

Appreciation

Upcoming Events

- *Feast of the Assumption Mass*
9.15am
Friday
14 August
- *Feast of the Assumption Liturgy*
11.30am
Friday
14 August
- *Athletics Carnival*
Friday
21 August
- *Father's Day Liturgy*
Friday
4 September
- *Book Week Celebrations*
Thursday
17 September

Please Note

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

School Banking will commence from next week (Week 4). School Banking day is Monday.

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,

At last week's Staff Meeting we discussed the teachers' thoughts on the recent Parent-Teacher meetings. An overriding sense of our parents' appreciation and gratefulness was the feedback I received.

Positive comments regarding the parents support of the learning was apparent; parents highly valuing discussions centred on both learning and behaviour featured; parents noting the encouraging and positive 'feel of the school'; a sense of appreciation was expressed for the variety of interventions we have for supporting learning; lovely comments expressing gratitude for us having face-to-face meetings; and teachers valued the great numbers of dads who attended the meetings.

With 99% of parents participating in the various meetings, the numbers reflected your genuine desire for us (home and school) to work together to purely benefit one person your child.

While We're On It

In the first 3 weeks of the term I have been directly involved in many meetings involving parents and teachers. The meetings were for a diverse range of reasons and centred on children from all grades. I've been so impressed by the attitude and outlook of the parents during those meetings. Some of the messages were not easy to hear but repeatedly I found parents to be open and receptive to listening as together we worked out a way forward to help their child. When the communication is open and honest and genuine listening occurs, together we can climb mountains. The balanced, measured, interested and supportive nature of the parents was indicative of the quality of our parents.

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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.

Our Athletics Carnival

Mrs Bain has been busy preparing a fantastic carnival for the kids. It will be held on our school's oval on Friday 21st August. With no Cluster or Diocesan level representation possible this year, it will look a little different but still be packed with as much fun. We are sorry that spectators are not permitted.

Please Don't Forget Drink Bottles

With our bubblers turned off it is important that every child brings a drink bottle each day. Recently we've noticed a small number of children without a bottle.

Graduation Meeting

We appreciate the many parents who were able to join us at yesterday's Zoom Graduation Meeting. The next meeting will be at 3.15pm on Wednesday 19th August in our school's Library.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



From Our REC

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Merit Awards

Archie W
Oliver E
Rawson B
Kai R
Harper J
Eadie M
Jaxon C
Ashlee S
Charlotte C
Mya C
Cohen R
Jonas C
Nixon H
Caylon A
Vincent E
Evie Z
Ayla B
Summer G
Hunter H
Phoenix W
Lola K
Marcus S
Kirrilee F
Tayla G
Sumira D
Charli D
Noah T
Blake C
Oscar P
Emma C
Harry B
Indy K
Will S
Lily T
Elliot T
Lacee B
Joshua F
Marshall S
Maverick E
Ava C
Liberty C

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.

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Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator

Star Awards

Katy-Leigh P
Lillian A
Eva W
Van B
Teyah H
Oliver R
Ashley V
Summer-Rose D
Connor D
Charlie B
Sonny I
Milla A
Bethany M
Zara B
Zach M
Liam S
Vasiliki P
Edin D
Lily T
Mia P



From Our Family Liaison Officer

Emotional Intelligence, (EI) is the ability to recognize, understand and manage our own emotions and to also recognize, understand and influence the emotions of others. It determines how we self regulate and deal with others in social, school and work situations.

It is now widely recognised that an individual's EI can have a huge impact on their success in school, work and life. The more developed a person's EI, the better able they are to manage difficulties and perform under pressure as well as being better able to get along with others. Emotional Intelligence is a trait that employers are now actively looking for in potential employees.

The Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills that are needed to promote Emotional Intelligence develop in children in different stages and can be actively cultivated by the adults around them, both at school and at home. Parents/ carers have a critical role to play in guiding and supporting children's social and emotional development.

The 5 Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skill areas that children need to develop are—



Social and emotional skills develop with practice—everyday situations and playtime provide lots of opportunities for children to learn and develop skills.

Beyond Blue's Healthy Families website has some practical ideas for parents/ carers to support children's emotional development via the link [here](#).

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 2



2Blue taking photos of things in and around our school as part of our Geography unit "People and Places"



Canteen News

Canteen has now resumed normal operations. This week's soup of the day on Friday 7th August is Chicken and Sweet Corn.



Due to changing work or family commitments a few volunteers are no longer able to help out in the 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.

Donna & Janet

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