

# 50th Anniversary

## Upcoming Events

- *World Teachers Day*  
Monday  
28 October
- *All Saints Mass*  
9.15am  
Friday  
1 November
- *Melbourne Cup*  
Tuesday  
5 November
- *Mariners' Cup*  
Monday or  
Tuesday  
11 or 12 November
- *Kinder Transition 2*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
13 November
- *Kinder Transition 3*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
20 November
- *Advent Liturgy 1*  
*Kinder + Year 2*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
21 November
- *Advent Liturgy 2*  
*Year 1 + Year 3*  
1.50pm  
Thursday  
28 November
- *Kinder Transition 4*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
4 December

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Saturday 30th November our parish celebrates its 50th anniversary. We warmly welcome you to join us for a beautiful Mass commencing at 11.00am. During the week, your child will share with you an invitation to this special liturgy.

After Mass, you are all invited to a luncheon in the parish hall.

We are hoping that our new bishop, Bishop Anthony Randazzo, will be the main celebrant for our Mass. With our school choir singing and children involved in a variety of ways, it is sure to be a special and meaningful Mass.

Our parish has asked to help with catering by supplying many sandwiches for the luncheon. Mrs Sternbeck will liaise with our Parent Wellbeing Team, asking for some helpers.

## Classes for 2020

Shortly, our teachers will begin the task of creating the class lists for 2020. Every year I ask our teachers to mix the classes up. It is important that the children in our school grow in resilience and in being with a variety of different children and different teachers over time, is one way of helping them.

## Crazy Sock Day

Thank you for supporting our 'Crazy Sock Day' with just over \$600 being raised for Catholic Mission. Tomorrow, during the annual Mission Mass at Waitara, our Mini-Vinnies representatives will present the funds to our diocese.

## Please Join Us

Please join us as we celebrate Mass for the Feast of All Saints. Our Mass commences at 9.15am on Friday 1st November with Year 4 leading the liturgy.

## Thank You

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for the Year 4 and Year 5 meetings held earlier in the week. Being able to share with you information relevant to your child is important to us.

## School Photos

School Photos have been sent home this week. If you did not receive yours, please contact the school office.

Choir, Minnie Vinnies, School Captain and Student Parliament photos have now been placed online. Parents can view and purchase these photos via the company's website [ios.academyphoto.com.au](http://ios.academyphoto.com.au) using the following 8 Digit Key **X6ZC3ZLL**

Alternatively, contact Academy School Photography on 1800 816 224 and place an order over the phone. All orders will be posted directly to the customer's home address.

Kind Regards,

*K Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal



## Parish Details

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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

Jack H  
Ruby P  
Caspian W  
Teyah H  
Marley B  
Riley G  
Ryan M  
Cochella O  
Harry B  
Addison W  
Beau T  
Lachlan M  
Euan B  
Chloe S  
Xavier S  
Ben G  
Zara B  
Elijah P  
Penelope P  
Dylan B  
Cleo C  
Alexander D  
Evie M  
Harry B  
Matthew P  
Claire W  
Josh F  
Zara H  
Ashton R  
Baxter H  
Sienna C  
Marlee S  
Jai C  
Will G

## From Our REC

### Catholic Mission Fundraising

Last Friday we were fundraising for Catholic Mission. Our St Mary's children raised; **\$606.30**. What an amazing effort! Well done boys and girls! Your compassion and willingness to help others in need is so strong. Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies students who all helped during this time, and the families who continue to support our school. Well done, everyone! Tomorrow some of our Year 5 & 6 Mini Vinnies students will present our donations in the form of a cheque to representatives from Catholic Mission at the Mission Mass. The Mass is being held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

## From Our Librarian

### DO YOU KNOW A GOOD BOOK FOR MY CHILD TO READ?

Quite often parents ask us for recommendations of books for their children to read. Whether books are presents for birthdays or from Santa or just to enjoy over the holiday period, there is a wealth of choice when we visit book stores or places like Kmart and Big W and it is sometimes hard to decide on the right books for our children.

