



Your Prayers and Thoughts

Upcoming Events

- **Year 1 Excursion**
Thursday
25 July
- **Graduation Meeting**
Year 6 Parents
3.15pm
Thursday
25 July
- **Grandparents' Day**
Liturgy, Morning Tea + Open Classrooms
From 10.15am
Friday
26 July
- **Confirmation Meeting**
3.30pm + 7.00pm
Thursday
1 August
- **NSW Netball School Cup**
Tuesday
6 August
- **Environment Leaders' Day**
Taronga Zoo
Tuesday
6 August
- **CCC Athletics**
Friday
9 August
- **St Mary's Playgroup**
9.15am
Tuesday
13 August

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news with you that Renae Ormrod, mother of Halle (5 Gold), Cooper (5 Blue) and Scarlett (5 Green) and Anthony's wife passed away late last week. Renae was a loving, beautiful mother whose devotion to her children was clear for all to see.

Please keep the Ormrod family in your thoughts and prayers. We pray that Our Lord will give you guidance and strength in your time of sorrow. May your wonderful memories help deeply sustain you as your lives move forward.

The Ormrod family has been connected with our school for approximately 15 years with older children Crystal (University) and Lachlan (Year 9) having also attended our school.

Director of Catholic Schools

Our system is losing its wonderful leader. Mr Peter Hamill will shortly finish as Director of Catholic Schools, Broken Bay to begin his tenure with the National Catholic Education Commission as Deputy Director.

Peter has made a magnificent contribution to the life of the Broken Bay Diocese. Peter's attention to knowing the individual contexts of all 44 schools has been exemplary. He has made a significant pastoral contribution to the wellbeing of students, staff and families and his tremendous presence has guaranteed he has been a most trusted colleague.

On behalf of our school community, I thank Peter for knowing and understanding our school, for being an excellent leader and listener and a wonderful person. We trust that you gain great fulfilment from your new role.

Confirmation

The information session for parents of children wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Thursday 1st August. You have a choice of the 3.30pm or 7.00pm session. The meeting will be in the Church and/or Parish Centre.

Year 1 Excursion

On Thursday Year 1 travel to the Wetlands for their excursion. We trust that you will have a safe and wonderful day of learning.

Rugby League Success

In the last week of Term 2 our Opens Rugby League team competed at Morrie Breen in the finals of the Catholic and Independent Schools Cup. After a strong semi-final win, the boys then defeated Tumbi Umbi 18-10 in the final. The boys' win was characterised by a clear sense of teamwork and continual support of each other.

Congratulations boys! Your excellent behaviour matched your skills on the field. We wish the team well as next week they travel to Port Macquarie for the regional finals. We greatly thank Shane Crowe (Ryan's Dad) for capably coaching the team.

Grandparent's Day Celebrations

Please join us on Friday for our Grandparent's Day celebrations. Our liturgy commences at 10.15am. Morning tea is at 11.00am and Open Classrooms is from 11.25am—11.50am.

We'd love for you to join us because it makes an amazing difference to our place when we have many visitors whose presence creates a great atmosphere.

Change of Dates

1. The Book Parade will now be held on Monday 26th August.
2. School photos will now be held on Thursday 5th September.

Two dates in our Term 3 calendar (sent home last term) are incorrect.

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

Evalatu M
Stephanie M
Alex T
Lachlan B
Jase B
Koa F
Frankie G
Charlie B
Ty T
Vinnie E
Rhani L
Summer G
Sarah L
Lukas F
Oscar L
Tayla M
Benjamin G
Tia S
Evie S
Mitchell W
Luca K
Emily T
Mayah H
Zahra D
Lily T
Jaxon C
Zac H
Taj P
Riley T
Ava G
Eden L
Filippo C
Connor D

From Our REC

Welcome Back to Term 3!

