St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Toukley

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please Join Us

Upcoming Events

- CCC Athletics Friday 9 August
- St Mary's Playgroup
 9.15am
 Tuesday
 13 August
- Assumption Mass 9.15am Friday 16 August
- Choir singing for Catholic Women's League Thursday 22 August
- Book Parade 9.30am Monday 26 August
- Public Speaking Cluster Final Tuesday 27 August
- Catholic and Independent Rugby League Schools Cup Finals Wednesday 28 August
- Father's Day Stall Thursday 29 August
- Father's Day Mass, BBQ Breakfast and Netball Match vs Year 6 Friday 30 August

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Over the next month or so, we have a variety of Masses and events to which you are most welcome to join us. It's a fun time of the year and we do like it when you are able to join us.

From our next Playgroup, our Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, our Book Week Parade, teams qualifying for the NSW Netball Schools Cup and Rugby League State Finals, together with our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast, Mass and Netball match vs Year 6 all are great opportunities for you to drop in and add to the culture of our place. Your kids enjoy seeing you here.

Funeral of Renae Ormrod

The funeral of Renae Ormrod will be held at 11.00am on Friday 9th August in our Church. If there are any families wanting their child to attend, I kindly ask that parents accompany them.

I know that Renae's husband, Anthony has appreciated the many kind words, thoughts, gestures and prayers offered by both staff and families during this difficult time.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Patterson-Saunders family in your thoughts and prayers. Malachi (5 Green) and Elijah's (3 Gold) great grandmother passed away very recently. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's strength give you great courage in your time of loss.

Please also keep the Plant family (Harry 1 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. Harry's grandfather passed away recently. We pray that the strength of our Lord gives you great comfort in your time of need.

Something We've Noticed

Yesterday we had 4 teams represent our school in the Newcastle Division of the NSW Netball Schools Cup. Appropriately, the children were well mannered, respectful and excellent representatives of St Mary's. Pleasing was the positive sporting manner in which the kids competed throughout the day. Congratulations! Term 3 Week 3 7 August 2019



Congratulations also to our Year 6 team whose undefeated run yesterday qualifies them for the next level of the competition.

CCC Athletics

Best wishes to our 48 athletes representing us at the CCC Athletics at Mingara on Friday. All we ask is that you put in your best efforts.

Renaming Our School

With a wallaby who is a regular at our school this morning sitting outside the Year 2 classrooms to the recently arrived plovers who have set up camp and informed me that they now own our oval, we are considering renaming our school, "St Mary's Catholic Wildlife School."

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

Mia M Gwyneth M Laykn V Willow C Riley G Noah B Sonny I Cynthia A Edward C Charli A Alina L Ma'Niyah J Darcy M Lincoln S Dylan B Zali M Connor V Alexander D Samuel W Liam S Eyli P Shelby M Gabrielle S Ajay Y Kalen C Elly S Harper R Cooper M Indi J Jai C Aaliyah W

Father's Day Stall & BBQ

Notes for the Father's Day stall and BBQ are going home with today's newsletter. We kindly ask if these could please be returned by Friday 23rd August for ordering and catering numbers.

Thank you St Mary's Wellbeing Team



From Our REC

Assumption Mass:

Please join us on Friday 16th August to celebrate the Assumption Mass at 9.15am.

Father's Day Mass

Our Father's Day Mass will be held on Friday 30th August at 9.15am. Important things to note: Once again we would like to begin our Father's Day Mass with a procession of dads and their children wearing their work clothes. If you would like to participate in this procession, please add your name and your child's name to a note with your occupation/what you and your children will be wearing and send it in to me in the office. There are limited spots (roughly 25-30 dads only) so positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. I will send a confirmation note home with your child in the days leading up to the Mass.

Liz Hartge Religious Education Coordinator





From Our Family Liaison Officer

Mental health is a factor in everyone's life and when we talk about it we refer to positive mental health as well as mental illness that can occur.

