



First Eucharist

Upcoming Events

- *Year 2 Excursion*
Thursday
20 June
- *First Eucharist Practice*
3.30pm
Thursday
20 June
- *Year 5 Assembly*
1.50pm
Thursday
20 June
- *Reports sent home*
Friday
21 June
- *First Eucharist*
9.00am
Sunday
23 June
- *Year 3 Assembly*
1.50pm
Thursday
27 June
- *Soccer Gala Day*
Friday
28 June
- *Sacred Heart Mass*
9.15am
Friday
28 June
- *Year 4 Excursion*
Thursday
4 July
- *Year 1 Assembly*
1.50pm
Thursday
4 July
- *Last Day of Term 2*
Friday
5 July

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Sunday, children from our school and parish will celebrate receiving Jesus for the first time through the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It is a very special time for the girls and boys and the importance of the day will be plain to see on their smiling and proud faces.

We pray for all the children receiving their First Eucharist, that their relationship, understanding and love of God only grows deeper as they grow older.

First Eucharist Mass commences at 9.00am on Sunday.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Bookings for Parent Teacher Meetings to discuss your child's Report and progress close on Friday. Please visit our school's website for the letter outlining log in details.

These meetings are an important part of your child's progress. What message is it giving to your child if you don't book a meeting time or don't turn up?

Reports

On Friday your child's Report will be sent home with them. You will also receive an emailed copy in the week beginning Monday 24th June.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Hawkshaw family (Josh 6 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. Josh's grandmother passed away recently. May your beautiful memories and Our Lord's strength give you considerable courage at this difficult time.

NAP CC

On Monday, 6 Gold participated in a trial for NAP CC (NAPLAN Civics and Citizenship). A few schools in our diocese were nominated to participate in the online trial.

Late to School

For the 95% of parents who have their children at school on time, "Congratulations and Thank You." It certainly makes a difference to how they start their day.

For the small number of parents who are repeatedly late, it's not helping your child. They're missing important early morning instructions and it puts them on the 'back foot'.

For the one-off, 'once in a blue moon' late to school, that's not an issue. It's the chronic, repeat situations where the same parents are bringing their child(ren) late to school that's where you notice the difference the negative impact on the child's learning.

Compass Update (also see above)

The Compass Kiosk is now installed in our foyer. In the morning, if your child's class has entered their room and they're not present, your child is marked absent. You can no longer just drop your child off, either at their classroom or certainly not in the carpark. You will need to go with your child to the office and electronically sign them in.

Shortly you will receive details about a Compass Parent Portal and App which will enable you to:

- view information on your child/ren's attendance
- enter explanations for absences
- receive communications
- update your contact details

Please keep a look out for an email with login information and instructions over the coming weeks.

Pandora Avenue

We have had a number of concerned families and residents noticing the increased amount of cars and children in Pandora Avenue at afternoon pickup. Please drive slowly and carefully around the school and be considerate of local residents, ensuring driveways are kept clear.

Kind Regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

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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

William M
Cruz C
Teyah H
Nate F
Ellie C
Ryan M
Kobe J
Emmanuelle D
Owen M
Ayla C
Zoe W
Cooper M
Elizabeth C
Chloe S
Darcy M
Brooklyn C
Mitchell W
Ellie B
Rose D
Joshua Y
Harry B
Portia R
Patrick C
Malaya M
Samuel W
Lachlan M
Tyson S
Harry H
Darcy N
Gabby S
Macey B
Trinity T
Scarlett O
Mia C
Tayte B
Rianna B
Leah K
William G

Congratulations

We congratulate the Gray Family on the birth of their new son, a little brother for Matthew (1Gold).

We also congratulate the Hartman Family on the birth of their new son, a little brother for Archie (KBlue).

We wish you every blessing as you welcome a new member to your family.

From Our REC

First Eucharist

Please keep the many children in Years 4, 5 and 6 in your prayers as they prepare to make the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Children will make the Sacrament this Sunday 23rd June at 9am, here at St Mary's.

