



A Fun Time of the Year



Upcoming Events

- *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
- *K-2 Swimming Program*
16-27 September

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Next week marks a fun time of year for our school. On Monday we invite you all to share in the excitement of our annual Book Week Parade. It begins at approximately 9.15am. With the theme, "Reading is my secret power" we are sure to have many interesting characters parading.

Later that day, all the children experience "Reading on the Oval", an annual event at which Year 6 read a short story picture book to small groups of K-5 children. After lunch, teachers will swap classes and share their favourite story as they read "The book which I treasure most".

On Tuesday, Year 6 students Reyes M and Isabella C will represent us in the Central Coast Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition. Our school is hosting this year's event. We wish both Isabella and Reyes well. Teachers from St Brigid's and MacKillop along with local member, Emma McBride will be our adjudicators.

On Thursday all children are able to purchase a gift at the Father's Day Stall.

Friday is a big day. We commence at 7.00am with our annual Father's Day BBQ Breakfast. We appreciate the great efforts of our Well-being Parent Team in organising the breakfast. At 9.15am we celebrate our Dads with a special Mass. It is a wonderful sight when our Church is filled with Dads.

Following Mass, Dads are welcome to enjoy morning tea with their child(ren). Following morning tea our annual Dads vs Year 6 Netball occurs. The formline notes that a number of the Dad's team are either lacking fitness, carrying old injuries or are just plain old. In contrast, the Year 6 team are backing up after wins in Maitland and Newcastle, have about 30 players, are young, have talent and will probably wipe the floor clean with the Dads. In an Origin-like atmosphere, top umpires Sternbeck and Walker have been asked to officiate the game, with them asked to keep an eye on the 'softening up'

period early in the match. Year 6 are short priced favourites to lift the trophy once again.

Hunter Regional Champions

Congratulations to our senior Netball team on being crowned Hunter Regional Champions last Friday. Their skill on the court was matched by their sporting attitude and respectful, fair play. Congratulations girls! Well done Lexi, Megan, Mia, Grace, Ava, Tahla, Marlee & Mia.

Best wishes at the NSW Schools Cup State Finals at Homebush late in September.

School Photos

A reminder that School Photos are on Thursday 5th September. Regardless of whether you are purchasing photos or not, the School Photo envelopes (sent home last week) need to be returned on that day. Family photo envelopes (for photos with siblings) are available to be collected from the front office.

Full winter uniform is to be worn.

K-2 Swimming

A new note regarding all details about the Swimming Program was sent home to K-2 students today. Please complete the permission slip and we'd appreciate you returning it this week.

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

Isaac B
Corben D
Laykn V
Dali M
Harrison L
Anika L
Nixon H
Hunter H
Harlow R
Clive Z
Grace B
Arlie M
Ezri D
Lucas C
Lukas F
Isabelle T
Bella H
Lara N
Elise C
Will M
Summer M
Chelsea B
Joshua Y
Harry B
Polly T
Ava M
Harry M
Charlotte W
Joey T
Lily T
Griffin M
Jack B
Eloise L
Tristan W
Tiarna G
Megan M
Mia C
Holly C
Lucy A
Savio D
Zoe M

From Our REC

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 Family Liaison Officer

We held our final Playgroup for 2019 last week and all three Playgroups have been wonderful opportunities for both our Kinder 2020 families and staff to get to know one another and for children to experience different forms of play to encourage learning while having fun. Thank you to the many families who came along and participated. Your support helps make these days special for they children.

Something we spoke with the parents about at Playgroup was the importance of reading with your child every day. There is a great article on the Raising Children Network, [here](#), that explains why it is so vital and tips to make the most of reading together. This applies to children of all ages, not just pre-schoolers.

Flyers for the upcoming parent workshop "Learning Every Day Counts" have been sent home this week. This free workshop presented by staff of the Broken Bay Community of Catholic Schools will be both informative and practical, with ideas for developing resilience in children, promoting a growth mindset and tips to help manage challenges parents may experience around children's school attendance. It will be very worthwhile and I would encourage parents to go along to either of the sessions on **Tuesday September 3rd - 9.30-11am OLR Catholic School, Wyoming** **6.30-8pm St Cecilia's Catholic School, Wyong.**

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be here on the top playground this afternoon with their regular "Pop-Up". Please stop in to see them to find out about the many great programmes and services they offer to our local community. TNC's newest service is the FoodREDi programme, which is all about healthy lifestyle, saving money on food, tasty recipes, positive lifestyle changes and more. Best of all, it's FREE.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

Reading makes kids more intelligent.