Sacrament of Confirmation

For those children preparing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 21st September, please attend **one** of the compulsory information afternoons/nights:

Wednesday 31st July 3.30pm at St Brendan's Lake Munmorah (in the church)

OR

Thursday 1st August at 3.30pm at St Mary's Toukley (in the Parish Centre)

OR

Thursday 1st August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Toukley (in the Parish Centre).

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss your own personal circumstances regarding the Sacraments, please call the parish office on 8379-1730.

Grandparents Day

This 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.

Term 3 - Dates for the Calendar

Friday 26th July: Grandparents Day Liturgy, 10.15am

Friday 16th August: Assumption Mass, 9.15am

Friday 30th August: Father's Day Mass, 9.15am

Saturday 21st September: Sacrament of Confirmation.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Hopefully we have all settled back into our regular routines for school, but for some it can be a challenge after the casual ways of school holidays. It's nice to take things easy in the morning without a schedule and time pressures for a couple of weeks, but establishing a regular routine has many benefits for children.

A routine lets a child know what to expect, provides them with a sense that life is predictable and prove calming for a child and give them a sense of security. When a child knows what to expect, their world is more comfortable. This is why children tend to thrive with routines.

Uncertainty about what will be happening and when, can leave children feeling unsure, anxious and stressed. That's not a good way for anyone to start their day and can lead to challenging behaviour from children.

Routines allow children to participate in day to day activities and they are more willing to do things on their own when they are able to predict events and consequences after following routines you establish. This in turn can help encourage independence in children and develop their sense of self. When they can do things for themselves children feel a sense

of pride, build positive self esteem and are more willing to take on new tasks.

There is more information about the benefits of routines for children in the article "[Why routines for kids are important](#)".

There are lots of opportunities for parents/carers and grandparents to be involved at school this term with Grandparents and Father's Day celebrations, book week parade, a book fair and sport Gala Days for our older children. All families are invited and encouraged to come along and participate in our many activities.

Don't forget our regular weekly activities like Tuesday morning "Cuppa and Chat" for parents and carers to meet and catch up straight after morning assembly and Thursday morning "Storytime in the Library" for toddlers and pre-schoolers, again straight after morning assembly. Our Parent Resource Library is available for all parents/carers to borrow from at any time and has some great resources.

If you are looking for some new ideas for healthy lunchboxes you can find some great hints at healthylunchbox.com.au or taste.com.au.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Music

We celebrate Music at St Mary's! We love the way students take part enthusiastically whether singing, playing, listening, moving and dancing, or organising sound and composing. Music helps us to all enjoy an enriched time together in the classroom, in church and at assemblies and special events.



Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch
Specials have begun. This
Friday July 26 soup is
Pumpkin



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

Star Awards

Willow L
Natalija K
Emily A
Phoebe-Rene F
Thomas L
Harry B
Jay K
Luke P
Lachlan M
Lara N
Harrison M
Summer M
Tiernan B
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From Our PE Teacher

Central Coast Catholic Independent Rugby League Champions!!!!

Congratulations - Mason, Tyler, Josh, Caleb, Tayte, Griffin, Khalil, Malachi, Ryan, Ryan, Riley, Logan, Corey, Cohen, Ashton and Joey.

The hard work all term paid off and the boys are now off to Port Macquarie to play against Scone Grammar on the Northern Region Final next Thursday 1st August.

Huge Thanks to Shane Crowe for coaching the boys all term and Cassandra Patterson for managing the team.

St Mary's wishes you all the best of luck next week!!!!



Interschools Ski Championships

Congratulations Lily and Zali McFadden on your efforts in the holidays. I will follow up with details next week.

Roosters Dancers

Congratulations to our 70 amazing dancers. St Mary's was so impressed with your skill, smiles and effort at the Roosters vs Cowboys game during the holidays.

Thank you to Bianca Bailey from Cathy Makin School of Dance who came in Friday afternoons and taught the children the dance, then polished their performance to what we saw before the main game.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

