



NSW Champions

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *NSW Schools Cup
Netball Finals*
Tuesday
24 September

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,

We congratulate our school's senior Rugby League team who, last Wednesday, were crowned Champions of the NSW Catholic and Independent Schools Cup. Initially, the team won the northern cluster of the Central Coast Division of the competition. They then proceeded to compete at and win the Central Coast Division. Consequently, they travelled to Port Macquarie and won the Northern Region of NSW Division, before finally defeating St Mary's, Young 22-16 in the final. What an amazing achievement!

During their all-conquering run they received an encouraging text from Melbourne Storm coach, Craig Bellamy, uncle of Kinder Green teacher, Mrs Marquart. After Wednesday's win, Canterbury Bulldogs halfback and a former student of our school, Jack Cogger kindly emailed his congratulations.

We thank Shane Crowe for so capably coaching the team. Shane instilled in the boys the importance of teamwork and in all the games this attribute shone through in the team's play. Thanks also to manager Cassandra Patterson who nearly touched the sky when Malachi scored a crucial try in the final.

Our winning team includes: Ashton Rogers, Joey Thorne, Tyler Davies, Corey Thorne, Joshua Fesolai, Cohen Brakell, Logan Rundell, Riley Stewart, Ryan Vasallo, Ryan Crowe, Malachi Patterson, Mason Johnson, Khalil Gristwood, Griffin Maloney, Caleb Fesolai and Tayte Bayley. WELL DONE!

School Photos

Tomorrow we have our annual *School Photos*. Please ensure your child is wearing their full winter school uniform. All children (whether they are purchasing photos or not) are required to bring their *School Photo* envelope with them tomorrow.

Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

Thank You Parent Wellbeing Team

We sincerely thank our Parent Wellbeing Team who generously devoted their time to organise last Friday's Father's Day BBQ Breakfast. In setting up, cooking, providing tea and coffee and cleaning up, we deeply appreciate the 15-20 parent helpers who selflessly gave their time to help make it a special morning for our dads. Your efforts help make our school a better place.

We also thank those parents who so capably organised the Father's Day Stall. Another wonderful job done by you.

Something We've Noticed

For a few years now, Leesa Sternbeck and Kristy Clemow have led and organised the many events regarding our Parent Wellbeing Team. They have been so ably supported by the many parent volunteers who have practically helped them. Thank you Leesa and Kristy for your kind, thoughtful and generous attitude in which you have repeatedly given your time to help people feel connected at our place. Your actions certainly make a difference.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,
Next **Monday 9th September**, a small panel will visit St Mary's to support Emma Sellars in her reflection on leadership.

As part of the review process, parents are invited to meet with the panel on Monday from 9.10am-9.30am, to discuss the effectiveness of Emma's leadership as Assistant Principal. Confidentiality of the discussion is assured. If you are interested in talking with the panel, please meet in the office at 9.10am. You may RSVP to the office on (02) 4396 5100.

Kind Regards,
Emma Sellars

From Our REC

Father's Day Mass

It was fantastic to see the church so full last Friday as we celebrated the gift of our dads. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. Also, a huge thank you Leesa Sternbeck, Kristie Clemow, the Well-Being Team and the many mums and dads who volunteered to help at the Father's Day breakfast - once again, it was a fantastic morning. We appreciate your efforts!

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

*We invite you to Walk our Labyrinth
St. John Fisher Primary School - Tumbi Umbi 9am Tuesday 10th September 2019*



As a part of our Walking the Way experience this year, we would like to invite you to come along and walk the labyrinth here at St. John Fisher School. Our session together will explain what a labyrinth is and how this ancient practice of circular movement can be used as a tool for wellbeing and Christian meditation.