It doesn't just make them seem more intelligent: reading creates new neural pathways in a child's brain by stimulating the growth of new neurons as they imagine the world the writer has put on paper.

Jackie French, author.

Jackie French

A Spotlight on Kinder

Kindergarten can't believe they are already in Term 3!

Literacy

Kindergarten are enjoying reading groups and reading at home with their families. They have already made so much progress in reading and writing.

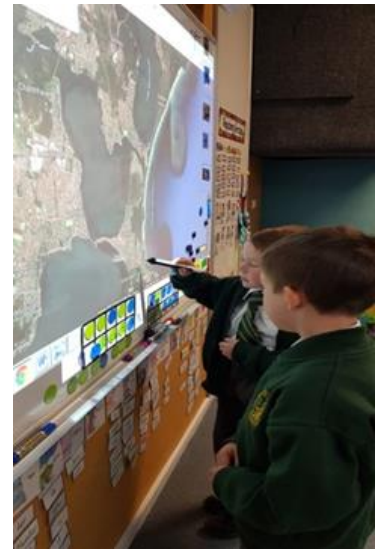


P.D.H.P.E

In PDH we have been looking at how we can live an active life and why it is so important to be active people.

Geography

In Geography Kindergarten have been exploring where we live and how our suburbs are different and special. Kindergarten has been so interested in our surrounding beaches and lakes.



Math

Last week in math Kindergarten were looking at area. This week we have just started learning all about time and the days of the week.



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday August 23 soup is Pumpkin.



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

Star Awards

Jazz B
Natalija K
Jase B
Ryan M
Filippo C
Nikkita C
Alina L
Elizabeth C
Vanessa M
Sumira D
Havi M
Lexie L
Thomas B
Samuel T
Zack M
Cohen S
Zac H
Ramone E
Lucy N
Cohen B
Navayah A

Something We've Noticed

Our Year 6 continue to set a fine example for the younger students. Repeatedly we witness Year 6 being polite, well mannered children who are generously willing to help others. When representing our school at various events they have become known for their respectful attitude and excellent listening skills.
Well done, Year 6!

Good Luck to our Independent and Catholic Schools NSW Rugby League finalists

St Mary's Toukley will be playing St Mary's Young at St Mary's Stadium in Western Sydney next Wednesday 28th August. These are the top 2 Catholic / Independent Schools in NSW. We wish Tayte, Caleb, Griffin, Khalil, Mason, Malachi, Ryan, Ryan, Riley, Logan, Cohen, Joshua, Corey, Tyler, Joey and Ashton a strong and sportsmanlike game!
Thankyou to Shane Crowe for your coaching expertise and time – it has really helped the boys become a true team.

Congratulations to our Newcastle Regional Winners in the NSW Netball Cup

St Mary's came up against some very tough competition in the Central Coast, Newcastle and Maitland Area final. They really put their mind to playing strong and consistent netball to win the final after some very close results. They have now made the NSW final in Sydney, this means out of 1,400 schools St Mary's has got to the final 8!
Congratulations Tahla, Mia, Mia, Grace, Megan, Lexi, Ava and Marlee. Thanks Mrs Walker for your expertise in coaching the girls.

Year 5/6 Netball Gala Day - Friday 20th September - notes have gone out to all students. They must be returned by Friday week 6 (30th August) so bus numbers can be finalised. We would love as many parent coaches and/or managers as possible – a parent per team would really assist both children and teachers.

Year 3/4 Netball / Soccer Gala Day - Friday 13th September - notes have gone out to all students. They must be returned by Friday week 6 (30th August) so bus numbers can be finalised. We would love as many parent coaches and/or managers as possible.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

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. Also a call out to all dad's who would like to play in the dad's netball team on Friday 30th August. Please let the office know.

St Mary's Wellbeing Team



CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that Pizza Singles (Cheese & Bacon and Ham & Pineapple) are unavailable until further notice due to delays in manufacturing. Manufacture and supply of Zing sour ice blocks is also limited at this time and no date has been given for when they will become available.