



School Photos

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *School Photos*
Thursday
5 September
- *Years 3 +4 Netball/Soccer Gala Day*
Friday
13 September

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Our *School Photos* are on Thursday 5th September. The School Photo envelopes need to be returned **on the day** of the photos. Even if you are not purchasing any photos we still require the envelope to be returned on that day.

Family envelopes (for photos with siblings) are available to be collected from the front office.

Children are to wear their full winter school uniform for the photos.

Feast of the Assumption

Mass celebrating the Feast of the Assumption begins at 9.15am on Friday in our Church. You are most welcome to join us.

Book Week Details

The theme of this year's Book Week is "*Reading is my secret power.*" On Monday 26th August our Book Fair opens for the week, closing at 11.00am on Friday 30th. Any money raised from the Book Fair will be targeted to purchase more STEM resources.

Our annual Book Parade is also on Monday 26th commencing at 9.15am on the top playground. We invite you to join us for our Book Parade.

Later on Monday our Year 6 will do a great job drawing our school community together through our "*Reading on the Oval*" session. After lunch the teachers will swap classes and read "*The book which I treasure the most.*"

Father's Day Details

In Week 6 we celebrate Father's Day. Beginning before school with our BBQ Breakfast, kindly organised by our Parent Wellbeing Team, our Dads are then invited to join us for Father's Day Mass, commencing at 9.15am.

Following Mass, our Dads are welcome to have morning tea with their child(ren) and then the annual Dads vs Year 6 Netball match begins. We need some Dads to help

form the team that, most likely, will be beaten by our strong Year 6 team.

Something We've Noticed

A parent new to our school who was visiting for the first time commented positively on the children to me earlier today. She made special mention of how children warmly greeted her as she walked through the playground. The visitor was touched by the children's manners, respectful attitude and smiles.

K-2 Swimming

Thank you to the many parents who have already returned their swimming notes. For those who haven't yet returned them, could you please do so by this coming Friday.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Assistant Principal Renewal

In accordance with diocesan policy, I will be completing a *Professional Renewal and Review* process in September, for my role as Assistant Principal. All school leadership members complete such a process every three years. The purpose is to rejoice in successes, celebrate achievements and identify areas for professional development. To gather data, I am asking parents from the school community to please offer to complete a short and confidential survey (6 questions). If you are happy to complete a survey to support my leadership development, please contact the school and it will be emailed out to you. All surveys must be completed by 30th August. Thank you for your support,

Emma Sellars
Assistant 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
Phoebe N
Hunter N
Charlotte C
Sophia K
Taj R
Andy B
John M
Archer G
Aila K
Ruby K
Zoe D
Olivia R
Thomas R
Ivy D
Bethany M
Zara B
Tia S
Tiernan B
Emily T
Nate O
Kyah R
Matilda S
Ben R
Reif D
Vasiliki P
Alex S
Ajay Y
Max C
Laylah S
Kealan R
Zoe J
Sienna C
Jeweliet M
Marlee S

From Our REC

Assumption Mass:

Please join us this 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please keep the many children in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers and thoughts. These children are currently in the process of attending parish-run classes with their parents to assist in their preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held here at St Mary's on Saturday 21st September at 10.00am.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Librarian

Last week in the Library Kinder, Years 1 and 2 viewed and discussed the text **The Dress-Up Box** by *Patrick Guest*. This week we are viewing the text **Go Go and the Silver Shoes** by *Jane Godwin* and *Anna Walker*. When Go Go is allowed to buy the most beautiful shoes ever, she decides she will wear them EVERYWHERE! Even to the creek, where she and her brothers go adventuring. But a terrible thing happens and Go Go loses one of her new beautiful shoes. Together we will explore the theme of losing things that have special meaning to us and friendship!

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 discussed the text **Girl On Wire** by *Lucy Estela* and *Elise Hurst*. We learnt that with the encouragement of significant people in our lives we are strong and we can do anything, be anything, confidently tackling those challenges that only we can do ourselves. This week we read *Margaret Wild's* text **The Feather**. We are going to try writing poetry in response to this poignant story.