9.00 Meet for coffee in our SJF Community Room (next to uniform shop)

9.30 Hear about the ancient tradition of the Labyrinth

10.00 Experience the Labyrinth

10.30 Yummy Morning tea

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Merit Awards

Charlie M
Billy H
Harvey L
Ashley L
Mia N
Teyah H
Jackson Q
Archie H
Connor D
Ashton M
Ty T
Alfie O
Lachlan M
Keoni L
Thomas R
Timmy S
Darcy M
Emilia R
Bailey N
Scarlett W
Zahra D
Charlotte G
Patrick C
Jaime-Lee S
Sinead H
Silongo K
Aedan F
Scarlett O
Marshall S
Max H
Rianna B
Alexis C
Kourtney F
Isabella C
Isabella D

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Parents/ carers and other important adults in a child's life are the initial and most important models of behaviour for them. If children are able to learn how to connect with and treat others to build strong, respectful relationships within their family, they are then in a better position to develop strong friendships and positive social skills to benefit them their entire life.

As parents we can't be perfect all of the time but it's important to remember that our children are always watching, listening and absorbing the things that we say and do and that is how they learn to behave. How do we treat others such as retail or hospitality workers, office staff or volunteer workers? Do we speak positively of members of our family, our co-workers, kids sports coaches, teachers or others around us? Do we follow the road rules, speed and parking signs? Are we teaching children to be polite, respectful and considerate of others?

Be assured that children notice all of their parent's behaviours and while that can

seem daunting, even a bit scary, it also provides us with a great opportunity to imprint great positive values, attitudes and behaviours within our children.

"When kids live with gratitude, encouragement and affection on a daily basis they are more likely to adopt those behaviours themselves. In fact, those types of behaviours become part of their values system." This is a quote from the online article "[Children Learn What They Live](#)" by Michael Grose, one of Australia's leading parenting educators and is well worth a read.

An Online Safety Master class for Parents will be presented by Kellie Britnell from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner at the Caroline Chisolm Centre in Pennant Hills tomorrow, Thursday the 5th at 6.00pm or live streamed from 6.30pm. This event promises to provide families with the most up-to-date information on keeping children safe online. Please use the link "[here](#)" for more information.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 5



In Year 5 we have been investigating 3D shapes and their properties. We have been looking at cross-sections with playdough. We have also been drawing 3D objects using isometric dot paper.

In Geography we have been mapping our school. This week we walked around the perimeter to make sure we included everything. We also looked at an ariel view on google maps. Our oval looks so green!



Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday September 6th soup is Minestrone



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

Star Awards

Cruz C
Madison C
Willow C
Alexandra T
Mya C
Ellie C
Indigo L
Liliana C
Elizabeth C
Sophie B
Tiernan B
Charli D
Malaya M
Jessica R
Joshua F
Bree E
Brendan T
Olivia W

Something We've Noticed

Our next Year 6 Graduation Meeting is at 3.15pm on Wednesday 11th September in the school library.



From our PE Teacher

Catholic Independent Cup Rugby League Challenge Winners!!!!!!

St Mary's Open Rugby League team are the NSW Champions from all Catholic and Independent Schools in the state.

This is an amazing achievement for our boys who have been training every Wednesday afternoon with Shane Crowe since early May.

The boys played St Mary's Young in a nail biting, see sawing final at St Mary's Leagues Stadium in Western Sydney. The final score was 22 – 16, with us all breathing a sigh of relief at full time.

Young had a couple of very strong, mobile and agile players. Toukley had a team of boys who all did the job that they were specifically asked to do. Every Young player with the ball was tackled by at least 2 or 3 Toukley players, Toukley backed each other up in both attack and defence and Toukley continually encouraged each other with positive talk.

Congratulations Riley and Cohen, these big boys were making 30m runs with up to 4 Young players attached to their back, legs and shoulders and they still remained upright.

Corey, Joey and Malachi were damaging in their straight strong runs, players virtually bounced off them. Malachi also scored and Joey made an awesome try saving tackle, taking Young completely off the field.

Logan, Khalil, Mason and Tyler our stable positive talking wingers held their positions all game – no one got around them.

Griffin was our solid fullback who was onto every loose ball and cleaned and backed up in attack and defence.

Tayte, Ryan, Ryan, Ashton, Josh and Caleb organised and ran the middle of the field calmly and with expertise all game. They never stopped running, looking for offloads, tackling, talking and supporting.

Congratulations Shane on your coaching expertise, time and role model for the boys. Phil for running water and keeping the team positive and in control of themselves. Cassandra, thank you for organising the jerseys, team sheets and the paperwork that got boys on the field.

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.

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