

Thank you

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *Advent Liturgy 3*
Year 4
1.50pm
Thursday
5 December
- *Awards Ceremony*
Wednesday
11 December
- *Advent Liturgy 4*
Year 5
1.50pm
Thursday
12 December
- *Thanksgiving Mass*
Year 6
9.15am
Friday
13 December
- *Christmas Carols*
6.00pm
Monday
16 December

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Sincere thanks to our many parents and carers for your flexibility in arranging care for your child during yesterday's closure of our school. Seven Catholic schools across the Central Coast and twelve within our diocese are categorised as high risk in particular weather circumstances (e.g. catastrophic fire conditions) and all twelve were closed yesterday.

The CCC Touch Gala Day for Years 5 and 6, scheduled for last Friday, has been cancelled altogether. The Mariners Schools Cup, postponed from yesterday, will be played tomorrow (Thursday).

Congratulations Bella and Reyes

Isabella D (6 Green) and Reyes M (6 Gold) are the 2019 recipients of the Rotary Citizenship Awards. Bella and Reyes' achievements will be acknowledged at a special function hosted by Rotary at Halekulani Club on Wednesday 20th November. Congratulations Bella and Reyes!

Leadership Speeches

Our Year 5 students have been delivering their Student Parliament 2020 speeches. We appreciate the time and effort they devoted in preparing their speeches. In the not too distant future a shortlist of 10 students will be finalised. These 10 students will comprise our Student Parliament for 2020.

Likewise, our Year 4 students are going through a similar process. Two students from Year 4 are then chosen to join the older ones on our 2020 Student Parliament.

Kinder Transition 3

Our Kinder Transition 3 session begins at 9.30am on Wednesday 20th November.

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

Harvey L
Lawson O
Josi C
Jase B
Emily A
Harlow R
Phoebe-Rene F
Lily D B
Olivia R
Bethany M
Sophie B
Lukas F
Indiana M
Nova B
Ellie B
Lexie L
Caylon A
Harry B
Blake C
Jaime-Lee S
Samuel T
Ruby H
Bailey F
Jessica R C
Peyton B
Lily T
Halle O
Ava C
Taj P
Holly C
Brendan T
Jessica B

From Our REC

Golden Jubilee

We warmly invite all families to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our parish on the 30th November at 11am in our school church. Please save the date.

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. Sometime this week, your child will be given a particular item from a class list of items. We ask each child to please bring in this item to place in their classroom basket. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. Once again, our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies children will lead this initiative. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion.

Advent Liturgies

Next week we begin our Advent Liturgies. These will be held every Thursday afternoon for the remaining weeks of the year at 1.50pm in the church.

Advent Liturgy 1 (Kinder and Year 2):

1.50pm Thursday 21st November

Advent Liturgy 2 (Year 1 and Year 3):

1.50pm Thursday 28th November

Advent Liturgy 3 (Year 4):

1.50pm Thursday 5th December

Advent Liturgy 4 (Year 5):

1.50pm Thursday 12th December

We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

One of the most important factors for children's positive mental health is their relationships with the important adults in their lives, especially their parents. When children know that their parents are interested in them, can see the good in them and are willing to give them their time and attention they feel safe, secure and loved.

With the stresses of work and dealing with the practicalities of family life, it can be hard sometimes to actually make a conscious effort to see the best in our children and let them know it. It tends to be more natural to focus on the negative things that children may be struggling with, such as bad behaviour, fighting with siblings, struggles at school, etc. because these behaviours stand out more.

For children, time with a parent = love and if they aren't receiving positive attention, then negative attention is better than nothing at all. All children have strengths and abilities that we as parents can help them recognise and develop in themselves. Showing our children how to harness their strengths is a key tool for happiness, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Strengths Based Parenting is a positive approach to parenting that intentionally focuses on and cultivates the strengths our children have. This leads to more positive relationships and makes tackling problematic or tricky attitudes or behaviour less confrontational and more likely to be resolved positively. It's not about over the top or unwarranted praise but about recognising and developing skills they already possess to give them confidence and the ability to cope with challenges. A great article about Strengths Based Parenting by Prof. Lea Waters can be access via the link ['here'](#).

Unfortunately the Cyber Safety parent presentation that was scheduled at Mackillop Thursday night has been postponed until next year. I will let parents know when we have a new date.

The Smith Family saver Plus programme is available for eligible families to help with school costs by matching dollar for dollar savings up to \$500. Please see the flyer going home today about how to apply.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Kindergarten



We can't believe that we have almost finished our first year of school. We have settled into learning at school and are ready for the challenges of Year 1.

Writing

In writing, we have been working hard on using adjectives in our sentence writing to make them more interesting.



Maths

In Maths, we are revising subtraction through games and other fun activities.



Maths

We are also looking at how to create and continue patterns.

Canteen News

2020 Canteen Volunteer forms were sent home in Week 2 and sadly only a handful have been returned so far. Our school canteen relies on the generosity of our parent helpers to run effectively and if you are able to help out, just once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and return to school by Friday November 22nd. If you need another form, it is available on the school website or you can pick one up from the office. Thank you.

Donna and Janet

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

Star Awards

Mia M
Hayden T
Oliver R
Ashton M
Liliana C
Zac W
Isla C
Tia S
Addison L
Scarlett W
Riley T
Cahill L
Toby S
Hudson D
Reif D
Macey B
Emily C

Year 6 Graduation Meeting

There will be a Year 6 graduation meeting on Monday 18th November at 3pm in the library. Year 6 parents are most welcome to attend.

From Our PE Teacher

Australia Golf Championships - Josh H

Josh H has had the honour of being the flagbearer for the NSW team at the Australian Schools Golf Championships in Western Australia. We wish him the best of luck this week and will update on his progress next week.

NSW All Schools Athletics Championships - Mia C

Mia C competed at Homebush for the Polding Team last week. After a traumatic trip to Sydney involving a car accident Mia bravely got her emotions into sporting mode and ran a heat then a semi and made the final.

In the final she came 5th - 5th fastest 12year old 100m runner in NSW. Amazing work Mia!

Mariners Soccer Gala - Tomorrow - Thursday

New draws going home today that affect arrival times.

CCC Touch Gala Day - Cancelled due to weather and referee availability

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



From The Office

Family Registration forms for 2020 are now OVERDUE. We kindly ask that you complete and return the form to school ASAP. Both parents must sign the form for it to be valid. The information on this form is used to apply sibling discounts. If you have misplaced the form you can arrange for another one to be sent home or you can download a copy from the school's website.

Thank you
Leesa, Jacqui & Julie

