

# K-2 Swimming

### Upcoming Events

- *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
- *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,

Our K-2 Swimming program at Mariners Aquatic Centre commences on Monday. With all children involved in the program, the following are some final details and reminders:

*For all Year 2 plus 1 Gold and 1 Green*

- All Year 2 plus 1 Gold and 1 Green need to be at school by 8.45am. These classes leave on the bus at 9.00am.
- The children will wear to school their swimmers underneath their sports uniform. They will also wear thongs. Their socks, underwear and runners are to be packed in their school bag, ready for after swimming lessons.
- Children require a random top to put on after the lesson to keep them dry and warm until they change into their full sports uniform back at school.
- Don't forget a towel and goggles.

*For all Kinder plus 1 Blue and ASPECT*

- All Kinder plus ASPECT and 1 Blue are to be at school at the normal time.
- The children will wear to school their swimmers underneath their sports uniform (please pack their underwear for after the lesson). They are to wear their runners to school. Their thongs are to be packed in their school bag, ready to put on before they leave school for swimming.
- Children require a random top to put on after the lesson to keep them dry and warm until they change into their full sports uniform back at school.
- Don't forget a towel and goggles.

### Congratulations Mrs Sellars

Periodically, senior leadership in our school partake in a Leadership and Review Development process. We congratulate and recognise the wonderful work of our Assistant Principal, Mrs Sellars, whose review was conducted on Monday. The panel affirmed Emma's confidence, skill, wisdom, and deep curriculum knowledge together with her capacity to introduce,

manage and embed change, with a consistent display of high expectations for both student and adult learning.

### 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.

### Summer Uniform

On Monday (16th September) the reintroduction of our summer uniform commences. Parents are wonderful at ensuring their child is wearing the correct school uniform. It's the little things that count. Please check that your child has the correct socks, correct black shoes, appropriate hair accessories etc. Accompanying today's newsletter is a note outlining details of our new Summer uniform. Please take the time to read.

### Your Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep the Thompson family (Brendan 6 Gold and Trinity 5 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's grandfather passed away recently. We pray that the strength of Our Lord gives you great comfort in your time of need.

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

Lachlan M  
India S  
Levi R  
Zakari B  
Van B  
Sophie C  
Ezri D  
Mia S  
Harry P  
Emeri B  
Zoe W  
Seth T  
Emily T  
Zali M  
Harry H  
Florence M

## Star Awards

Ava S  
Sienna H  
Koa F  
Tai G  
Ava S  
Rose D  
Ozzy I



Father's Day Breakfast

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

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator

# From Our Librarian

## The Power of Reading AND WRITING!

It has been a busy time in the Library this term. Each week we have focused on a book that was shortlisted for the Children's Book Week competition. Over these past weeks we have responded in different ways to each of the books we have read. Each time we have had purpose in our response.

Throughout the Book Fair I observed many children looking at the diaries, notebooks and containers of writing tools that were for sale. With so many novels and picture books available why would children be interested in items that have no text?

In our desire to encourage children to read regularly we sometimes forget the importance of children developing their writing skills. The fact is reading and writing go hand in hand! As children become aware of letters and words and the way they are put together to give meaning they also want and need to compose and write texts of their own. Lunchtime in the library often has groups of children not only reading or playing games but also drawing and writing as well. Last Tuesday some Year 2 girls decided to come in and make a card for their teacher... and I know Mrs Burns was extremely happy to receive it!!

Every time we write we always have a purpose. As a parent, think of all the instances where you find yourself writing a note, a list, a memo, an email, a birthday card or an application form. Children also need a purpose for writing and diaries, notebooks and an assortment of writing tools are a valuable incentive.

One boy could not wait to buy the dragon diary with the lock from the Book Fair. He was going to write about each day of his upcoming family holiday.

