



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Something We've Noticed

Term 3 Week 4
12 August 2020

Upcoming Events

- *Feast of the Assumption Mass*
9.15am
Friday
14 August
- *Feast of the Assumption Liturgy*
11.30am
Friday
14 August
- *Graduation Meeting*
3.15pm
Wednesday
19 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.

A reminder that **student banking** has recommenced. School banking day is Monday.

All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click on Forms & Permission Notes on the front page.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

At recess and lunch, on the playground kids are playing cooperatively. Kids are sharing, kids are smiling, kids are playing, kids are problem solving, kids are discussing, kids are conversing, kids are running, kids are laughing, kids are inventing, kids are imagining, kids are creating and kids are having fun.

We also notice that at recess and lunch kids are learning to negotiate, kids are learning to tolerate, kids are learning to accept differences, kids are learning to compromise and kids are learning to solve conflict all life skills that will continue to develop for many years to come.

The learning doesn't all happen in the classroom.

The Sacraments

Late last week Father Tomy announced the resumption of the parish's Sacramental Program. Enrolment for children wishing to celebrate their First Eucharist is now open. The Eucharist is a beautiful Sacrament where receiving Our Lord for the first time creates life-long memories and an unparalleled sense of grace.

Sacramental Coordinator, Lina Samaniego is available in the Pastoral Room (located in the office nearest the Pandora Gate exit) every morning this week from 8.00-8.50am and each afternoon from 2.00-3.00pm. Enrolment forms can be completed and left with Lina and you are able to choose a suitable time for the 4 group sessions. First Eucharist is open to Catholic children who are in Years 4, 5 or 6.

The celebration of the Sacrament will occur over the weekends of 13th and 20th September. Further information is available through the parish (8379 1730).

Father's Day Liturgy

With the COVID-19 pandemic our traditional Father's Day Mass is not able to be celebrated this year. We are very sorry that our Dads cannot join us.

A Father's Day Liturgy will be held on Friday 4th September in our school grounds with the children and staff in attendance.

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on Friday 14th August. We will have a whole school liturgy, led by Year 5, which will occur at 11.30am in the quadrangle.

Our Athletics Carnival

Mrs Bain has been busy preparing a fantastic fun day 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.

Our Next Playgroup

We held our first Playgroup on Tuesday morning. It was great to see so many pre-schoolers enjoying the play, story and gross motor activities on the oval. 6 Blue did a wonderful job helping the kids through a maze of fun activities. Our next Playgroup is at 9.15am on Wednesday 2nd September. You are very welcome to join us.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Tuesday's Playgroup

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Merit Awards

Maddison H
Remmi W
Kohi B
Braith D
Talan C
Oliver A
Emily A
Billy H
Hayden T
Sophia K
Levi M
Harlow R
Emeri B
Matthew G
Eva S
Matthew W
Elizabeth C
Koby D
Myles S
Vanessa M
Sam N
Alina L
Olivia R
Lachlan M
Emilia R
Eddie A
Elijah P
Noah T
Alex D
Zahra D
Ozzy I
Sinead H
Harry M
Silongo K
Evie M
Jackson J
Kalen C
Logan R
Bree E
Clayton B
Halle O
Scarlett O
Mark H

From Our REC

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 students and staff.

First Eucharist

We are happy to announce the resumption of the Sacramental Program. Enrolments will be taken in the Pastoral Room (located in the office nearest the Pandora Gate exit) every morning this week from 8am-8.50am and from 2pm-3pm in the afternoon. Lina Samaniego, the Sacramental Coordinator will be there to accept your enrolment for the

Sacrament and help you choose a suitable time to attend the 4 group sessions. The Sacrament will be celebrated at St Mary's over the weekend of the 13th and 20th September. First Eucharist is open to Catholic children who are in Years 4, 5 or 6. Further information is available through the parish on 8379 1730.

Liz Hartge
Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Librarian

Have you started work on your Book Week costumes?

If you missed the Library news in our last newsletter then let me yell out loud **OUR BOOK PARADE IS ON**. Mark Thursday 17 September on your fridge so you don't forget. All children will be participating in our Book Week activities but the one change for this year is that all the fun will **ONLY** be for the kids...and teachers. Covid 19 protocols restrict our usual audience of grandparents, mums and dads from being part of the morning parade this year.

Our 2020 theme is Curious Creatures Wild Minds.