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.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Season's for Growth

A note went home with last week's newsletter about our Seasons for Growth (SFG) programme. Seasons for Growth is a peer support programme which aims to strengthen the social and emotional well-being of children in Years 1 to 6 who are dealing with significant life changes brought about by death, separation or divorce within their families. Led by a trained adult companion, the children explore the impact of change and loss on their every day lives and learn new ways of responding to these changes. The programme will begin at the start of Term 3, so if you think your child would benefit from SFG and they are interested in participating, please complete the expression of interest on the form and return to school. You can also find the note on the school website if you need another copy. If you would like more information about the Seasons programme you are welcome to speak with me either in person or by calling the school office.

Friendships

While some children seem to find it easy to make friends, for those having difficulty it can cause sadness and worry. Limited social development and poor social skills can affect children's ability to get along with others – they can either try to

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.

Grandparents Day

Term 3, Week 1 (Friday 26th July) we will be holding our Grandparent's Day Liturgy at 10.15 am in the Church. Following this there will be a morning tea (11.00 am) and then a time for grandparents to visit their grandchild's classroom (11.25-11.50). The children really enjoy sharing our school with their grandparents and we're excited to do so again. This is a great chance for children who have a grandparent to show their Nan, Pop, Grandma or Grandpa their classroom and to celebrate them in a liturgy. Please join us.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator

dominate groups, or have confidence problems which can hamper their ability to join in with others and develop friendships. This can affect how they see themselves in relation to other children.

Allowing time for play as well as providing opportunities to participate in different activities and interests gives children a chance to meet a wide variety of other children and adults, while practicing their social skills.

Sometimes parents and carers have to take on a coaching role to help children develop the social and developmental skills they need to build relationships. Parents and carers don't have to try and fix children's friendship difficulties or have all the answers to any problems that may crop up. What they can do though is talk things through with their children and guide children in coming up with their own solutions by asking questions and getting children to really think about what is happening and why.

Positive friendships are important for children's mental health, as they provide a means of support and help to further develop their social and emotional skills. Raising Children Network has an article "[Supporting Your Child's School Aged Friendships](#)" which is well worth a look.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 6

Canberra Excursion



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Term 2 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday June 21 soup is Chicken and Sweet Corn.



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

Star Awards

Phoebe N
Levi R
Byron H
Zoe S
Tessa G
Summer D
Lucas C
Timmy S
Myles S
Summer M
Zara B
Bailey N
Charli D
Adam Q
Claire W
Adelle S
Lily T
Maddi C
Tahla M
Savio D

Something We've Noticed

Our Athletics Carnival was fantastic. The children's attitude, behaviour and sportsmanship were wonderful. Their encouragement of each other's efforts and achievements was pleasing to witness. And the staff are used to it. That's what the kids do every year.

Thanks to Mrs Bain (tremendous organisation, once again) and the many helpers who assisted ensuring the day ran very smoothly.

ST MARY'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Blue reigns supreme for the eighth time in 12 years! Congratulations BLUE!!! Our scores were so close 2 points between 1st and second – ALL DOWN TO THE RELAYS!!! What a beautiful day! What an amazing number of supporters of St Mary's children. The great weather makes for happy kids, teachers and parents. Thank you to all of the helpers – it cannot happen without you. A special thankyou to those people who ran the 2 tracks. I totally appreciate what a huge commitment it is. You spend all day there timing/ judging and scoring and get little time to support your own children. Pay off is that your children love you helping! As you would realise there is no way the staff could run the Carnival! Parents we need and appreciate you!!! Also a special thanks to the staff who were assisting from before light at Mingara to set up the oval and then at 5pm back at school unpacking cars and loading equipment back into the sports shed.

Presentation is Friday 2.30 in the undercroft, CCC Athletics is Friday 9th August

NSW SCHOOLS CUP NETBALL YR 5 & 6 -Where: National Park, Union St Newcastle **When:** Wednesday, 6th August, 2019

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT CENTRAL COAST RUGBY LEAGUE FINAL THURSDAY 4TH JULY – WEEK 10 – MORRIE BREEN

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