When choosing books consider what your children are interested in and their level of independence as a reader. Another important factor to consider is the age of your children and the age of the characters they are reading about. The adventures and quests of Percy Jackson into the world of myths and legends would not be a suitable character for an eight year old to read. (even if we have enjoyed the movies!!) J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter has been discovered by a whole new generation of readers. However, the original intention of the series was for readers to grow up with the character of Harry Potter as each new book was published. So while we love the excitement of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the characters and their adventures were originally written for a teenage audience.



[https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/  
booklist/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html)

## Dates for Term 4

### Masses and Liturgies

As always, we invite you to join us for the many beautiful Masses and Liturgies we have each term.

**All Saints Mass:** 9.15am Friday 1<sup>st</sup>  
November

**Thanksgiving Mass:** 9.15am Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Advent Liturgy 1:** 1.50pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
November

**Advent Liturgy 2:** 1.50pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Advent Liturgy 3:** 1.50pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Advent Liturgy 4:** 1.50pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December

Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator

So how do I know which books to choose? The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website contains recommended booklists for children K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Books can be searched by their title, author or category. Every book listed has been scrutinised by members of an expert panel. Each has been read and examined by either teachers, teacher librarians or other educational professionals. A short synopsis is provided as well as their recommendation for the age group to which it is suited. By clicking on the link above you can check out the book lists suited to your child's age group.

Here at St Mary's we complete the Premier's Reading Challenge each year through our library sessions. When we add these books together with the library books borrowed, the children at our school have a healthy appetite for reading. Our local libraries have levelled PRC stickers on books for easy recognition and we have been doing the same in our own school library. The PRC website is an invaluable resource and I highly recommend it for parents and grandparents who are searching for just the right reading material for their children.

LIBRARY DAY TERM 4			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 GOLD	6 GOLD	1 BLUE	4 BLUE
1 GREEN	6 GREEN	3 BLUE	4 GOLD
2 GREEN	5 BLUE	3 GOLD	4 GREEN
2 BLUE	K BLUE	3 GREEN	5 GREEN
2 GOLD	K GREEN	5 GOLD	
	K GOLD		
Have all library books been returned from the holidays!!!			

# A Spotlight on Year 1



## Canteen News

Our school canteen relies on the generosity of our parent helpers to run effectively, but due to changing work and family commitments a number of volunteers are no longer able to assist. If you are able to help out, just once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let either myself or Janet Cincotta know if you are able to volunteer.

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

Donna Falzon

## Star Awards

Billy H  
Maci T  
Amarli M  
Hunter H  
Grace B  
Alina L  
Thomas R  
Ivy D  
Noah T  
Ellie B  
Hua Qiang P  
Nate O  
Toby W  
Liam S  
Owen W  
Jack M  
Lilly M  
Olivia W  
Zoe M

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## Christmas Toy Drive

Bella D Year 6 is asking for our school to participate in a Toy Drive for her Mini Vinnies Kids4Community initiative. She is asking for toys (no more than \$10) in value to be brought to school and donated each morning on the top playground. These toys will be donated to the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre or similar charities who will distribute to those most in need. Wrapping is optional but if the present is wrapped, could the gender and age be written on a tag attached to the present. This toy drive will be occurring between Week3 and Week 5 this term. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**YOU'RE INVITED...**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE  
**PARENT SPIRITUALITY DAY**

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**WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE  
LEADERS**

BE INSPIRED, EXCITED AND ENCOURAGED

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FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
9AM - 2.30PM

St Joseph's Spirituality Centre  
Kincumber  
8 Humphreys Road Kincumber South 2251

Cost: \$10 per person  
Please book via Trybooking  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BFQTB>

"If we can develop a truly humble attitude, we can change the world"  
-Pope Francis

### Key Note Speaker Philomena Billington

Philomena has over 40 years' experience at all levels of Catholic Education; it is her passion – particularly in the area of parent engagement and inspiring Lay Leadership. Phil is insightful, entertaining and an inspirational speaker.



	<p>9.00 Key Note – Philomena Billington</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid #800000;"/> <p>10.30 Morning tea 11.00 Parent led workshops Master Class with Phil</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid #800000;"/> <p>12.30 Lunch 1.30 Walk the Labyrinth Stations of the Cross Guided meditation on the Grounds 2.30 close</p>
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