

The Season of Lent

Upcoming Events

- **Engaging Adolescents Parent Program**
9.30-11.30am
Monday
2, 9, 16, 23 March
- **Open Classrooms**
2.20-2.50pm
Thursday
5 March
- **School Cross Country**
Jenny Dixon Reserve
Friday
6 March
- **St Mary's Playgroup**
9.15am
Tuesday
10 March
- **School Tour**
9.00am
Wednesday
11 March
- **Year 5 in Bathurst**
Thursday/Friday
12-13 March
- **Kinder 2021 Information Evening**
7.00pm
Monday
23 March
- **CCC Cross Country**
Friday
27 March
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
3.30pm
Tuesday
31 March
Thursday
2 April

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Lent is from Ash Wednesday (26 February) and concludes on Thursday 9 April (the Lord's Supper). Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Lent is a time of spiritual reflection and preparation. Lenten promises are often made during the Lenten season. Three common ways to fulfil a Lenten promise include:

1. **Prayer:** e.g. Mass attendance, reading the Bible, individual prayer.
2. **Self-denial:** e.g. not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family.
3. **Helping Others:** e.g. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened or isolated.

Open Classrooms

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. As part of Catholic Schools Week, after our Sacred Space on Thursday (5th March), we invite you to visit your child during our Open Classrooms session (2.20-2.50pm).

School Tour

If you are aware of any families interested in enrolling their child at our school (K-6), please let them know of our School Tour being held at 9.00am on Wednesday 11th March.

Kinder 2021 Information Evening

Our Information Evening for parents wishing to enrol their child in our Kinder 2021 cohort will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 23rd March in the school's Library.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the children who have begun preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

School Cross Country

A highlight of Term 1 is our school's Cross Country. It is to be held at Jenny Dixon Reserve on Friday 6th March. All children in Kinder to Year 6 will participate. We are

asking for many parent helpers to please assist us in walking the children up to Jenny Dixon. It is a fun morning. You are very welcome to join us.

Engaging Adolescents Course

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

Playgroup

The first of our Playgroup sessions for children enrolling at our school for Kinder 2021 will be held at 9.15am in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th March.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Enrolling now for 2021

Kinder Information Evening MONDAY 23 MARCH 2020 7pm-8.30pm

Are you considering enrolling your child at St Mary's?

School Tour for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11th March, 9am-10am

If you are interested in learning about our school, please join our Principal, Mr Kevin Williams, for a School Tour. The tour will commence from the school office.

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Mass Times

Please join us in celebrating Mass at St Mary's Toukley.

Saturday's 7.45am & 6.00pm

Sunday's 7.30am, 9.00am, & 6.00pm

Children's Liturgy 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9.00am

Father Tomy *Parish Priest*
Father Baby *Parish Priest*

Merit Awards

Cooper B
Maddison H
Kai R
Poppy G
Abigail R
Tianna O
Isaac B
Riley G
Charlotte C
Noah B
Evalata M
Zane B
Charlotte A
Levi M
Ayla B
Alfie O
Ruby R
Sonny I
Robby L
Lily D
Brooklyn C
Lola K
Mitchell W
Marcella R
Connor Van-B
Penelope P
Ozzy I
Joey T
Samuel T
Claire W
Bailey J
Florence M
Cooper O
Max C
Candice B
Lucy N
Sienna S

From Our REC

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is next week!
(March 2nd - March 6th).

We want to celebrate everything that is great about our wonderful Catholic School, St Mary's.

Please join us for Open Classrooms on Thursday 5th March, to be held after our assembly, between 2.20pm and 2.50pm. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and celebrate their learning.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Family Liaison Officer

The "Engaging Adolescents" workshop starts next Monday morning, 9:30am-11:30am and runs for 4 weeks. It is a great programme designed for parents with children aged from 9yrs old and up - though the information is valuable for parents of children at any age. The programme provides current information around preteen & adolescent conduct, what you can expect as children get older and ways to handle their changing attitudes and behaviour.

