

# Please Join Us

## Upcoming Events

- *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
- *Students Last Day*  
Wednesday  
18 December

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

As we enter the last month of the school year there are a variety of celebrations and liturgies to which you are invited:

The first of our *Advent Liturgies* (you know that Christmas is closing in when these begin) will be led by Kinder and Year 2 and will commence at 1.50pm in the Church on Thursday. Weeks 7, 8 and 9 all have the ensuing Advent Liturgies as we journey towards Christmas.

The speeches for *2020 School Captains* will occur at 10.00am on Tuesday 26th November. The 10 children involved will comprise our 2020 Student Parliament with 4 of the students being elected as our School Captains.

Our Parish celebrates its *Golden Jubilee* (50th) with a special Mass, beginning at 11.00am on Saturday 30th November. Our Choir will join St Brigid's and St Brendan's to lead the wonderful singing. A lunch will be offered following Mass.

Our annual *Awards Ceremony* is at 11.00am on Wednesday 11th December in the Church. Our K-6 Awards Ceremony recognises a variety of achievements with the main focus being outstanding academic achievement. A new award is being presented in every class this year. The Catholic Values Award acknowledges a child whose daily actions reflect the following: trust, integrity, honesty, forgiveness, compassion, generosity, faith and understanding. It is not an easy task for the teachers to choose only one child for this award. Preceding the annual ceremony, K-2 children will receive a special certificate recognising their efforts. Commencing at 10.00am, this will occur in each K-2 classroom (Year 2 will share their awards in the Infants lunch seat area).

One of the most beautiful Masses of the year occurs on Friday 13th December. Led by Year 6, our *Thanksgiving Mass* celebrates both the 2019 school year and our departing, wonderful senior students.

To round the year off, our annual *Christmas Carols* with bright colours, plenty of singing (mostly good) and a community atmosphere will be celebrated on Monday 16th December, commencing at 6.00pm.

Please join us for any or all of the above celebrations. Your presence makes a difference.

## 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of our parish will be celebrated with Mass from 11.00am on Saturday 30th November. Please join us for this special liturgy.

## Kinder 2020

Our new Kinders for 2020 have their final Transition session on Wednesday 4th December. During this session the children will meet their teacher and their Year 6 buddy. We commence at 9.30am in the Church.

## Leaving Students

If there are any families whose child will not be with us next year, could you please contact the office. A note needs to be forwarded indicating your child's destination school and leaving date.

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

Zara B  
Ashley L  
Alex T  
Nate F  
Zane B  
Nixon H  
Ellie C  
Thomas L  
Jay K  
Vinnie E  
Kirrilee F  
Eliette J  
Isabella H  
Jasmine C  
Max W  
Myles S  
Havi M  
Evie S  
Thomas B  
Zahra D  
Linsey A  
Myah L  
Reif D  
Mia M  
Maverick E  
Tara T  
Shaylah H  
Jack M  
Holly C  
Kourtney F  
Rianna B  
Olivia W  
Jeweliet M  
Navayah A  
Isabella D

## From Our REC

### Golden Jubilee

We warmly invite all families to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Last week, your child would have been 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.

### Christmas Eve Mass

A note went home recently in regards to our annual parent organised Christmas Eve Mass. Each year the parents of St Mary's organise a wonderful ceremony and we are asking for parent volunteers to help in the organisation of this special event.

## From Our Librarian

### THE PERFECT GIFT

With Christmas fast approaching and everyone planning for their celebrations have you considered the gift of a book at Christmas time for your family members. I find myself drawn to the bookshelves of Big W and Kmart let alone book stores, which are sadly becoming a rarity. There are many popular authors on sale at the moment as well as series and boxed sets of popular book titles for children. I'm sure there will be kids out there studying the catalogues and noting what interests them.

And let's not forget the grown-ups. Mums and Dads are busy people but it is important to find a quiet time for reading. Is there a good book you have your eye on? Grandparents, who remember Christmases that predate our digital age, love a good book too. Not only do they love to receive them but they are always keen to give them. Let them know of any books your children would love to read over the Christmas holidays.

Please take the time to read the note. We are also looking for children to participate in the Mass too. Please return the note as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

### Advent Liturgies

This 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



A good book is always hard to put down when you are engrossed with the characters and storyline. If your children are having difficulty finding something they like then let them browse the books shelves of the local store or library and choose a book that interests them. With the routine of school almost over and the summer holidays looming on the horizon it is important to encourage our children to keep reading for the sheer pleasure of it!

We are now coming to the end of the term but here in the Library we are also working towards end of year procedures. It is important that we conduct an inventory of all our resources. We are currently in the process of scanning all books in the Library to ensure they are accounted for.

Next week is Week 7 and will be the last week for borrowing this term. It is important that all library books and instructional readers are returned as soon as possible. If your child brings home a note of library books that need to be returned during these last few weeks please help find them as we will know that they are definitely not on the library shelves.

Miss Gray  
Librarian



# A Spotlight on Year 4



## 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.**

## STARS Awards

Charlie M  
Flynn B  
Riley G  
Connor D  
Addison W  
Ma'Niyah J  
Timothy S  
Lincoln S  
Brody A  
Dion M  
Marcella R  
Jackson J  
Liam S  
Theresa D  
Lacey B  
Scarlett O  
Alexis C  
Chelsea H

## From Our PE Teacher

### Australian Primary School Golf Championships

Congratulations Josh H on your amazing efforts last week in Toowoomba, Qld. Josh was a part of the NSW team that competed in the Australian School Championships. Josh has a handicap of 9 - what most adult golfers only dream of! Josh's team came 2nd overall in the Craig Parry Shield which went to Queensland. Josh himself had the best scores of any golfer at the event with scores of 71, 76 and 67. Josh you have had a fabulous year and we are extremely proud of you!

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator

### Thank You

Thank you to all of the generous families who donated to the Mini Vinnies Toy Drive. Your gifts were combined and the final count was 45 gifts averaging around \$20 in value. They were donated to the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre who will pass them on to children in need. Often your gift will be the only one these kids get.

Bella D  
Year 6



### From The Office

Family Registration forms are now overdue. There are still families who have not submitted these signed forms to school. Please remember if the school hasn't received this form by this Friday, there will be no discounts applied to your 2020 school invoice.

Thank you  
Leesa, Jacqui & Julie

**PAST DUE**