

Open Classrooms

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,

We celebrate Catholic Schools Week and invite you to join your child in their classroom. On Thursday, Sacred Space for 1 Green is at 1.50pm with Open Classrooms (for all families) beginning at 2.20pm and concluding at 2.50pm.

Congratulations Girls

We congratulate Abigail R (K Blue), Harlow R (2 Gold) and Eva S (2 Blue) on their Baptism last Sunday. Father Tomy led the sacrament and ensured the girls felt welcomed to our faith. We could tell that Baptism made you feel very special.

Compass

As 2020 progresses, the majority of our written communication with you will come through Compass. It is intended that permission notes for carnivals, sporting events and school excursions, letters from school, the school newsletter and your child's Report will all be sent through Compass.

In the coming weeks, we will re-send the details to you that will help you log in to Compass. At present, only 30% of parents are on Compass. To access all of the above, you'll need to be on Compass.

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.

Year 5 in Bathurst

We wish Year 5 well as next week they travel to Bathurst for their overnight excursion. Bring back some gold for us!

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 first session was held on Monday morning. The presenter, Kip, was engaging and the course content was relevant and practical. You are very welcome to join us for the remaining sessions (Monday 9th, 16th and 23rd March) from 9.30—11.30am.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



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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

Oliver E
Katy-Leigh P
Cruz W
Lucas B
Roy C
Sophie G
Stephanie M
Harrison B
Levi R
Anika L
Yenna W
Josi C
Tyler B
Jonah A
Summer-Rose D
Connor D
Phoebe-Rene F
Eli M
Matthew W
Mia S
Seth T
Sosefo K
Koby D
Havana G
Myles S
Tiernan B
Kitty G
Rose D
Addison L
Toby W
Matthew P
Jessica R
Mia M
Yumi S
Harry H
Erin N
Brock S
Max H
Ramone E
Annabel R
Olivia C
Mia P
Jack B

From Our REC

Project Compassion

With the Season of Lent here, we have launched our Project Compassion Campaign for this year. We are asking you to talk to your child/ren about how they can help those in need particularly during the Lenten Season.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is this 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 this 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.

From Our Librarian

FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Our children today are expected to successfully navigate an ever increasing range of reading material. In their quest for information children read books, pamphlets, magazines, signs, recipes, maps, game rules, e-books and the infinite number of web pages that can be accessed online. The list of skills our children now need when learning to read seems endless: holding a book, turning the pages, the direction we read, swiping the screen, re-orienting the screen, enlarging or reducing a web page, even evaluating the reliability of a website before using its information.

As teachers we recognize the importance of Gross Motor Skills and Fine Motor Skills. Gross Motor Skills are movements related to large muscles such as legs and arms and **Fine Motor Skills are** movements involving smaller muscle groups such as those in the hand and wrist. With technology at our fingertips fine motor dexterity and gross motor coordination is vitally important in children's physical development and learning.

Stations of the Cross

Each Good Friday our students support the parish through re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. This is held in the church from 9-10am. There will be both speaking and non-speaking roles for all volunteers K-6. Parents, if any of you can help with organisation and supervision, this would also be appreciated. A note went home last week and more are available at the office if needed.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



How can parents help their child's skill development? How often is your child engaged in 'hands on' activities such as cutting straight lines, curvy lines, circles? How often is your child involved in gluing, folding paper, rolling play dough, colouring in and staying within the lines, tracing, threading string, tying knots, weaving, scrunching paper, twisting lids on containers, constructing with lego, playing board games, solving jigsaw puzzles, packing up and putting toys away? How often is your child outside skipping, hopping, bouncing a ball with one and two hands, throwing a ball against a wall and catching it, digging in the sand, kicking a ball, or skipping with a rope? These are just some of the tasks that strengthen muscles and coordination. Sometimes it is easier and simpler for children to be engaged with a screen device but do not underestimate the value of those manual tasks that get rather messy. They are just as important now as when you were a child, as well as children being responsible for cleaning up and packing everything away!

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

Play means...
exploring, talking, thinking,
trying, imagining, daydreaming,
inventing, risk taking, giving,
sharing, making choices,
working, relaxing, challenging,
turn taking, pausing, running,
skipping, jumping, shouting,
whispering, singing, making
friends, being yourself, being
someone else, role playing,
acting, caring, negotiating,
reading, writing, counting,
measuring, trying things out,
feeling, leading, following,
problem solving, storytelling,
building, laughing, smiling...
learning.

A Spotlight on Year 6



Year 6 have been exploring different games to help us problem solve and expand our mathematical thinking. We love playing ROWCO and challenging each other.

We have also been trained in Restorative Justice (RJ) and have been busy helping at lunch times. You will see us in our vests. We are there to help with any small problems students may have.



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

Jarl M
Hailey G
Lillian M
Kyden B
Malaki B
Amarli M
Nate F
Willow C
Charlie M
Archer G
Emeri B
Phoenix W
Milla A
Zoe D
Luca K
Lexie L
Sinead H
Indy K
Harry M
Adelle S
Tim V
Josh F
Taj P

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

Cross Country

St Mary's Cross Country – Friday Jenny Dixon

We are looking forward to another fun sporting day on Friday with all students having a go and doing their best.

Children will walk to the park, leaving after assembly. All parents walking should move to their child's class after assembly.

Children should bring a mat, towel or garbage bag to sit on, a bottle of water and a hat. If students experience Asthma, they need to see their teacher. Please put insect repellent on children before leaving home.

We will start the cross country as soon as everyone arrives at Jenny Dixon. We will move through the ages in the following order - 8yrs, 7yrs, 6yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs.

If time permits we will have the presentation at the conclusion of the 12yrs race.

In the interest of all children's safety could parents please not take children away from their class group.

If parents would like to speak to their children please move to their class group and chat with them while they are with their teachers.

After School Cricket

The program begins today. We will keep an eye on weather and make a decision at lunchtime. The Cricket Co ordinator will email the parents involved in the program if a session is postponed.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Good Luck next Tuesday night to Harry, Kalen and Max C. Do your personal best boys!

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

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.
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, 458 Main Road Toukley. Ph 43965100.

St Mary's Playgroup

TERM 1 TUESDAY, MARCH 10
TERM 2 TUESDAY, MAY 12 WEDNESDAY JUNE 10
TERM 3 TUESDAY, AUG. 4 WEDNESDAY SEPT. 2 9.15AM TO 10.45AM
ST MARY'S PARISH HALL

An invitation to all children, aged 4-5 yrs in our local area who will be starting Kindergarten in 2021 and their parents/ carers.

Play, Learn and Connect!

Come along and

- see how important play is to children's learning
- discover how children learn through play
- get ideas for simple things you can do at home to help your child learn and get ready for big school
- meet other children, parents/ carers and St Mary's staff.

Please bring along a piece of fruit for fruit break.

Parents/ carers are an important part of playgroup and are required to remain onsite with their children during the playgroup session.

Please RSVP to St Mary's office via phone, email or in person.
Phone: 4396 5100 E-mail: smt@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Open to any children aged 4 to 5 years

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