

Awards Ceremony

Upcoming Events

- *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

2020

- *Staff Return*
Tuesday
28 January
- *Years 1-6 Return*
Wednesday
29 January
- *Kinder Assessments*
Wednesday-Friday
29-31 January
- *Kinders First Day*
Monday
3 February

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Our annual K-6 Awards Ceremony begins at 11.00am in the Church on Wednesday 11th December. We welcome you to join us.

Our Awards Ceremony recognises students from every class who have gained outstanding academic achievement. We also recognise 1 child from every class with the STARS award. In 2019 we are introducing a new award: the Catholic Values Award. 1 child from every class will receive this valued award.

Towards the end of the Ceremony, 2 students will receive the NSW Blues Award. This award is presented to students who have represented NSW in a particular sport.

The major Year 6 awards (Community Spirit Award and Catholic Values Award) are announced and we conclude with the naming of our 2020 School Parliament and 2020 School Captains.

At 10.30am all K-2 parents are welcome to visit their child's class to witness each child receiving a special certificate acknowledging a particular aspect of their school year.

Parent Wellbeing Team

Huge thanks is offered to the many, many parent helpers who make up our Parent Wellbeing Team. Repeatedly throughout the year, these parents practically support our school through helping at various functions, events and occasions.

We value your generosity and selfless attitude. Your involvement adds richly to the positive culture of our school. THANK YOU!

Reports

Your child's Report will be sent home on Friday 13th December. The Report is an accurate reflection of your child's efforts and achievements during the second half of the year. Please take the time to discuss it with your child, praising them for their considerable efforts.

Included with the Report is a note detailing your child's 2020 teacher and class.

A requirements list of items required for the new grade is also included.

Staffing

Miss Sharon Johnson and Mrs Lisa Johnson will both be taking a year's leave during 2020. We wish them well for their different ventures and we look forward to their return in 2021.

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

Cruz C
Stephanie M
Levi R
Sophie C
Evie Z
Ayla B
Ellie M
Indigo L
Ma'Niyah J
Sienna G
Tayla G
Jasmine C
Darcy M
Emilia R
Zara B
Will M
Havi M
Caylon A
Emily T
Levi J
Riley T
Mia M
Joey T
Diezel P
Joshua F
Mia W
Harper R
Rianna B

Reminder

If anyone has books borrowed from either our Parent Resource Library or Storytime for pre-schoolers could they please be returned by the end of week 8. Thank you



From Our REC

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. 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. 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.

From Our Librarian

We are certainly winding down now that the end of term is in sight.

CALLING FOR ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!!!!

Borrowing is now finished and we are completing our final inventory of library books. All borrowed books and guided readers are now due. If your child brings home a note of overdue books please help us by looking for and returning them as soon as possible. If a book has been damaged or lost you are able to replace the book with the same or similar title or pay for the cost of the book at the office.

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR OLD UNWANTED LIBRARY BOOKS?

Each year as we conduct an inventory of the shelves we also examine the condition of our library books. Books that are looking worn and tired are deleted from our collection. Sometimes a tired book is kept because it is out of print and cannot be replaced. However deleted books still serve a worthwhile purpose. Last week we sent a sizeable shipment of books to schools in Fiji that made many children and teachers very happy. Knowing the incredible lack of resources such schools

Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgy for this week will be on Thursday 4/12 (tomorrow) 1.50pm in the Church. This will be run by Year 4. We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Thanksgiving Mass

Year 6 are currently preparing for our final school mass for 2019, our Thanksgiving Mass. This will be held on Friday December 13th (Week 9) at 9.15am. This is a particularly special mass and I encourage all members of our school community to attend. It's at this mass we wish the class of 2019 well, as we celebrate the Eucharist together one final time as a St Mary's community. Please add this date to your diary.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



experience St Mary's is proud to support the literacy skills of these children in need.

HOLIDAY READING PLANS

What plans are you making to keep reading happening over the holidays? I am sure that your children have shelves of books waiting to be read and re-read! Has Santa got books on his list this year? School may be finishing soon but it is important to keep kids reading for pleasure over the summer break. Those children who continue reading maintain and build on their learning gains of this year. How can you make reading a natural and enjoyable part of these coming holidays?

OUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Are you a member of our local library? Why not join and take advantage of the children's programs provided over the summer holidays. Our Central Coast Library not only lends books and e-books but offers a wealth of online services and resources. Have you been thinking about investigating your family tree? The Central Coast Library holds resources that can help you make a start! I encourage every family to become members of this invaluable, incredible resource service.

Many thanks for your support and keep those books coming!!!!
Happy reading everyone

A Spotlight on Year 6



**YEAR 6 LOVES SPENDING
TIME WITH THEIR
BUDDIES!**



**WE WILL MISS THEM
NEXT YEAR.**



From Our PE Teacher

Canteen News

Thank you to those parents/ carers who have returned Canteen Volunteer forms for 2020. We are still in need of a few more volunteers, particularly for Thursdays and Fridays so if you are able to help out for even just 2 hours, once per month it would be greatly appreciated.

Donna and Janet

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

STARS Awards

Phoebe N
Willow C
Clive Z
Kirrilee F
Elijah P
Summer M
Zac W
Matilda S
Rylee F
Mayah H
Scarlett O
Isabella P

School Banking

The last day for school banking for the remainder of the year will be next Monday 9th December. Thank you

Congratulations Reyes

Reyes won the 2019 School Chess Competition beating Tasman in a 70 minute battle.

Congratulations Central Coast Schools Golf Participants

On Monday our very talented golfers Kiarra, Josh and Eddie competed in the Central Coast Schools Golf titles at Shelley Beach. Against students up to Year 12, our students were exceptional. Josh was 4th overall, Kiarra won the net competition and a great jacket and Eddie proved he is a talent of the future. Josh was also recently awarded the Mayors award for services to School Sport - golf! Congratulations to you all!

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