Book Week is less than 2 weeks away and we are getting excited! Have you got your Book Parade costume ready? This year's theme is **READING IN MY SECRET POWER**. This may help anyone who is stuck for ideas. We try to draw inspiration from recognisable **children's book** characters rather than adult book themes. The teachers have been planning something special, in fact since Term 2, and they are all very good at keeping secrets!

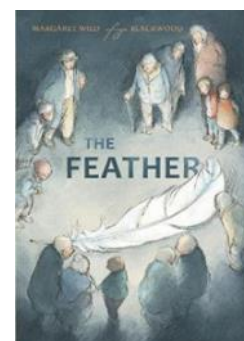
Don't forget our Book Fair will be held once again in the Library. It will open on Monday 26th August. Children will have the opportunity to **buy** a book during Book Week. This year **our goal** is to increase our STEM resources. STEM is an approach to learning that integrates the areas of **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING** and **MATHEMATICS**.

Through STEM, our children develop key skills such as

- ◇ Problem solving
- ◇ Creativity
- ◇ Critical analysis
- ◇ Teamwork
- ◇ Independent learning
- ◇ Initiative
- ◇ Communication
- ◇ Digital literacy

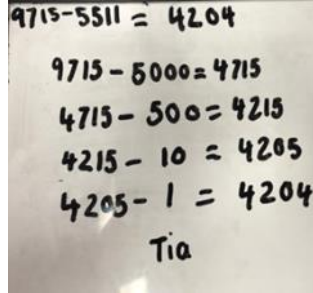
Now that the countdown is on we look forward to seeing you at our Book Week Celebrations this year.

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 3

We have had a great start to the term. We hope you enjoy a snapshot of our



Maths

In Maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We have been looking at different strategies to answer questions. We have also been using number facts that we have to help us!

Money has also been a focus in year 3! We have enjoyed going shopping.



History

In History we have been talking about who the first people in Australia were and how do we know. Just this week we started watching 'My Place'. We are going to see how Australian communities have changed over time.



Science

In science we have been learning about melting and freezing. We have conducted experiments to see this in action.



Year 3 students at CCC athletics



English

In English we have been learning about procedures. We have been writing them as well as exploring the specific language that is used in them. We made fairy bread and funny face biscuits to test out our procedure writing.



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday August 16 soup is chicken noodle & vegetable.



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

Star Awards

Flynn R
Nate F
Archie H
Tahlia T
Ruby R
Grace B
Bailey C
Zac W
Benjamin G
Nova B
Brody A
Dylan B
Portia R
Evie M
Makenzie W
Jaxon C
Erin N
Baxter H
Riley S

Father's Day Stall & BBQ

A friendly reminder all Father's Day stall notes and Father's Day BBQ notes must be returned by Friday 23rd August. **No late orders will be accepted.** Thank you for your cooperation.

St Mary's Wellbeing Team

Mia C has made the NSW Team to Compete in the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships

She qualified 4th in NSW for 100m, 5th in Long Jump and 9th in 200m.

This is an amazing achievement!

In 2019 the School Sport Australia Track and Field Championships will be held in the Northern Territory. Due to extreme heat conditions in Darwin during November/December when the National Track and Field Championships are traditionally held, this year's SSA event will be held from the 18-23 September 2019. In order to select a NSW representative track & field team for this event, the NSWPSA held a special selection trial. Participation at these trials was via a formal application to NSWPSA and athletes **MUST** have competed at this event to achieve selection in the 2019 NSW representative team. Congratulations Mia!



CCC Athletics Mingara

Last Friday we had a team of 48 talented athletes compete in the windy conditions at Mingara. Well done to all, we are very proud of your efforts.

The following children performed exceptionally well and will get to compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen.

Mia C: 100m, 200m and High Jump, Koby D: 100m, Rose D;100m, Grace J: Discus, Mia M: Discus, Griffin M: Discus, Mia T: 800m, 1500m.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

