

# Happy Father's Day

### Upcoming Events

- *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
- *Summer Uniform*  
Monday  
16 September
- *Practice for Confirmation*  
3.30pm  
Thursday  
19 September
- *Netball Gala Day Years 5+6*  
Friday  
20 September
- *Sacrament of Confirmation*  
10.00am  
Saturday  
21 September

St Mary's Catholic School Community,  
On Sunday we celebrate Father's Day.

All dads have vital roles to play in the lives of their children. Dads are 24/7 role models. Every word, every action, every smile, every frown, everything a dad does is an example for children.

From a very young age, kids 'pick up' on what their dads do. They like to copy them, they like to do what their Dad does, they want to be like their Dad. Something that's important to a Dad is often important to their child. Dads have an incredible influence on their children.

We wish all dads a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. We trust that you have a moment on Sunday when the love of your children will be so beautifully clear for you to see. It might be the smile on their face, the look in their eye, the hug they give ..... it may even be that they actually laugh and genuinely enjoy your jokes.

Please join us at 9.15am on Friday for our Father's Day Mass. It's a wonderful Mass where we celebrate all our dads.

The Parent Wellbeing Team has organised a BBQ Breakfast for our dads commencing at 7.00am on the top playground. Please join us. If it's a little wet, we'll head for the hall. Our annual Dads vs Year 6 Netball match will begin at approximately 11.00am. It will be a fun day!

### Public Speaking Success

Yesterday we hosted the Cluster Final of the Central Coast Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition. The 12 students from 6 local Catholic schools all spoke beautifully with the standard being very high. Special congratulations to our two speakers who both placed in yesterday's competition: Isabella C (1st) and Reyes M (3rd). A wonderful achievement Isabella and Reyes. Isabella will now head to the Diocesan Finals in the middle of September.

### Something We've Noticed

Monday was a fun day at our place.

The morning's Book Parade highlighted the positive nature of the kids at our school. Everyone participated in the right spirit, dressing up (even the silly looking, little Principal), enjoying the moment and having a great attitude.

Our Year 6s then were brilliant as they read a short story to a variety of K-5 children. The 6s were articulate, expressive and interesting and captured the children's attention. Well done Year 6.

In the afternoon session, teachers chose a different class to theirs, reading them "The Book I Treasure Most."

Thanks to Miss Gray and the Book Week Team who orchestrated the fun of Book Week.

### Our Book Fair is Open All Week

Our Book Fair, situated in the Library, is open morning and afternoon all week. Please visit us.

### PLC International Summit

On Thursday and Friday we have four teachers participating in the PLC International Summit in Melbourne. Mrs Sellars, Miss Burns, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Kyle will be absorbing key messages from experts who will help shape our school's continuing drive as a PLC @ Work 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

Corben D  
Jack H  
Holly L  
Zane B  
Thomas L  
Phoenix W  
Rhani L  
Owen M  
Cooper M  
Sienna G  
Havana G  
Eden L  
Isla C  
Marcus S  
James M  
Hua Qiang P  
Kobe E  
Blake C  
Levi J  
Marley R  
Peyton B  
Olivia C  
Khalil G  
Mia J  
Clayton B  
Isabella P  
Mia C  
Sebastian R  
Mia T  
Sienna S  
Phoenix R

## From Our REC

### Father's Day Mass

A reminder that our Father's Day Mass is this Friday at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing many dads and families join us. We have our Father's Day breakfast beforehand and following Mass will be the annual *Dad's verse Year 6* netball match.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10.00am.

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator



## From Our Librarian

### READING IS OUR SECRET POWER!!

Book Week has to be one of the highlights of our year here at St Mary's. I can't believe our Book Parade is over. How incredible you all looked, dressed up as your favourite characters. Thank you for the excitement and enthusiasm, the costumes and colour, and the involvement of all in our school community.

Our Book Fair has only two days left so there is still time to buy a book and help us reach our goal in purchasing Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) resources across the school. It has been lovely seeing kids in our school out and about reading a book they have bought from the Book Fair. Thank you for your support! Books, reading and literature are highly valued in our school's culture.

I would like to thank our staff who always make our Book Week celebrations a huge success. They are incredibly generous with their time, support and sense of fun. I don't know any other place where such a large group of people can maintain total secrecy about their Book Week costumes! Thanks so much!

A special thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Kyle, Mrs Mally, Mrs Marlin, and Miss York who were the driving force of our Book Week Committee this year. Also special thanks to Mrs Miao our Library Assistant for her tireless work and support each week.

I also have another special group of people to thank: Brock, Layla, Ramone, Zac, Matilda, and Kiarra. This team of students has worked behind the scenes preparing the official opening for this year's Book Parade. Thanks guys you were a great help and did a marvelous job! Another special thank you to Bella, Riana, Sienna and Zoe who were great helpers during the Book Parade and the Book Fair.

I would also like to thank our Year 6 students. They are great leaders this year and entered whole-heartedly into the spirit of Book Week not just in their character costumes but in leading our Reading Time after the parade. Great reading! Great sharing of stories!! Great job!!!

As teacher librarian at St Mary's I always feel privileged to be part of such an incredible community of children, parents, grandparents and teachers who value and celebrate reading in our school. We are indeed a very special place!!

Happy Reading Everyone  
Miss Gray  
Librarian



# A Spotlight on Year 4



4 Green - Book Parade



4 Gold - Book Parade

4 Green - Mathematics Challenge



4 Green - Japanese art & information reports

4 Gold Art making





## Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch  
Specials have begun. This  
Friday August 30 soup is  
Chicken & sweet corn.



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

## Star Awards

Zara B  
Ashlee S  
Andy B  
Oliver K  
Liliana C  
Chloe S  
Marli C  
Eddie A  
Addison L  
Luca K  
Polly T  
Adelle S  
Liberty C  
Joshua F  
Reyes M  
Cooper M  
Bella E  
Ezri D

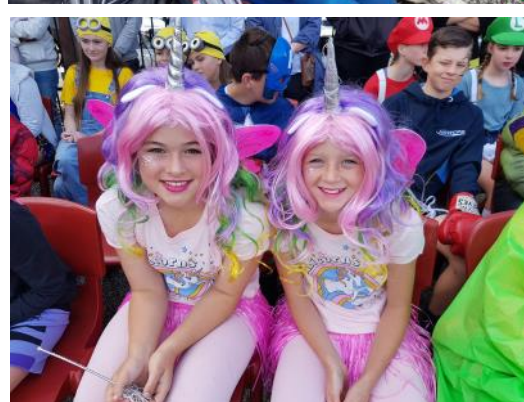
## Something We've Noticed

We appreciated high school  
teachers Mrs Camilleri  
(MacKillip) and Mrs Gilbert  
(St Brigid's) helping local  
Federal Member, the  
Honourable Emma McBride  
adjudicate at Tuesday's  
Cluster Public Speaking  
Final. To give up 4 hours of  
your time was a very  
generous gesture. Thank  
you.

## Something We've Noticed

In general conversation on  
Tuesday I learnt that our  
local member, Emma  
McBride, in advocating for  
and representing our local  
community, is out on 6  
nights out of 7 at various  
functions. Wonderful  
commitment.

# Book Parade



## ICAS Assessments

Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September begins the three weeks of ICAS assessments. We begin with Digital Technologies and on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Science will be held. All students sitting these assessments need to be at school by 8am. We have noticed a clash between the infants swimming program and the Year 2 English and Maths Assessments. The Year 2 students will sit the assessment through the day after the swimming program.

Thank you, Cath Kyle 5Gold classroom teacher

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