The importance of promoting mental health in childhood can't be underestimated. Good mental health helps your child develop socially, emotionally, mentally and physically. A strong, loving relationship with parents/ carers can have a direct and positive impact on children's mental health. Learning to manage their feelings and being able to cope with the ups and downs of life is vitally important for children's development and wellbeing.

The following links to articles from Raising Children Network provide information for parents and carers to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in children aged <u>3-8 years</u> and those aged <u>9-18 years</u>.

Today our Year 6 students will be taking part in the SKIPS (Supporting Kids in Primary School) programme. It is a child centred mental health and wellbeing programme for our older children. They learn about both physical and mental health and the similarities and differences between them, the language used when discussing mental health and the impact mental illness can have. The programme is interactive for the children with activities, worksheets and lots of discussion.

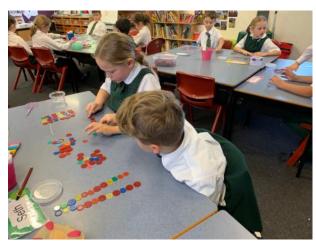
Our last Playgroup for children starting Kinder in 2020 is on in next Tuesday morning, 9.15am to 10.45am, in the school hall. It is a chance for those children and families to meet others, become familiar with our school, meet some staff members and discover how children learn through play.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be here Wednesday August 21, from 2.30pm for their regular 'Pop Up'. It is a chance for families to meet the TNC staff and discover the many services and programmes they provide to our community.

Coming home with today's newsletter is a reminder about allergy awareness in our school. For some children in our school particular foods can cause severe, even life threatening allergic reactions and we request you refrain from sending those foods in to school. Thank you for your support in making school safe for everyone.

Donna Falzon Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 2



















From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday August 9 soup is Minestrone.



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

Star Awards

Charlie M Sienna H Sophia K Zane B Cochella O Matthew G Ellie M Lukas F Xavier S Emily T Zahra D Savannah T Owen W Theresa D Sienna S Zara H Tahla M Joshua H

Reminder Year 6 Parents

Year 6 Graduation Meeting for parents in the library on Thursday 8th August at 3.15pm. All welcome.

Years 2-6 Parents ICAS Assessments

This year, for the first time, parents will enroll for the tests and pay online directly to UNSW Global. Please refer to the note that has been sent home with the students. Online payment will close on 14th August 2019.

Northern Region Catholic Independent Final

<u>Series</u>

Last week our very talented Rugby League team travelled to Port Macquarie to play in the Northern NSW final. Meaning they were in the top 3 Catholic/Independent Primary Schools in Northern NSW. The boys played Scone Grammar in the first game and won 18 nil and then won 18 – 12 in the second game against St Joseph's Port Macquarie. St Mary's is so proud of the training Shane Crowe and the boys have put in over the last 4 months – they are playing and supporting each other as a true team!



Congratulations Cohen B on being named player of the finals. A well deserved award! Thanks to Mrs Cattabriga for travelling up and supporting the boys! They have now made the NSW final against a Southern Region Catholic/Independent School on 28th August at St Mary's Stadium. Best Wishes Boys!

NSW All Schools Netball

Megan M and Mia C were selected to be a part of the Polding Netball Team competing in the NSW All Schools Competition in Orange last week. Both girls are very talented circle players and helped Polding to a strong position in the NSW competition. We are very proud of their achievements.

NSW Netball Local Region Gala Day

Yesterday 4 St Mary's Netball teams played in the local section of the NSW Netball Competition. They played at Newcastle Netball Courts in magic weather conditions. What a fabulous day was had by all students. The Bears and Snakes played in the non - competitive division and had fun with both wins and losses. The Lions and Tigers played in the Competitive division, the Lions (year 6) won all of their games and the Tigers (year 5) won 2 and lost 3 games.

The Lions now progress to Phase 2 - the Regional Finals, to be held at Maitland Netball Association on **Friday 16 August, 2019.**

Congratulations all! Many thanks to Kellie Walker, Lee Jones and Wyong Netball for coaching, selecting and managing teams.

CCC Athletics Friday 9th August at Mingara – Good Luck to all Athletes

Liz Bain Sports Coordinator



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