

Good To See You

Upcoming Events

- *Parent Teacher Meetings*
Week 2
Term 3
- *Feast of the Assumption Mass*
9.15am
Friday
14 August
- *Feast of the Assumption Liturgy*
11.30am
Friday
14 August
- *Athletics Carnival (to be confirmed)*
Friday
21 August
- *Father's Day Liturgy*
Friday
4 September
- *Book Parade*
Thursday
17 September

Please Note

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

Our **Canteen** has resumed being fully operational. The Canteen Volunteer Roster is available on our school's website. The Canteen is open every day except Tuesday.

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,

Our Parent-Teacher meetings are well underway and it has been good to notice the familiar faces of parents joining us once again. While the learning at school is humming along, we certainly miss the presence of parents. Our school is not complete without you.

The discussions between parents and teachers have been healthy and enlightening. I've heard evidence of meetings that have proven that when we *put our heads together*, collectively we can solve many problems and forge a clear path of where your child is heading.

Another thing we've noticed is the pride on your face when we talk about your child. It makes us feel proud too. We enjoy sharing the many great things about your children. It's a fun part of the job.

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Friday 14th August. Our Year 5 will join the parish Mass at 9.15am.

Also, we will have a whole school liturgy, led by Year 5, which will occur at 11.30am in the quadrangle.

We are sorry that both liturgies are only for the students and our staff.

Pandora Pde and Walk-Ups

Just a thank you to the many parents who are walk-ups collecting their child at either the main gate or the back gate (Pandora Pde). You have been tremendous with both your patience and repeated acts of social distancing while waiting. Thank you!

Book Week Celebrations

In Week 9 of this term we will be celebrating Book Week. Our usual and much-loved Book Parade, Reading on the Oval and teachers sharing their favourite story will all occur on Thursday 17 September. Unfortunately, our activities will only include staff and students being present.

Zoom Graduation Meeting

A reminder for Year 6 parents that we have a Zoom Graduation Meeting at 4.00pm on Tuesday 4th August. The Compass note forwarded to Year 6 families earlier in the week has the necessary details. Our Leadership Team has devoted considerable time exploring all viable options to ensure that Year 6 are acknowledged and farewelled in a fitting and deserving manner. We will share with you on Tuesday where we're up to and invite your help to bring it to life.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

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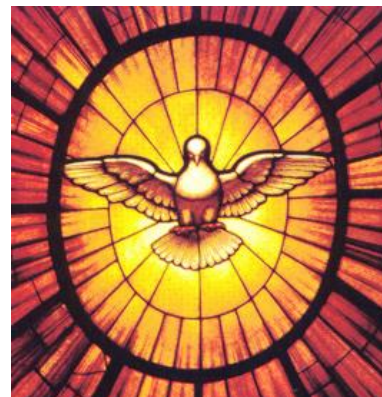
Sacrament of Confirmation

For those children in Year 2 who were looking at preparing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please note that this has been postponed until they are in Year 3 next year. We will provide more information regarding this early next year.

Celebrations this term

We will keep you informed of information regarding the Assumption Day Mass and Father's Day celebrations over the next few weeks. We will be looking at celebrating these days differently this year and will keep you posted!

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Librarian

Term 3 is always an exciting one here in the library because we read the books short-listed by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week competition for authors and illustrators. We enjoy being creative in our responses to these texts and love displaying our work around the library. The theme this year is

CURIOUS CREATURES WILD MINDS!

Since being back the question on everyone's lips has been...
Will we be celebrating Book Week?

And even more importantly...
Will we be dressing up in a character costume for our Book Parade?

The simple answer is **YES!!!**
So mark the date on your fridge calendar...
Thursday 17th September
and start thinking about Book Character costumes for children to wear.

So... the annual St Mary's Book Parade is **ON!** We always look forward to this school event and a big part of this is anticipating what character costumes our teachers will be wearing. We love having the hundreds of mums, dads and grandparents sharing the fun with us as part of our audience but given the current Covid19 guidelines the Book Parade will be **ONLY FOR THE CHILDREN** this year.

We hold many different events in our school to celebrate Book Week. Your support of last year's Book Fair helped us to acquire charging stations for our i-Pads and 8 Artie Robots that we can program to draw for us. Given the Covid19 protocols we will hold our next Book Fair in 2021.

Our Year 6 students have the incredible responsibility of hosting story time on the oval. It is a lovely part of our celebration and has become a wonderful tradition in our school. We will be holding this event, as well as teachers visiting classes other than their own to share their favourite stories.

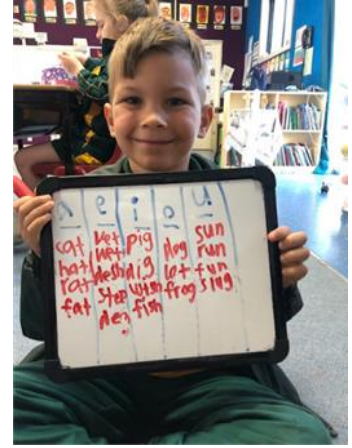
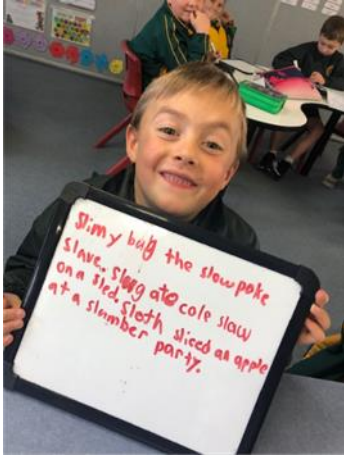
I can imagine the excitement amongst our children reading this note and knowing that our annual celebration is on even if it does look a bit different this year with the limitations imposed. We always value your support in helping our children prepare for the Book Parade Day and appreciate the time and effort that goes into creating the character costumes. We will miss having you as part of our audience and value your understanding in these current times.

Watch this space for more Book Parade updates over the coming weeks.

Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 1



What a great start we have had to Term 3. We are loving learning and being back with our friends



Canteen News

Canteen has now resumed normal operations. This week's soup of the day on Friday July 31st is Pumpkin.



Due to changing work or family commitments a few volunteers are no longer able to help out in Canteen. If you have a spare couple of hours, just once a month, and are able to support students by volunteering in the canteen please contact the office.

Reminder

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

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What beautiful wildlife we have here at St Mary's!

