



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# Leadership

Term 3 Week 5  
19 August 2020



### Upcoming Events

- *Graduation Meeting*  
3.15pm  
Wednesday  
19 August
- *Athletics Carnival*  
Friday  
21 August
- *Father's Day Liturgy*  
Friday  
4 September
- *Year 3 Sacred Space*  
Thursday  
27 August
- *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,

Last Friday, you received notification on Compass regarding the small change of roles at our school. With the recent launch of the diocese's Towards 2025 vision, Mr Danny Casey, Interim Director of Schools, has asked Kevin to help out at the system level. This role will see Kevin spending some time away from our school, (at this stage 2-3 days per week) for the remainder of 2020. Emma Sellars, will share the principalship (co-Principals) with Kevin during this period.

### The Sacraments

The parish's Sacramental Program has resumed and classes for First Eucharist have begun. The celebration of the Sacrament will occur over the weekends of September 13 and 20. Please call the parish for further enquiries on 8379 1730.

### Our Athletics Fun Day

Mrs Bain has been busy preparing a fantastic Athletics Fun Day for the kids. It will be held on our school's oval this Friday August 21. With no Cluster or Diocesan level representation possible this year, it will look a little different. Mrs Bain has organised a multitude of relays and rotation activities that classes will compete in during the day. We even hear that a teacher's relay may take place! We are sorry that spectators are not permitted. We will, however, share photos with you on our school Facebook page and next week's newsletter. Children are permitted to wear a coloured t-shirt representing their colour house along with their normal PE shorts. Please remember to bring a drink bottle, your school hat and to apply sunscreen before leaving home.

### COVID-19 Testing

Students who have flu-like symptoms are not permitted to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free. With the rising cases of community transmission, we are requesting that parents keep siblings of potentially exposed children home until a negative test result comes through. Please note, our

school office must now sight the negative COVID-19 test result of returning students.

### Father's Day Liturgy

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 September 4 in our school grounds with the children and staff in attendance. We are currently looking into ways that dads can join us remotely, such as Zoom. We will confirm details as soon as possible.

### Our Next Playgroup

Unfortunately, due to further COVID restrictions, our next Playgroup to be held on Wednesday September 2 has been postponed. We will let you know a new date once we have this available.

### Book Week Celebrations

On Thursday September 17 we will be holding our Book Parade. We can't wait to see what the children (and teachers) dress up as. The theme is 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds'. Parents will not be able to join us as normal on the playground, but we will be taking many photos on the day to share.

### Year 3 Sacred Space

Next Thursday, August 27, Year 3 will share their Sacred Space with the school at 1.50pm. As no parents can join us on school grounds, we will send a Zoom code to Year 3 parents via Compass on the morning of the Sacred Space. We welcome you to join us in this way.

Kind regards,

*K Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

*ESellars*

Emma Sellars  
Principal

### Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730  
Email. toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au  
Office Hours. Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9am - 12pm

### Merit Awards

James B  
Billy L  
Elise I  
Mia T  
Kyden B  
Zac T  
Alex T  
Stephanie M  
Jack H  
Lachlan M  
Max B  
Noah B  
Corben D  
Charlie M  
Clive Z  
Arlie M  
Andy B  
Ryan M  
Indigo L  
Tahlia T  
Sunie T  
Flynn O  
Cooper M  
Matilda S  
Brooklyn C  
Luca K  
Scarlett W  
Rose D  
Zali M  
Milan B  
Myah L  
Ava M  
Savannah T  
Peyton B  
Bailey F  
Candice B  
Emily C  
Samantha W  
Macey B  
Tristan W

## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

We are happy to announce the resumption of the Sacramental Program. 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.

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Liz Hartge  
Religious Education Coordinator

School children enrolled for the First Eucharist are encouraged to attend weekend Masses prior to the Celebration of the First Eucharist. During these Masses you will be introduced to the parishioners and first hand with prayer cards ask them to pray for you to receive worthily the Blessed Eucharist. Please come to Masses and receive this uplifting grace.

Thank you.  
from Lina, Sacramental Coordinator



## From Our Family Liaison Officer

What does Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) have to do with school?

Research has shown that children's learning is influenced by a range of social and emotional factors. How well children do at school is affected by things such as:

- how confident children feel about their abilities
- how effectively they are able to manage their own behaviour
- how well they can concentrate and organise themselves
- how effectively they can solve problems
- how positively they are able to get on with teaching staff and with peers
- how effectively they take into account others' needs
- how well they can understand and accept responsibilities

Social and Emotional skills help children cope with difficulties and disappointments, build resilience and help to prevent mental health problems. At school SEL is taught both explicitly, through our BounceBack programme in PDHPE and implicitly, through the example staff set in the many daily interactions with students. Children learn Social and Emotional skills most effectively when they are also reinforced at home.

Teaching SEL skills at school as well as at home, makes a positive difference to children's wellbeing and helps them settle in the classroom and get on with learning. When children are taught specific strategies for recognising and responding to emotions, thinking through challenging situations such as friendship issues or losing at games and being able to communicate effectively, they are less likely to act out frustrations at school, home and elsewhere.

When the important adults in a child's life model mature Social and Emotional skills to children, it is perhaps the biggest factor influencing how children learn to cope with challenges and develop friendships and other relationships with both their peers and adults. Having positive social skills and being able to get along with others leads to friendships and lessening feelings of loneliness which can impact on children's mental health. Children's SEL skills are developed over time, but it does take effort on the part of the adults supporting them.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



## A Spotlight on Year 4



Year 4 are creating artwork focusing on Japanese culture.



### Canteen News

Canteen has now resumed normal operations. This week's soup of the day on Friday 21st August is Chicken Noodle and Vegetable.



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

### Star Awards

Finley G  
Harrison P  
Sophie G  
Flynn B  
Sophie C  
Maci T  
Taj R  
Edward C  
Archie M  
Harry B  
Seth T  
Lara N  
Ava S  
Brody A  
Ava G  
Zach M  
Samuel B  
Bailey J  
Tim V  
Kiara C

## From Our PE Teacher

### Athletics Fun Day

We are looking forward to a fabulous day full of great activities. Could you please try to find for your child:

- A house colour T shirt or ribbon in hair (not essential)
- A safety pin for T shirt for ribbons (I will have extras)
- A drink bottle

Many thanks  
Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



Smash Trash Announcement

Further to recent announcements regarding safety measures to minimise risk of COVID-19 transmission, **unfortunately we need to post-pone the next proposed Playgroup session for this term.**



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