotion. A sticker sheet will be sent home with today's newsletter. You can fill this in at home or send the stickers to school. Thank you to those who have already sent stickers in. We hope to be able to acquire more free resources for our school. Thank you from Year 5 Gold.

## Something We've Noticed

At 5.30am this morning our Year 6 met at school in readiness for the trip to Canberra. All rugged up to brave the cold, the students were excited and looking forward to the 2 night excursion.



St Mary's Playgroup  
Tuesday morning

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