

Wellbeing Week

Upcoming Events

- *Reports posted on Compass*
Thursday
2 July
- *Last Day of Term 2*
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- *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,

Next week we are celebrating and highlighting Wellbeing Week. Our teachers' Wellbeing Team has planned various activities for the kids with the spotlight on the wellbeing of all.

Wellbeing can be defined as being healthy and happy. It includes having good mental health, a sense of meaning or purpose, and the ability to manage stress. In its simplest form, well-being is just feeling well.

The flyer accompanying today's newsletter (and on our website) details the daily events in which the children will be involved. We have Mindfulness Monday, Movie Day Tuesday, Day Time Disco and Community Letter Writing Wednesday and Beanie Day Thursday.

If you do not want your child to watch the PG rated, *Inside Out*, please inform your child's teacher. To wear a beanie on Thursday, please bring a gold coin donation with proceeds being forwarded to St Vincent de Paul.

Parent Teacher Meeting Bookings

Today you will receive a "push notification" through Compass indicating that you can now book your Parent Teacher Meeting with your child's teacher. You will also receive instructions indicating how to make the booking.

The purpose of the Parent Teacher Meetings is to discuss your child's academic, spiritual and social and emotional progress in this disjointed, first half of the year. Your child's Report will be posted on Compass on Thursday 2nd July. Due to the COVID-19 interruptions, the first semester Reports are different from the usual Report you would receive. As permitted by NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), we are only reporting on Religion, English and Maths.

Changes To School Pick-Up Routine

Our parents have done a wonderful job throughout this term concerning the pick-up routine. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring we have a safe and orderly pick-up compliant with various COVID-19 restrictions.

Next term, some changes will occur. Early next week I will send a letter to you via Compass outlining the changes affecting our afternoon school pick-up routine. The changes will apply from the first day of Term 3.

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.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Thomas family (Mia K Green, Seth 3 Gold) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's grandmother passed away in early June. We pray that Our Lord's blessings will give you great courage and strength in this difficult period.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

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Merit Awards

Mila C
Zac T
Harrison P
Letty M
Jonah R
Sofie N
Yenna W
Mia N
Rhys M
Mia M
Amarli M
Jack H
Cynthia A
Harry B
Archie M
Ryan Mc
Addison W
Frankie G
Ivy D
Bailey C
Marcus S
Chloe S
Robby L
Isabella L
Lexie L
Joshua Y
Will M
Brody A
Toby S
Charlie T
Samuel T
Cahill L
Ruby H
Myah L
Ajay Y
Diezel P
Max H
Joshua F
Brock S
Caleb F
Archie O
John M

Winter Appeal

Thank you St Mary's Community!
We have collected many great items for
our 2020 COVID Winter Appeal for families
in our local community. What a great
effort!

Wellbeing Week - Community Letter Writing - Wednesday 1st July

Students will be writing letters to people in
our local community to help brighten their
day in this very unique and somewhat
difficult time.

Wellbeing Week - Beanie Day - Thursday 2nd July

Don't forget to wear a beanie on Thursday
2nd July and bring in a gold coin donation for
St Vincent DePaul.

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

From Our Librarian

Hello from the Library! We are now in our
second last week of Term 2. Children will
continue to borrow if all of their previous
books are returned. It is usual for children
to borrow for the school holidays but I ask
that books are kept in library bags and in a
safe place away from excited puppies and
liquid spills. It is amazing how many
naughty puppies have decided to read a
good book lately!!! And I can absolutely
relate to this disaster with two puppies of
my own! We have had a number of books
and readers returned with pages stuck
together from food and drink. Unfortunately
these cannot be salvaged and have had to be
thrown away. It is a costly loss when
hardcover books cost on average \$30 to
replace.

Our library is looking amazing! We have
been focusing on the work of both authors
and illustrators who in partnership bring a
story to life. Last week Years 3 - 6 viewed
the text *Feathers* by Phil Cummings. The
story is beautifully written from the bird's
point of view, flying its migratory path. It
describes homes turned to rubble, war and
flooded lands, and leaves the reader to
piece together what has happened. The
text lent itself to descriptive writing. Years
3 and 4 described the bird's journey while
Years 5 and 6 described the scene below
the bird. Here is a sample of our efforts.

*As the sun set the bird glided across the
large city where buildings stood as large as
snowy mountains. A feather drifted, slowly
spinning to the ground. It landed softly on
the highway. A gust of wind took the feather
into the path of a little boy. He dropped*

*it into the river, plummeting down and float-
ing away, never to be seen again.*
Tyler (6)

*The bird emerged from the harsh, blinding
wind. Below the land was a white carpet of
freshly fallen snow. Skiers raced swiftly
down the mountain. Kids were building
snowmen. A feather fell from the sky, spin-
ning, drifting. A small hand grasped it before
it touched the ground and put it into the
snowman's hat.*
Toby (5)

*The clouds darkened the sky as the fierce
wind blew the small white specks of snow
whirling in the darkness of the night. In a
sunken mountain there lay a hollowed-out
ledge where a small orange flame dappled
the walls. A scared, young traveller huddled
next to the crackle trying to draw its warmth.
A feather whirled in front of him soft and
light a small reminder of his mother and fa-
ther and the comfort of home.*
Marni (6)

*The bird flew over mountains that touched the
sky. Capped with snow they stood like giants.
There was still a long way to go but the bird
flew on with courage.* Levi (4)

*The bird flew over the rocky ground. Not a
blade of grass was in sight. He flew kilome-
tre after kilometre over sheep and cattle as
thin as twigs searched hungrily for food. A
feather drifted, spinning, falling into a bone-
dry trough.*
Tim (6)

Happy Reading...and Writing Everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on PE



Thank you St Mary's Community

Canteen News

This Friday Jun 26th the winter lunch special soup of the day is Minestrone.



Reminder

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet



Star Awards

Indie H
Max A
Heidi W
Eden D
Tyde A
Sasha R
Tahlia T
Owen M
Cooper S
Kirrilee F
Vanessa M
Lukas F
Penelope P
Ellie B
Bailey F
Jessica R
Ozzy I
Alex S
Halle O
Kiarra L
Chase C



Change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses.

Seasons for Growth[®]
Program for Children (6-12 years)



Outcomes for children

Seasons for Growth provides the support and space for children to:

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learn about how different people respond to change, loss and grief

understand that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions

explore new approaches to dealing with change and loss in their lives

build communication, decision making and problem solving skills

participate in a support network of peers and adults

integrate their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others

Seasons for Growth is an education program. It does not provide counselling or therapy.



Seasons for Growth will begin for students in Term 3. Please complete and return the letter that went home last week if you are interested in your child participating. A copy can also be found on the school website.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information about the programme.

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