

We're Missing.....

Upcoming Events

- *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Monday
15 June
- *Reports posted on Compass*
Thursday
2 July
- *Last Day of Term 2*
Thursday
2 July
- *Staff Development Day*
Friday
3 July
- *First Day of Term 3*
Monday
20 July
- *School Photos*
Thursday
23 July
- *Parent Teacher Meetings*
Week 2
Term 3

Please Note

Our **Uniform Shop** is open for orders via email or phone and will be sent home with your child.

Our **Canteen** is open for lunches only (every day except Tuesday).

We have a pupil-free **Staff Development Day** on Friday 3rd 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,

While it is genuinely fun to have all the kids back at school and the learning is beginning to hum again, we are conscious that we are still not able to enjoy the many liturgies, celebrations and events typical of our school.

To name a few: this Sunday would have been the children's First Eucharist; our school's Feast Day and Mother's Day celebrations were missed; Friday would've been our Athletics Carnival; the CCC Soccer Gala Day would've been next Friday and Year 6's Canberra trip would have come and gone. While there are some events we are endeavouring to resurrect, it helps us to realise that the vital mix of learning, faith and celebrations all contribute to shaping the culture at our place.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Monday 15th June approximately 40 of our children will experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The children's preparation concludes on Friday with in-class lessons led by our REC, Mrs Hartge.

Father Tomy and Father Baby will lead the sacrament as the numbers involved allow us to return to our church.

Something We've Noticed

Since we've returned to fulltime face-to-face schooling our teachers have noticed something. In comparison to pre-COVID-19, there are more children who are increasingly dependent on their teacher. Children who are inclined to wait for the teacher to do 'it' for them. Please be conscious of this. Together, we aim for our students to be resilient, independent and capable people who happily wear a smile on their faces.

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.

Reports

Due to the COVID-19 interruption to learning, our students' Reports will look a little different this semester. The Report will reflect your child's progress in Religion, English and Maths, including "grades" and "effort" (Years 1-6; just "effort" for Kinder). No other subjects are being reported. Reporting on a student's "Learning Behaviours" will also be included.

Our Parent Teacher Meetings will be conducted in Week 2 of Term 3. We are waiting on advice as to whether we can have face-to-face meetings with you or whether we need to look at various alternatives.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

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Merit Awards

Oliver Ai
Amelia D
Amarli G
Kohi B
James B
Roman M
Archer H
Cohen R
Jazz B
Harvey L
Alex T
Harrison L
Henry H
Kobe J
Rhani L
Charlie B
Ellie C
John M
Jared B
Lincoln S
Ruby K
Kingston K
Olivia D
Lily D
Ava G
Riley T
Elijah P
Summer M
Adelle S
Peyton B
Dakota L
Josephine R
Owen W
Toby W
Kahlil G
Taj P
Tyler D
Jack M
Mia J
Jaxon C
Jonah A
Oscar O

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, 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 Librarian

Hello from the Library! I trust everyone enjoyed the long weekend! Now that we are *nearly* back to our normal routines there are a few things you might like to know of our library procedures. As with sports equipment, all library books are sanitized and quarantined for 24 hours according to the recommendations of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). It also helps if books are not covered in sticky food smears and crumbs!!!!

Now that children have been borrowing for a number of weeks all library books need to be returned or novels renewed on a weekly basis. Any children with three or more books will need to return these as soon as possible. Most of our library books during Home Based Learning have been returned. Many parents have assured me that books have been sent in but unfortunately some have not yet reached the shelves. If you come across any library books with our St Mary's bar code just pop them back with your child. From my experience they do turn up eventually in the strangest places!!!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Premier's Reading Challenge Log. Rest assured that all sheets do reach me and I now have quite a collection. The links

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated here at St Mary's on Monday 15th June. The students will have their last preparation session this Friday at school. They will also be presented with their certificate here at school. We thank you all for your patience and understanding and congratulate the boys and girls!

First Eucharist and Confirmation

At present these Sacraments have been postponed. We will keep you updated! Thanks for your understanding.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



to Premier's Reading Challenge texts are still available in your child's Google Classroom and I would love every child to receive their certificate this year. There are a significant number of children who have yet to start so you might check in with your child. Missing out on the 2020 PRC certificate might not be a huge issue this year but it will affect receiving a gold and platinum certificate in Years 3 and 6.

We have been very busy in the library. It has looked a bit boring so we are once again responding to texts and displaying our work and bringing our library back to colour and life. Last week we read an interesting book *The Astronaut's Cat* by Tohy Riddle and examined the construction of his illustrations. This week Years 3-6 are viewing the text *Parachute* by Danny Parker and K-2 are viewing *Too Many Elephants in this House* by Ursula Dubosarsky. Needless to say by Friday there just may be too many elephants in this Library!!

Happy Reading Everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Kinder

It's been great to see all the smiling faces back in the classroom each day over the past couple of weeks. We may have been back only 2 weeks full-time, but we have hit the ground running.

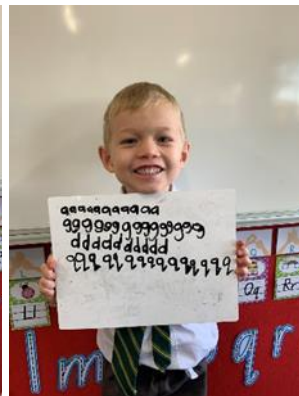
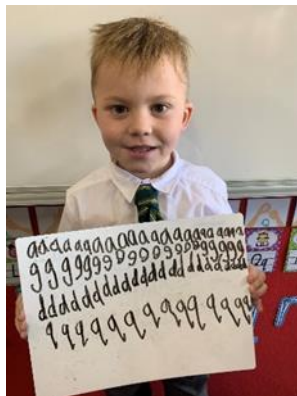
In **Gross Motor** on a Friday we have been learning how to play dodge ball which has been so much fun. Learning teamwork and using strategy to 'stay in' has been great.



In **Reading** we are working hard to learn new things for us to be the best readers we can be.



In **Writing** we are still focused on making sure we are using everything we need to write a simple sentence. There has been a focus on using adjectives in our writing so that we are being more descriptive, making our writing more interesting.



In **Creative Arts** we are using lots of different ways to create our own individual artwork.



Canteen News

This Friday Jun 12 the winter lunch special soup of the day is Pumpkin.



Reminder

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

Nixon P
Mya F
Abigail H
Sophie C
Ashley L
Dali M
Lillian D
Rose M
Arlie M
Tayla G
Havana G
Sosefo K
Lachlan G
Scarlett W
Florence M
Claire W
Emma C
Aedan F
Zara H
Cooper O
Isaac A



 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

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