The information you learn through this programme can help you set up stronger, more positive relationships with your children now and into the future. It is a great advantage for families to have those positive relationships between parents/ carers and children because as they get older, conversations and behaviour can become more challenging as they develop their own sense of independence and views about the world around them.

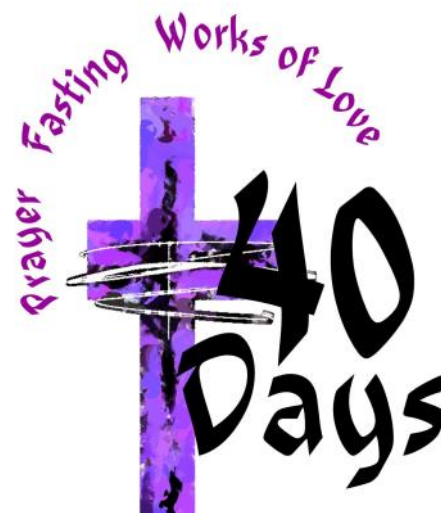
As well as gaining great insights into children's development and behaviour, participating in the programme shows our children that even as adults, we never stop learning. Another flyer for the programme went home yesterday and I ask that you return the attendance slip or phone the office to RSVP if you are interested in participating and let us know if you will re-

St Brigid's Catholic College Open Day

Tuesday 3rd March
Open Classrooms from 1pm
School Tours 5—6pm
Information Session 6—7pm

See the College website for further details.

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quire childminding.

The Parent Resource Library is located in the foyer of our school Library and has a wide range of resources for parents to borrow. They cover a wide range of topics to do with families, children's development, anxiety, cyber safety, puberty, family breakdown and much more. You are welcome to come and have a look at the library and borrow before the bell in the morning or at the end of the school day. Feel free to contact me if there is something in particular you are after.

As always, if you have any worries regarding your child please feel free to speak with their teacher and share your concerns.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be holding their "Pop Up TNC" at school, from 2:30pm on Wednesday March 25. With lots of great information about the services they provide and programmes they facilitate, please stop in to say hello when you see them on the playground.

Cuppa & Chat for parents/ carers

Mon, Tues, Wed 9am-10:30am

Storytime for toddlers and pre-schoolers

Thursday 9am-9:30am

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 5



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. Volunteering just 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

Benny E
Grace L
Lennox K
Hunter N
Vincent B
Mia M
Caspian W
Chase C
Kai M
Summer G
Eva S
Keoni L
Eliette J
Jonah M
Joshua Y
Milan B
Cahill L
Evie M
Charlie M
Edan R
Tristan W
Griffin M

From The Office

Have you downloaded the COMPASS app? If you require any assistance in doing so please contact the office on 4396 5100 and we can assist you.

Just a reminder all relevant notes and letters are posted on our website.

Thank you
Jacqui, Leesa & Julie

From Our PE Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

CCC Swimming

On Monday we had a team of 34 talented swimmers compete at Mingara in the Central Coast Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival. St Mary's came 7th overall with every swimmer giving their very best in the pool to achieve great times for their school and themselves. Congratulations to all of our swimmers! Harry Boulton, Kalen Cashin and Max Compton came 2nd in all Central Coast in their events and now have qualified for the Diocesan Carnival at Mingara.

St Mary's Swimming Presentation

Congratulations to the following swimmers....

For Sportsmanship

Tyler D, Silongo K, Isabella B, Michael A, Lucas C and Logan R

Age Champions

8yrs - Lillian D, Rhani L, Sunie T, Harry B, Byron H, Levi M

9yrs - Willow F, Ruby K, Ava S, Zac W, Koby D, Brooklyn C

10yrs - Ellie B, Sumira D, Summer M, Luka K, Noah T, Will M

11yrs - Zara H, Mia M, Adelle S, Will S, Toby W, Griffin M, Hudson D

12yrs - Max C, Kalen C, Maverick E, Jayden F

12yrs - Kiarra L, Shaylah H, Gabrielle S

Please remember **After School Cricket Program** starts next week. We need some more numbers for it to go ahead, so please think about registering.



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