Curious creatures read lots of books and lots of books take us to many different places and situations without leaving the comfort of our own home. The theme inspires a wide range of costume ideas from nature, jungles, sea creatures, adventure, dinosaurs and even the imaginary creatures from Dr Seuss. Fairytale and nursery rhyme characters are always popular as are super heroes. Whether you draw your ideas from fact or fiction we ask that children's costumes are appropriate for children and that we avoid anything that is scary or from a story that is suited to our teen and adult readers. Talk to your children about what they like to read as they may already have a few ideas of their own.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Premier's Reading Challenge record sheet. These were available online in Google Classroom as well as the twelve YouTube stories for children to watch in their age group. We normally complete the Challenge through our library lessons but this year, as with many other things, it has been different. You still have time to watch the video stories and get your sheets to the library, but this will close Friday 28th August. Years 3-6 children, especially, have been reminded numerous times during Terms 1, 2 and Term 3 so there are no excuses for not knowing about the Challenge or the videos. At the end of the year every child who has completed the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a certificate. At St Mary's children in Year 3 receive a Gold Award and Year 6 receive a Platinum Award for the completing the Challenge over a given number of consecutive years. It would be a shame to miss out on such an award in 2020.

Watch this space for further Book Week Celebration updates. Our Book Week countdown has begun and the excitement is building!!!!

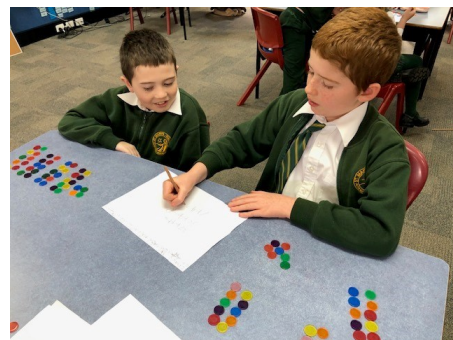
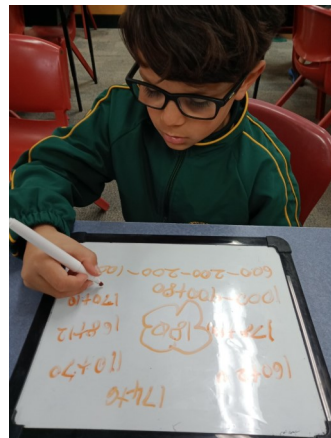
Ms Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on Year 3

3 Blue have been looking at how we can use art to tell a story. We have been using our skills in drama to act out some of the Dream-time stories and we have been looking at and appreciating the importance of dot painting within the Indigenous Australian culture. We were inspired by the use of dots in Indigenous Australian dot painting, so we explored how we could use dots to tell a story of our own. Here is some of our art in progress...



3 Green have been learning to use efficient strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.



Canteen News

Canteen has now resumed normal operations. This week's soup of the day on Friday 14th August is Minestrone



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

The school canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

SMASH TRASH 2020

In Year 4 we have been learning about plastic packaging and its impact on our beautiful environment. Did you know our oceans are being choked with plastic? Sea creatures are eating plastic, thinking that it is food and many animals are dying.

Year 4 wants to do something to reduce plastic waste from our lunches. On Tuesday in Week 5 (18/8/20), we will hold our **Smash Trash Day 2020**. On this day we would like everyone to bring in their lunch in reusable containers. On that day we are going to collect any plastic waste from each class and the class with the least rubbish will earn extra recess time as a reward.

Tips to reduce waste:

Choose snacks with natural packaging like fruit.
Avoid multi packs, they have double the plastic and are more expensive.
Choose containers that can be used again and again.
Use paper bags or compostable plastic which will break down with no harmful side effects.

Remember the date, SMASH TRASH Tuesday 18/08/2020.



Star Awards

Cooper B
Hailey G
Amelia D
Harvey L
Cruz C
Ilyah M
Indigo L
Harry P
Willow F
Darcy M
Indiana M
Kitty G
Harry B
Myah L
Patrick C
Samuel W
Edan R
Sienna S
Annabel R



Great news, our Cuppa and Chat for parents/ carers is back.

Our **Cuppa and Chat** mornings are a chance for parents/ carers to come together to meet and get to know others in a relaxed, casual setting, ask any questions you may have about school and find resources and information. It will be happening three mornings a week in our new Parent Room and Resource Centre. The new room is located in the laneway between the school office and Pandora Pde. and will be open from 8.45am-10.00am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along with lots of games and activities to keep them occupied. I hope to see you there.

Donna Falzon,
Family Liaison Officer

Please Note - We will be following the latest COVID19 protocols with social distancing practices, hand sanitisers and thorough cleaning in effect.



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