

# Confirmation

### Upcoming Events

- *K-2 Swimming Program*  
16-27 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
- *NSW Schools Cup Netball Finals*  
Tuesday  
24 September
- *Last Day of Term 3*  
Friday  
27 September
- *First Day of Term 4*  
Monday  
14 October

All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click on *News and Events* and then *Letters, Notes, Timetables*.

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon the children with the liturgy commencing at 10.00am on Saturday 21st September. The Confirmation practice session is at 3.30pm on Thursday 19th September in our Church.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit become abundantly clear to you as you journey through life.

### Good Luck Isabella

We wish Isabella C well as she competes in the Brother Tony Whelan Diocesan Public Speaking Final on Thursday night at Asquith. Congratulations Isabella on achieving this fine feat and know that we will be proud of your efforts.

### New Girls' Summer Uniform

Our new girls' summer uniform will shortly be available for sale. We expect them to arrive at our school over the coming holiday period. As soon as the new uniform arrives you are welcome to purchase it (probably from Week 1, Term 4).

It is mandatory for all Kinder 2020 girls to have the new summer uniform. For girls in the current Kinder—Year 4 the expectation is that they have the new uniform by the beginning of the 2021 school year. Naturally, a certain percentage of girls will acquire the new uniform before that date.

The few remaining 'old' summer uniforms are only available for sale to the current Year 5 girls.

### NAPLAN Results

Our school received its NAPLAN results yesterday. The Year 3 and 5 students will be bringing home their NAPLAN Reports today. We celebrate both our Year 3 and Year 5 students on their very strong achievements. In both Year 3 and Year 5 in Literacy and Numeracy our school exceeded both the State and National averages. Congratulations girls and boys! And congratulations to

the teachers at our school who are driven to help assist every child in their class to achieve academic success.

### Good Luck Netballers

We wish our school Netball team well as they travel to Homebush on Tuesday to compete in the NSW Schools Cup Netball Finals. To make it to the finals means we are ranked in the top 8 schools in NSW. What an achievement, girls! Congratulations.

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

Zoe S  
Hunter H  
Luke P  
Summer D  
Sunie T  
Kingston K  
Isabella L  
Elizabeth C  
Lila V  
Myles S  
Tayla M  
Elijah P  
Nova B  
Emily T  
Penelope P  
Lexie L  
Rose D  
Riley T  
Charli D  
Indy K  
Adam Q  
Bailey J  
Jackson J  
Ruby H  
Marni R  
Ramone E  
Sienna S  
Alex S  
Maddi C  
Timothy V  
Charli M  
Logan R  
Holly C  
Mia T  
Ava E  
Kealan R  
Marlee S

## Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will only be open from 8.15am until 9.00am this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Just a reminder that the boys grey socks with the green and gold stripe are **COMPULSORY** therefore need to be worn with the summer uniform. Girls are to wear white ankle socks, either plain or the St Mary's socks. ALL children are to wear white ankle socks with the sport uniform, **BOYS AND GIRLS**, no coloured socks are allowed.

Leesa Sternbeck  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## From Our REC

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



### Catholic Mission Fundraising

This year, once again we will be raising funds for Catholic Mission. We are asking all students to wear Crazy Socks on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4, Week 1). Please bring in a gold coin donation.

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator



**DO NOT FEAR**    
for I am with you  
2019 World Mission Appeal

**catholic**  
**MISSION**  
*Reach out. Give life.*

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

It's been a great start to the K-2 Swimming programme with the children dealing with the change to routine, a different environment and swimming independently of their parents really well. The programme is a perfect opportunity for children to develop skills and build independence. Being able to undress/ dress themselves and pack up and look after their belongings are things that all children at school are capable of. A few parents have expressed concern about how their child will manage these tasks by themselves. If they aren't used to doing things themselves it may take a little longer, but by then end of the two week programme they will have shown how well they can manage. Their capabilities will have improved, as well as their confidence.

Self-sufficiency, of the "I can do it myself" kind, is the basis of self-esteem and resilience. Children learning to do things by themselves and for themselves provides a huge boost to their confidence and willingness to "have a go" when new challenges arise. To develop self-sufficiency children need to be provided with opportunities to practice new skills. It sometimes means parents being able to 'let go' and see what kids can do.

Please take the opportunity to encourage

and praise children's efforts and improving skills in both their swimming and growing independence. They may well be more inclined to be more independent at home if they know you have faith in their abilities and are proud of them.

There are two related online articles you may be interested in – ["Teaching children how to get dressed"](#) from Raising Children Network with tips on helping children of different ages and ["Why Self-Sufficiency is Paramount"](#) by Michael Grose.

Quite a number of parents have borrowed resources from our Parent Resource Library this term, which is great to see. If resources could be returned to school before the end of term it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to hold on to a book or DVD a little longer, please just let me know.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will again be running their popular school holidays activities programme. Please contact them on 4396 155 to book in. For parents, TNC will be hosting a couple of great parent workshops next term. I will get information about those out to the school community next week.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer

# A Spotlight on Our Library

They hold the feather over the  
edge and let it go.  
It was lifted by the wind  
The feather gracefully drifted  
in the soft breeze  
Soaring  
Fluttering  
Skipping like a little child.  
Surfing through the sky.  
*Nate (Year 6)*



They hold the feather over the  
edge and let it go.  
It glides down  
Looking up  
Gracefully it travels along the  
wind.  
It's a new beginning of an ad-  
venture.  
The angels call.  
The feather of God.  
*Zac (Year 5)*



## TERM 3 MEMORIES IN THE LIBRARY



## Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday September 20th soup is Pumpkin



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

## Something We've Noticed

Our Kinder-Year 2 Swimming program has commenced at the Mariners Aquatic Centre. All K-2 teachers have noticed how very calm and sensible the children are being, both before, during and after their swimming lessons.

Congratulations girls and boys! You are being wonderful representatives of our school.

## Star Awards

Cynthia A  
Ezri D  
Cooper S  
Oscar L  
Olivia R  
Lincoln S  
Tia S  
Evie S  
Joshua Y  
Zali M  
Connor V  
Milan B  
Myah L  
Annabel R  
Taj P  
Rayah K  
Tahla M  
Grace J

# From our PE Teacher

## Mia C is in Darwin competing at Australian Schools Athletics Titles

Best of luck Mia from all of us at St Mary's. Mia is competing in the 100m and the relay as part of the NSW team. Enjoy the experience!

## Year 3/4 Netball Soccer Gala Day

What an spectacular day full of sport, snowcones, wins, losses, lots of laughs and new friendships. St Mary's children were great sports and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to the teachers and parents who gave their time to enable all children to have a great experience.

Thank you Kris Boyce, Jasmine Thomas, Kristy Chidgey, Jess Galea, Lee Starkey, Tracey Gillis Sinclair, Michelle Webster, Andrew Thackery, Emma Deaves, Alison O'Brien, Hailee Mahoney, Maria Mackenzie, Emma Steengraver and Trevor Wood.

## Year 5/6 Netball Gala Day

### Bus leaves at 8.15 sharp

Please be at school by 8.10am. Bus will be back by 3pm.

Thank you to all parent volunteers!

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



## 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.