

The Looks On Their Faces

Upcoming Events

- **Winter Uniform**
18 May
- **Phase 2**
2 days per week
25 May-5 June
Weeks 5 + 6
(to be confirmed)
- **Public Holiday**
Monday
8 June
- **Phase 3**
All students
Every Day
Tuesday
9 June
From Week 7
(to be confirmed)

All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click on News and Events and then Letters, Notes, Timetables.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Early on Monday morning I wandered through the classrooms. It was great to have the kids back. Our place came to life again.

In the classrooms I saw very happy children; contented, satisfied, eager children; happy to see their friends, happy to engage in their learning; children very comfortable in a familiar and safe environment. It was written all over their faces.

In the classrooms I also saw very happy teachers; grateful to be with their children; excited to be teaching face-to-face again; relaxed as they plied their craft again; thirsty for their kids to learn; a sense of ease and relief filled their rooms. It was written all over their faces.

The smiles in the classrooms reflected a deep sense of happiness; a happiness that could not be feigned, a happiness that was true and genuine.

Little wonder we love teaching.

Terrific Efforts, Parents

Since late March our parents and carers have been supervising the children's learning at home. Juggling life, work, multiple commitments and raising children to be then thrown a curve ball with home-based learning, I take my hat off to you. Congratulations, because in very challenging circumstances, you've done a tremendous job.

Terrific Efforts, Teachers

Amazing and unparalleled efforts by teachers has meant that quality home-based learning has been operating. The adaptable nature of our teachers and their many and diverse skills have been obvious these past couple of months.

Financial Stresses

The current pandemic will not affect any child's enrolment at our place. We like your kids and we want to keep them at St Mary's. If you find yourself in a difficult financial

situation, please contact me or the Fees Liaisons Unit on 9847 0728 or email at schoolfees@dbb.org.au. I am confident that, as a school, we can help your family through these testing times.

Enrolments for Kinder 2021 Open

Applications for enrolment in Kinder 2021 at our school are now open. Please contact our school's administration to access a Kinder enrolment pack.

Home-Based Learning

As the children increase their attendance at school, you will notice that the expectations and intensity of HBL will significantly decrease.

Something We've Noticed

Wow! You've done a great job keeping your child's reading up at home. It is so very obvious that when the teachers listened to the children read they could tell who had kept up their practice. Congratulations parents and carers! Your efforts certainly have made a difference.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

We hope that all of our Mum's, Nans, Grandmothers and other significant women had a great day celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday!

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-12pm.

Canteen News

Unfortunately the canteen will remain closed until we are advised by Catholic Schools Office that we are permitted to reopen.

Donna Falzon
Janet Cincotta

From Our Librarian

It's great to see our kids coming back to school. It has certainly been very quiet around here! Our Library is open for business and children will have the opportunity to return library books and borrow another book on their designated school day. Please remember to pack library bags and books and keep library books in a **SAFE** place at home. (Library books can be a little sneaky and hide themselves in the most unlikely places around the home!!) Please help us by helping your children return all library books on their next day at school.

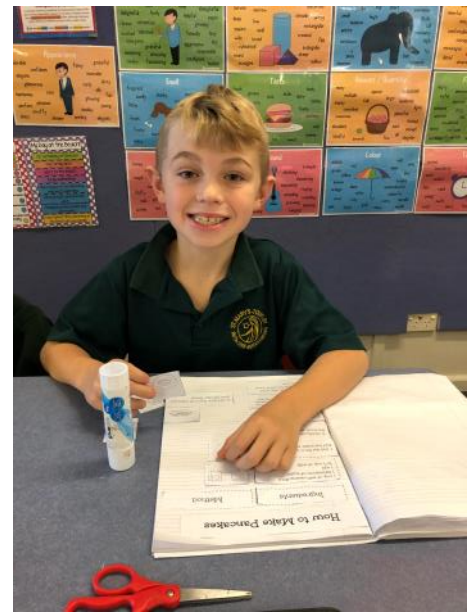
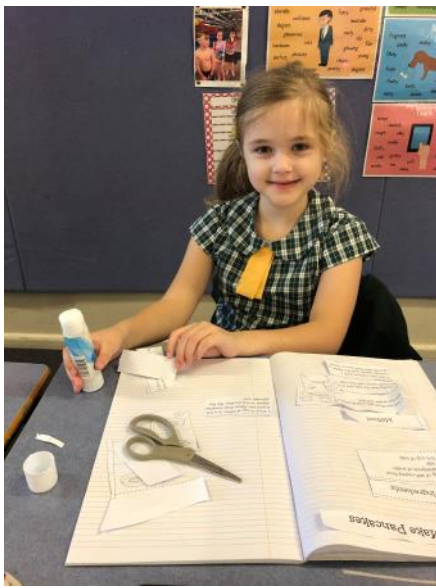
While we are still in this period of transition, Story Time from the Library will continue in your child's Google Classroom. I would love to see **ALL** children viewing the texts that I am posting here as well as the links to Premier's Reading Challenge books. Well done to everyone who made ANZAC biscuits they looked just as scrumptious as mine!!! I also hope there were lots of beautiful hand-made cards given to mums and grandmothers for Mothers' Day. This week we are trying to

re-create a Mopoke and Koala using the artistic style of Philip Bunting. I encourage you to create a different animal of your own using the basic shape provided! Next week's crafty task may be a bit messy so it is up to Mums and Dads if they want you to tackle it. I know my mum isn't happy with the sparkly bits that she keeps finding on the floor even though I put down lots of newspaper!!!!

Happy Reading Everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian



Welcome Back





 **GROWING BIG LIVES**
FREE ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP

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-  **Friday**
22 May 2020
10.00am – 11.00am
-  **via Zoom**
Facilitated by a qualified
Family Caseworker
-  **FREE**

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
"The value of a positive and strong relationship"

Provides information to parents about why family relationships are important, ways to positively communicate with their children, why teamwork and showing appreciation for each family member is important.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED
Computer or laptop users will need a camera on this device, access to the internet and audio. Mobile or tablet users will need to download the Zoom app and have video, audio and internet.

-  **Friday**
29 May 2020
10.00am – 11.00am
-  **via Zoom**
Facilitated by a qualified
Family Caseworker
-  **FREE**

MENTAL HEALTH
"Explaining those inside feelings and how to cope"

Provides information to parents of primary aged children around mental health needs and noticing symptoms of mental health concerns in children, how to promote healthy coping strategies, and where to get help.

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