



Family Survey

Upcoming Events

- 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,

Today you will receive a survey emanating from the Interim Director, Mr Danny Casey of our Catholic Schools Office. We are interested in gaining perspective on the impact that the past few months has had on all members of our community. We would certainly appreciate you taking the time (2 mins) to complete the survey. Thank you.

Reports

Due to the altered learning that has occurred our Reports will look a little different in the first half of the year. We will be reporting your child's effort and achievement for Religion, English and Maths only. Also included will be evaluations reflecting your child's various learning behaviours.

Our Reports will be posted on Compass on Thursday 2nd July (the last day of Term 2). Parent-Teacher meetings will occur in Week 2 of Term 3 and most likely will be conducted as individual Zoom meetings.

It's Great To Have The Kids Back

We're hearing many stories about Home-Based Learning and the many and varied things you enjoyed with your children during their time away from us. It provided each family with valuable time together and, for a while, life seemed to slow down a little. Beautiful weather saw the beaches and bike paths filled with walkers, runners, cyclists, dogs and families. Life became simpler and less hectic. Board games and card games were out in force. The importance of relationships and staying connected was obvious.

From the change, what habits did your family value and what do you intend to keep?

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 pupil-free Staff Development Day for all Catholic Schools in our diocese. Consequently, Thursday 2nd July is the last day of Term 2 for students.

Our Canteen Opens

Just letting you know that our Canteen re-opens 4 days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) from this coming Monday. It will be *open for lunches only* at this stage.

Uniform Shop News

Unfortunately, parents are not permitted to visit our Uniform Shop until further notice. Orders are able to be placed via email or phone and the items will be sent home with your child. Items that do not fit are able to be returned.

Great Patience

With less children currently catching the bus, our new pick-up procedure has resulted in heavy traffic around our school. Parents, carers and grandparents have shown great patience, understanding and gratitude as we all adjust. And the teaching staff have been tremendous too. Braving the rain and wind, they took considerable care ensuring all children left our school safely.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the McMaster Family, Dimity (5 Blue) and Gwyneth (1 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. The girl's pop passed away recently. May your cherished memories and Our Lord's blessings provide you with great strength during this very difficult period.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

From Our REC

National Reconciliation Week



This year's National Reconciliation Week theme is: In this together. A very fitting theme considering the current climate we are experiencing. Children have been and will be participating in different activities to celebrate this significant event. Year 5 have already produced some amazing artworks!

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,

Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730

Email. toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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



From Our Librarian

Hello from the Library. I am so excited to be teaching whole classes again!!! This week we are celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime which our school enters every year. This year's book is **Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas** by **Lucinda Gifford**. Traditionally our whole school stops at 11 a.m. today to read the story at the same time. However, we are permitted to read the book any time during the weekso.... I have been reading to classes in their library time, something I have really missed over these past weeks!!

Thank you to everyone who has watched our *Story Time From the Library* during our period of Home Based Learning. I have received some wonderful feedback including that I may have become just a little famous because Jonah from Kindy watched me on TV!!! Imagine, I'm a TV star!!!!!!

I have had some questions regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge. We still have until August but if your child has viewed the videos story links I set up Google Classroom then just fill in the Record Sheet or

Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush 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.

First Eucharist

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

First Reconciliation

We are currently in the process of organising for the children who were participating in the Reconciliation program in term 1 to make their First Reconciliation during school hours. With the restrictions around gatherings in church and small groups now lifting we are currently talking to the parish and Father Tomy about how we can best go about completing the Sacrament.

Liz Hartge

Religious Education Coordinator

list these on paper with your child's name and class at the top. These can be handed to me and I will fill in their Reading Record. I would not like anyone to miss out on their PRC Certificate this year!

Happy Reading Everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

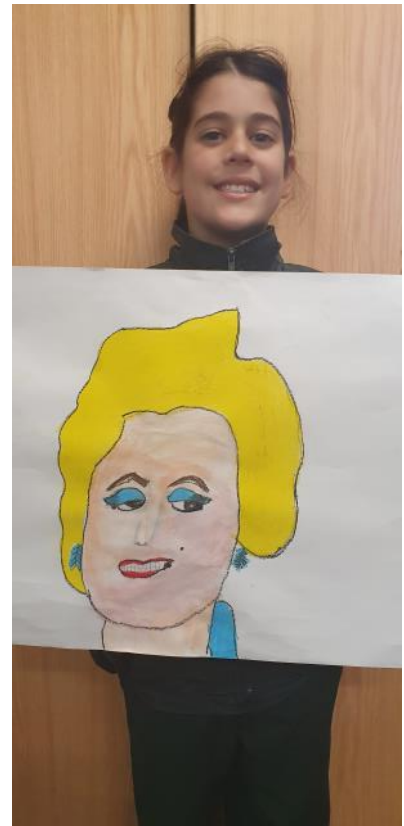
Free to Good Home

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.



A Spotlight on Year 5



Students from 5 Blue have been working hard to replicate famous portraits



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be open from Monday June 1 for
Lunch Orders ONLY

The Canteen will **NOT** be open at recess or lunch time to buy snacks or ice blocks. Any change from lunch orders will be sent home with your oldest child, in an envelope, via the class office bag at the end of the day.

For lunch you can order

- * Hot or Cold Lunch Food (Pies, Burgers, Sandwiches, etc)
- * Drinks
- * Packaged Snacks (Chips, JJ's, Pretzels, Popcorn, GF Snaps)

Lunch orders will be delivered to the classroom in the lunch crate as they normally are.

NO Ice Blocks or Ice Creams are available



Toukley Neighbourhood Centre offer assistance programmes for residents of Toukley, Gorokan and Lake Haven. Below are some of the support services they offer and details of how to get in touch.



**Need some help or support?
Call us on 4396 1555 today**

We can help with Electricity, Gas or Telstra Bills. (EAPA)
We can help with crisis Food Assistance, like frozen meals and hampers.
We can help with Emergency Relief Appointments funded by DSS.
We can help with No Interest Loans. (NILS)
We can help with free counselling.
We can help with Information and Referral to other specialised services in our community, like free legal advice or financial counselling.
You can shop online at www.lakesfoodcare.com
You can also visit Orange Sky Laundry on Fridays from 9.30am-12noon.

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