

“Meet the Teacher” Evening

Upcoming Events

- *Opening School Mass*
9.15am
Friday
14 February
- *Swimming Carnival*
Monday
17 February
- *“Meet the Teacher” Evening*
5.30pm
Wednesday
19 February
- *Enrolment for Sacrament of Reconciliation*
3.30pm or 7.00pm
Thursday
20 February
- *CCC Swimming*
Monday
24 February
- *Ash Wednesday Mass*
9.15am
Wednesday
26 February
- *Engaging Adolescents Parent Program*
9.30-11.30am
Monday
2 March
- *School Cross Country*
Jenny Dixon Reserve
Friday
6 March

St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Wednesday 19th February we are hosting a Welcome Evening (“Meet the Teacher”). It is for all families and is a chance to meet your child's teacher in an informal, relaxed environment. Families are asked to bring along a picnic-style dinner to enjoy on the oval (much like the Christmas Carols) with the event beginning at 5.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The enrolment sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are at 3.30pm or 7.00pm on Thursday 20th February in our Church.

CSO Parent Education News

Linked is the first edition of the CSO Parent Education Newsletter. The newsletter provides a snapshot of CSO Parent Education courses, parent websites and links to articles. Worthwhile reading.

<https://mailchi.mp/7478d1b74240/cso-parent-education-news-and-events-calendar-term-1>

From Our School's Counsellor

Accompanying today's newsletter is a letter from Mrs Nicole Ryder, our school's Counsellor and Psychologist (emailed). The included resources are aimed at supporting children who have become distressed by either the recent bushfires or floods.

Opening School Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the start of the school year with our Opening School Mass at 9.15am, Friday 14th February.

Mobile Phones, Watches, Devices

Mobile phones are not permitted to be brought to school unless you have written to me and a special exemption is granted. Other devices including watches in which you can receive calls, text messages etc. are not permitted at all.

Engaging Adolescents Course

An excellent 4 sessions course that helps build parents skills for resolving teenage/preteen behaviour problems (led by an engaging, positive presenter). Starting 2nd March (also 9th, 16th and 23rd) from 9.30—11.30am.

Going Home From School Routine

The parents and grandparents of a child are permitted to collect them at 3.15pm daily. If a different person is picking your child up, please notify us either in writing or via a phone call. Please refer to the letter forwarded last Friday (and on our website).

Swimming Carnival

Our school's Swimming Carnival is on Monday 17th February at Mingara. All children in Years 2-6 are involved in what promises to be a fun-filled day. You're welcome to join in the fun.

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

Ruby B
Zac B
Max A
Mia T
Benji A
Eva W
Flynn B
Van B
Teyah H
Koa F
Lachlan B
Eden D
Lawson O
Arlie M
Luke P
Jayden G
Thomas L
Harry B
Emmanuelle D
Isla C
Ben G
Charli D
Brody A
Chelsea B
Riley T
Harry M
Silongo K
Evie M
Samuel W
Tyler D
Elli L
Mark H
Iyla P

Asthma Plans

If your child experiences Asthma and their Action Plan has changed from the one you have provided to school last year, could you please send the updated plan to the office as soon as possible.

Piano Tuition

There are currently vacancies for piano tuition during school hours. Please contact Chris Hochkins for further details.
Ph. 0414 186 044

From Our REC

Opening School Mass

Our K-6 Opening School Mass is on this Friday 14th February. We welcome parents, grandparents and new families to celebrate our Opening Mass for 2020 with us in the church. Mass begins at 9.15am.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 26th. We will come together for Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The time will be confirmed at a later date. Parents and carers, we invite you to join us.

Sacramental Program

The enrolment sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are coming up in week 4. Please attend one of the following, if you intend on your child making this sacrament. This is for children in Year 3 or children in Year 4, 5 or 6 who have not already made this sacrament:

St Brendan's Mass Centre Lake

Munmorah: Wednesday 19th February
2019, 3.30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley: Thursday
20th February 2019, 3.30pm

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to the new school year. As Family Liaison Officer it is my role to support all families within our school. That may be by offering a listening ear, providing practical support when needed, referrals to outside agencies and information regarding school, parenting, childhood development, etc.

Sometimes just having someone to chat to confidentially about concerns you may have regarding your child's wellbeing, behaviour, changing family circumstances or challenging family times can help ease a person's mind. I am here to provide reassurance and information about some of the practicalities of school routine and offer strategies on how to be engaged with your children's learning to maximise their achievements and wellbeing. Particularly for our new parents/ carers, please remember that there is no such thing as a silly question and if there are things you may be unsure of please don't hesitate to ask.

Our aim is to develop a strong partnership between all of the parents/ carers and staff to maximise each child's learning and wellbeing. Please feel free to contact me, Monday to Friday, either in person or by phone.

St Mary's Parish Centre Toukley: Thursday
20th February 2019, 7.00pm

More information will be provided at the enrolment sessions.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is Week 6 (March 2nd - March 6th) of this term. Upcoming newsletters will include more details about this.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



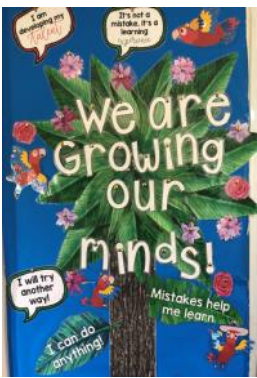
Our regular **Cuppa and Chat** is a chance for parents/ carers to come together to meet and get to know others in a relaxed, casual setting, ask any questions you may have about school and find resources and information. This year it will be happening three mornings a week in our new Parent Room and Resource Centre. The new room is located in the laneway between the school office and Pandora Pde. and will be open from 8.45am-10.30am Mon, Tues and Wed. Toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along with lots of activities to keep them occupied. I hope to see you there.

This Term we are holding the "Engaging Adolescents" workshop on Monday mornings, Weeks 6,7,8 & 9. It is a great programme designed for parents with children aged from 9yrs old and up - though the information would be great for parents of children of any age. A flyer with further information will be coming home with today's newsletter.

Don't forget—"Storytime in the Library" every Thursday morning for families with toddlers/ pre-schoolers.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 3



3Blue have been learning about having a Growth Mindset. We may not be able to do something YET, but we are not going to give up!



Canteen News

We are still in desperate need for volunteers to assist in the canteen, particularly Thursdays and Fridays. The children love to see mum, dad or a grandparent helping out. Just volunteering once a month can make such a difference. Please let the office know if you can help. Thanking you in advance.
Donna & Janet

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

Star Awards

Sofie N
Baylen M
Millie J
Alex T
Lachlan M
Natalija K
Madison C
Ellie C
Rosie W
Kobe J
Ruby K
Summer M
Noah T
Harry B
Peyton B
Rayah K
Annabel R

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From Our PE Teacher

St Mary's School Swimming Carnival

Thank you to our wonderful band of helpers. All children will bring a note home this week showing jobs and a timetable for the running of this exciting and fun day. We are struggling for helpers this year. If you feel you can spare some time, especially in the water for novelties could you please leave your name with the ladies in the office. We have wonderful helpers from St Brigids, but these lovely kids need our support as they are only young.

Afterschool Cricket Program

This will run for 6 weeks from Wednesday 4th March until the end of Term. This is a great way to have fun with friends afterschool on our oval. Also a great way for our new parents and children to get to know each other. We will have flyers next week!!!

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

The school canteen will be closed this Monday 17th February due to the swimming carnival. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Kinder Parent Evening