Writing is a process. There are times when we jot things down that are rough and for our eyes only and there are times when we draft ideas, edit and then publish a 'good' copy when we know others are going to read our message. Once they have a purpose children need to experience all the stages of drafting, editing and publishing their writing. How can you create opportunities for your children to write at home? Here are a few ideas to get you started...

- ◇ Create a writing space.
- ◇ Provide plastic letters for younger children to make words.
- ◇ Chalkboards are always handy as writing can be erased and children can start again.
- ◇ Fill a container with assorted paper, pencils, crayons, scissors and glue.
- ◇ Encourage your child to write a caption or story to go with any pictures they draw.
- ◇ Let your child create word documents on the computer.
- ◇ Make photo books with your child. Write down descriptions your child gives of each photo.
- ◇ Make an 'in' and 'out' tray for messages that you and your child write to each other.
- ◇ Encourage your child to write about pets, favourite toys or places.
- ◇ Set up a family message board on the fridge and write messages to each other.
- ◇ Encourage your child to write greetings on birthday cards or thank you notes.
- ◇ Play word games such as Scrabble, Find-A-Word and simple crosswords.
- ◇ Help your child make a diary of a family holiday or an everyday diary.
- ◇ Ask your child to write your shopping list. (But make sure you check it before you go shopping!!!)

The list is as endless as your imagination. Why not give some of these ideas a try!

Happy Reading and Writing Everyone  
Miss Gray  
Librarian



# A Spotlight on Year 6

In Year 6 we have been working together in science to create 'Behind the News' (BTN) episodes about 'Earthquakes' we have been looking at how and why earthquakes are caused.



## Canteen News

Term 3 Winter Lunch Specials have begun. This Friday September 13th soup is Chicken Noodle & Vegetable.



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

## Something We've Noticed

Last Friday the cheers for a founding club of the NSWRL rang out through our playground. 400 children were chanting "Norths! Norths!" and "Bears! Bears!"

As part of the Staff Footy Shirt Day I was able to explain the truth about how the mean Manly Sea Eagles were responsible for the demise of the lovely, friendly North Sydney Bears.

Since encouraging the children to shout out the Bears slogans, a couple of Dads, who are (were) Norths supporters, have touched base with me. Naturally, they are tremendous, fantastic blokes, who like me, have a touch of sadness in their eyes whenever "Norths" are mentioned.



## From our PE Teacher

### NSWPSSA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS BLACKHEATH

Congratulations Josh H and Kiarra CJ on being a part of the tournament showcasing the best Primary School golfers in NSW.

Josh H is the NSW Champion winning the PSSA title and qualifying for the Australian Championships. He recorded a personal best with rounds of 77 and 73 to take the overall scratch title on a countback and led Polding to a team win.

Kiarra was a creditable 7<sup>th</sup> overall in her first competition at this level. We cannot wait for next year!

Congratulations both of you! St Mary's is so proud!

### Diocesan Athletics Narrabeen

Congratulations Mia C, Mia T, Koby D, Rose D, Griffin M and Grace J on representing St Mary's and giving your best.

Mia C has won the 100m and 200m and will go on to Polding early term 4 after travelling to Darwin for the Australian Titles

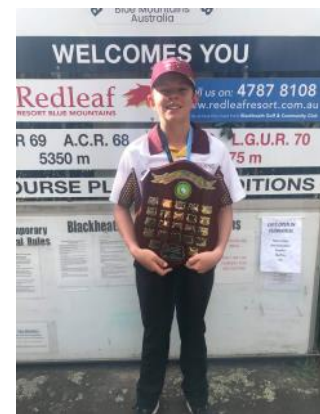
### CCC Netball and Soccer – Year 3/4

Please disregard 1<sup>st</sup> draw sent home Tuesday – there has been a school have to withdraw and draws will all be redone today.

Thanks so much to all the parents who have offered to help. We look forward to seeing you Friday!

**Please remember to have all children at school for buses by 8.10am Friday – they will be back at school by 3pm**

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.