

Farewell Year 6

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *MAIs Years 1-6*
Wednesday
29 January
- *Years 1-6 Return*
Thursday
30 January
- *Kinder Assessments*
Wednesday-Friday
29-31 January
- *Kinders First Day*
Monday
3 February

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

For many years, our school has certainly been blessed by the presence of our current Year 6 students. Repeatedly, Year 6 have had high expectations of themselves for both their learning and their behaviour. Year 6 is a close group of children who enjoy mateship and often look out for each other. They are an inclusive group who have been tremendous in accepting the differences of others.

In terms of the student leadership at our school, Year 6 has been outstanding. Because of their fine example, when younger students reach Year 6, they understand that considerable responsibility is involved. To be a Year 6 student at our school means that you are a role model for the younger children.

You have been honest. You have been thoughtful. You have been trustworthy. You have earned great respect from your teachers because you have been deeply trusted. You're just a good group of people whom we, in the future, will be proud to say were students at our school.

Year 6, enjoy your special Graduation evening tonight.

Our Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass

One of our most beautiful Masses of the school year commences at 9.15am on Friday. Led by Year 6, our Mass celebrates the school year together with the wonderful leadership exhibited by Year 6. You are most welcome to join us.

We Welcome Our New Teacher

For 2020, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Prue Nelson to our school. We trust that your time with us will be filled with considerable learning and many friendships.

Christmas Carols

A festive and fun atmosphere highlights our annual Christmas Carols. The Carols commence at 6.00pm on Monday 16th December on our school's oval. Please join us.

Advent Liturgy 4

On Thursday our Year 5 students lead the liturgy celebrating the fourth week of Advent. We commence at 1.50pm in the Church and you are most welcome to join us.

Reports

Your child's Report will be sent home with them on Friday. Included in the envelope is a letter regarding booking an MAI interview time for your child, a requirements list for their new class and a slip detailing your child's 2020 teacher and class.

2020 Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children for being elected as Sports Captains for 2020:

Green: Shaylah and Jayden; *Red:* Candice and Jayden; *Blue:* Abby and Griffin; *Gold:* Bree and Bede.

MAI Online Bookings

The opportunity to book your MAI time for Wednesday 29th January closes on Wednesday 18th December. Please refer to the letter accompanying your child's Report.

Those families who do not book a time(s) will be allocated a time.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of our staff, we wish you a happy and holy Christmas surrounded by the love of your family and close friends.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

From Our REC

Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730
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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

Cohen R
Zara B
Nate F
Vincent B
Van B
Harrison L
Oliver K
Ilyah M
Zoe W
Seth T
Eddie A
Tia S
Rose D
Luca K
Kitty G
Jonah M
Gabrielle S
Mark H
Clayton B
Mikayla M

Year 6 Parents

Please be aware that you will need to download/print off previous years semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31 December 2019 if you wish to keep a record of these. Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student's details in Compass ceases.

Christmas Appeal

Thank you to our families and the wider community for donating food items to our annual Christmas Appeal. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. We have been overwhelmed and inundated with a variety of products that will help our local families in need over the Christmas season. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion and the Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies children who have led this initiative.

Thanksgiving Mass

Our Year 6 are currently preparing for our final school mass for 2019, our Thanksgiving Mass. This will be held this Friday December 13th 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. We look forward to seeing many of our families present.

Advent Liturgies

This week sees Year 5 running our Advent Liturgy. This will be held in the church tomorrow at 1.50pm. We invite you to please join us.

Christmas Carols

Our annual Christmas Carols evening is here once again. All parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come along on Monday December 16th and join in as we sing some of our favourite Christmas carols. Each grade will sing two carols and choir will also feature. We look forward to seeing you all there for a fantastic evening.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

It has been a wonderful year with lots of learning and growth for St Mary's students. Our Kinder students have made huge strides both academically and socially and while it only seems like yesterday that our Year 6 students walked through the school gates for their first day of Kinder, they only have one more week with us until they head off to High School and enter the teenage years. Across all grades it has been great to see the progress children have made. It is also a time of farewells, with some families ending their St Mary's school journey.

The summer holiday break will fly by so please take the time to enjoy the (hopefully) slower pace and spend quality time with the kids. Just staying at home to relax and unwind and play board games, cook together, have a movie day at home, cricket in the backyard or a day at the beach are all great ways for families to spend time together and provide opportunities for children to learn at the same time. For children TIME = LOVE and the memories you make while spending time doing sometimes the simplest of things with the kids is what they will remember in the future. Enjoy your family time these

holidays.

Community News

- Please check out our local Libraries and Neighbourhood Centres for many free or low cost activities for children these holidays.
- Toukley Neighbourhood Centre is having a community "Pies and Pudding" Christmas lunch on Monday December 23rd from 11am for those local to the Toukley area – Please call 4396 1555 to RSVP.
- Lakes Food Care is open at 199 Main Rd, Toukley until Friday December 20th and will re-open on Monday January 13th.

For those families who may experience challenging times over the break and need support, the following contacts are available-

Kids Helpline	1800 55 1800
Parent Line NSW	1300 1300 52
Mensline Australia	1300 78 99 78
Beyond Blue	1300 22 46 36
Lifeline	13 11 14
1800 Respect	1800 73 77 32
CatholicCare	4356 2600
Family Referral Service	1300 006 480

Each service provider also has an online platform available.

Donna Falzon

Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Mini Vinnies



Aboriginal Art Work painted by our AEW Sam Harrison



Canteen News

REMINDER

This Friday December 13th is the last day for lunch orders this year. The canteen will be open Tuesday and Wednesday next week for snacks and ice-blocks only.

Donna and Janet

STARS Awards

Marley B

Ava S

Elly S

Tim V

STARS

Share Fun

Think Safe, Act Safe

Act Responsibly

Respect All That God has

Made

Speak With Kindness



Kindy 2020 Liturgy



Our Kindy 2020 children with their buddies

Pies & Pudding

You're invited to join Together 4 Toukley for Christmas Lunch and plenty of fun!

Monday 23rd December 2019

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre

3 Heador St, Toukley

11am-2pm

Please RSVP on 02 4396 1555





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