

We're All Back

Upcoming Events

- *Winter Uniform*
18 May
- *Phase 3*
All students
Every Day
From 25 May
- *Canberra*
Year 6
(2-4 June)
postponed until
12-14 October
- *Public Holiday*
Monday
8 June
- *Staff Development Day*
Friday
3 July

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,

From Monday 25th May all students are expected back at school on a fulltime basis. Over the past couple of weeks the children have become reacquainted with their friends, teachers and face-to-face learning. From Monday it will be "business as usual". Our normal PE, Music and Library lessons recommence.

We are and will be monitoring attendance closely. If you are concerned about your child returning to school, could you please call me to discuss your situation?

Tomorrow you will receive a *School Update* letter that will provide many details, including a changed afternoon pick-up routine, information regarding Semester 1 school reports, assemblies, excursions etc.

The school day will still be finishing a little earlier to allow for the continued staggered pick-up. We are still not allowed to invite you onto the school grounds at the beginning and end of day but you are welcome to visit in order to attend a meeting, purchase from the Uniform Shop etc. (when possible, orders can be placed beforehand).

Home-based learning concludes at the end of this week. Teachers have done an excellent job providing continuity of learning for their classes and parents have done a tremendous job supporting their child attend to the learning.

Winter Uniform

Thank you parents for sending your child to school dressed in the correct winter uniform. The kids look great. Given all the changes and mountain of information coming your way recently, you did well to be all over this one.

Our Lady Help of Christians

Our school's Feast day is celebrated on that of Our Lady Help of Christians (Patroness of Australia—24 May). Normally, we would be celebrating with a wonderful Mass followed by the Teachers vs Year 6 Touch Match and

a whole range of fun activities for the children. Certainly a day full of celebration. Unfortunately, this year will look different.

As mentioned previously, later in the year (when allowed) we will be trying to capture just a few of the lost moments, e.g. perhaps we could still hold our Athletics Carnival; maybe we could have the Mums vs Year 6 Netball match etc.

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.

Staff Development Day

The Catholic Schools Office has gazetted Friday 3rd July as a Staff Development Day for all Catholic Schools in our diocese.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

Winter Appeal

Our 2020 COVID Winter Appeal has begun! Our Mini Vinnies students will be hard at work over the remainder of the term collecting items donated to the school. This year we are asking families, before the end of Term 2, to please donate any of the following items:

Winter Woolies: jumpers, blankets
Non-Perishable Food: tinned tuna, muesli bars, noodles, soup, juice poppers
Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush and hand sanitizer.

If you or your children have outgrown anything that is still in good condition, please donate! Although we ask for donations of clothing items that have been pre-worn, please ensure that they do not have rips or stains, as they will be new clothes for people in our local community. Your donations are much appreciated, especially at these really difficult times.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

While the vast majority of students have been eager to get back to school and see their friends and teachers, returning to school after being out of routine and in isolation for so long can be tricky for some kids. Worry and anxiety can make it difficult for them to easily transition back to school – worries may include being separated from mum or dad after spending so much time with them these past two months, that someone could get sick, concerns about how they will fit back in with their friends after not seeing them for so long or how they will cope with school work when they return to class. Children, particularly younger children, may not be able to express their worries or fears verbally so it can come out in challenging behaviour. Both the [ABC](#) and [Hey Sigmund](#) websites have some practical tips for parents about helping children get back to school. We also have some great books in our Parent Resource Library for both parents and children on how to deal with fears and worries. Please let me know if you would like to borrow one and I can arrange for it to go home to you.

Unfortunately our Term 2 Playgroups have had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 safety measures, but parents with young

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

This Friday we would have celebrated our school feast day, Mary Help of Christians, with a mass. This was traditionally followed by recess before students would move to some fun activities around the school. Activities would have included novelty games, sporting activities and Mary reflection areas. The activities would have been followed by a BBQ lunch and our annual Year 6 verse teachers touch football match. Unfortunately due to the current medical pandemic this day will not go ahead. We are hoping that later in the year some of these events may still happen.

First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Eucharist has been postponed. We will keep you updated! Thanks for your understanding.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



Parish Details

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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

Free to Good Home

We have a 2 seater couch in the school office if anybody is interested. Please give us a call or you can pop in to have a look.

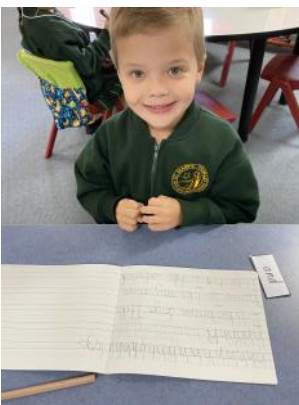
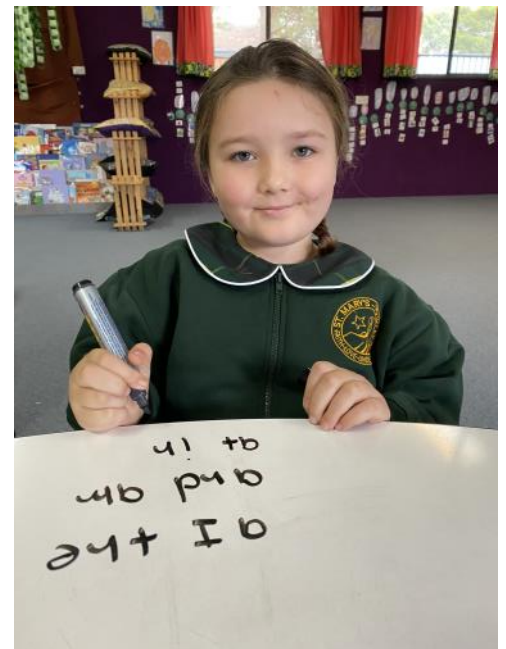
children can access some great ideas for learning through play at home through the new [Playgroup At Home NSW](#) facebook page. Our school playgroups are a great way for our new Kinder children and parents to have some fun, meet and get to know each other and see what our school is all about. Hopefully things will have improved over the next couple of months and we will be able to go ahead with our Term 3 playgroups.

Don't forget that enrolments for Kinder 2021 are happening right now so if you, or anyone you know, is looking to enrol for next year please contact the office to pick up an enrolment pack.

With the restrictions we have had to stop our usual morning "Cuppa and Chat" for parents and "Storytime in the Library" for toddlers and pre-schoolers. As the students return to school I am looking at getting things up and running again, but in a different way. Until restrictions are eased, we will plan on setting up online versions of these group activities via Zoom. If you are interested in taking part please let me know either by phoning the office, 4396 5100 or via email at donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

Welcome Back





GROWING BIG LIVES
FREE ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP

L Friday
22 May 2020
10.00am – 11.00am

📍 via Zoom
Facilitated by a qualified
Family Caseworker

\$ FREE

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.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
M: 0481 602 083
E: intake@ccatholiccaredbb.org.au

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.



GROWING BIG LIVES
FREE ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOP

L Friday
29 May 2020
10.00am – 11.00am

📍 via Zoom
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Family Caseworker

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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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