



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Something We've Noticed

Term 3 Week 6
26 August 2020

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Mrs Bain organised a tremendous day of fun activities for last Friday's Athletics Fun Day. We were extremely proud of the kids' attitude and efforts. Repeatedly throughout the day we continued to hear words of encouragement and support from the children to each other. Our children tried their best and kept things in perspective (after all, it wasn't the Olympics). The fun enjoyed by the kids was reflected in the smiles and the laughter heard across the oval and the example set by our Year 6 was simply outstanding!

Congratulations to all girls and boys! The teachers had fun too as we shared the day together.

Welcome to Our School

During this disrupted and unique year we have had a number of children who have commenced at our school. Some only started recently and some much earlier in the year.

We warmly welcome the Kastelein family (Lola, 3 Green) ; the Blackney family (Jared, 3 Blue); the Gunn family (Oscar, 2 Gold); the Woods family (Heidi, K Gold); the O'Connell family (Flynn, 3 Gold); the Christofi family (Anastasia, 6 Green; Jonas, 1 Blue); the Tran family (Anne, K Blue) and the Bedford family (Sophie, 3 Green; Blake, 5 Gold).

May your partnership with us be marked by great learning and wonderful friendships.

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.

Year 3 Sacred Space

Tomorrow Year 3 will share their Sacred Space with the school at 1.50pm. We will send a Zoom code to Year 3 parents via

Compass tomorrow morning. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Book Week Celebrations

On Thursday 17th September (Week 9) we celebrate Book Week with our traditional set of activities. The children are involved in our annual *Book Week Parade* which will be staggered across the morning sessions. Our *Reading on the Oval* occurs before lunch with our Year 6 leading the way. After lunch our *teachers share their favourite books* with the kids.

The theme of Book Week 2020 is "*Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.*"

COVID Review

With COVID-19 dominating 2020 we repeatedly need to review certain practices. Our Leadership Team is currently discussing what the following will look like as the year progresses: Kinder 2021 Transition Sessions, Annual Awards Ceremony, end-of-year Mass, Year 6 Graduation.

Kind regards,,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

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Emma Sellars
Principal



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Merit Awards

- Eli F
- Manaya M
- Mya F
- Zac B
- Asha G
- Nixon P
- Amarli M
- Harrison B
- Isaac B
- Levi R
- Gwyneth M
- Madison C
- Yenna W
- Luke P
- Ashton M
- Abel N
- Alfie O
- Oliver K
- Emmanuelle D
- Chloe S
- Ben G
- Zac W
- Zoe W
- Isabella H
- Liliana C
- Joshua Y
- Chelsea B
- Matilda S
- Josephine R
- Dimity M
- Adelle S
- Ramone E
- Jack M
- Elly S
- Olivia C

From Our REC

First Eucharist

A reminder to parents and carers: The First Eucharist preparation has commenced. Please contact the parish office on 8379 1730 for further information. The Sacrament will be celebrated here at St Mary's over the weekend of the 13th and 20th September.

Father's Day Facebook Photos

With Father's Day coming up on Sunday 6th September, we are asking our families to send in 1 photo of their child/children with their father/grandfather/pop/father figure etc. These photos will be displayed on our school's Facebook page to celebrate all the wonderful male figures in our lives. Please send your photo via email to: liz.hartge@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 2nd September.

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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. The parishioners will continue to pray for you whilst you prepare to make the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please come to Mass and receive this uplifting grace.

Thank you.
from Lina, Sacramental Coordinator

From Our Librarian

CURIOUS CREATURES WILD MINDS

After the wonderful time we had at our Athletics Fun Day our excitement is now focused on the countdown to our annual Book Parade. And as usual for this time of the year the teachers have gone very quiet about what they are wearing for the day! No one gives away even the tiniest clue. Our teachers are the best secret keepers I know, and we will only find out what everyone else is wearing on the morning of our Book Parade!!! I know the teachers are working away on their costumes. Have you started thinking about yours?

Today online activity is another facet of our children's lives and it is important that we are aware of what they are using and what they are doing online. For many children there is very little difference between accessing an online game or playing with a physical toy. I-pads, laptops, phones, even PlayStation can seem like toys to children when fun is to be had but they have little understanding of the security and safety risks where the internet is involved. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on Cyber Safety.

Sometimes technology and online access can be overwhelming for parents. For instance, did you know that as part of their privacy policies, social networking

sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube specify that users must be at least 13 years old.

The US Congress set out minimum age stipulations in the *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act*. The act specifies that website operators must gain verifiable parental consent prior to collecting any personal information from a child younger than 13 years old (O'Keeffe et al., 2011). Many social networking sites avoid this requirement by setting a minimum age of use at 13 years old but there is no obligation on website operators to verify the age of users. This is also how untrustworthy users can pretend to be children on such sites. Our Australian Government supports this Act for online safety of our children. How old are your children and **should** they have a social media account?

As a parent if you have any concerns about your child's current or future online safety or activity the following Australian Federal Government link has excellent advice for people of all ages <https://www.esafety.gov.au> There is a tab for parents that has excellent information across a range of subjects and free online webinars for parents to access throughout September. I recommend that every parent and grandparent check this website and sign up for the free webinars that are happening soon.

Miss Gray
Librarian

Upcoming Events

- Father's Day Liturgy*
Friday
4 September
- Book Week Celebrations*
Book Parade,
Reading on the Oval,
Teachers' Favourite Book
Thursday
17 September
- Year 3 Sacred Space*
Thursday
27 August

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.

A Spotlight on our Athletics Fun Day



Canteen News

Canteen has now resumed normal operations. This week's soup of the day on Friday 28th August is Pumpkin.



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

- Elsie S
- Van H
- Neve R
- Ruby P
- Lachlan B
- Marley B
- Ellie C
- Oscar S
- Filippo C
- Beau T
- Alina L
- Euan B
- Hua Qiang P
- Malaya M
- Yumi S
- Lucy N
- Griffin M



School Bus 2120 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students, Roadworks on Bungary Rd, Norah Head are nearing completion, therefore **Morning School Bus 2120 will return to normal path from Monday 31st August 2020.** Please refer to below for normal operating path.

School Bus 2120 departs Moala Pde & Pacific Hwy (8:02am) and operates as normal to Evans Rd & Ocean Pd (8:31am) and continues Evans Rd (L) Ocean Pde (R)Brisbane St (L)Oleander St (R)Central Coast Hwy (L)Denison St (R)Bungary Rd (R)**Victoria St (R) Soldiers Point Dr (L)Bungary Rd** to Park St (8:42am), then continues as normal to St Mary's Primary School & Toukley Public School

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929**. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Route 91 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students, Roadworks on Bungary Rd, Norah Head are nearing completion, therefore **Afternoon Route 91 will return to normal path from Monday 31st August 2020.** Please refer to below for normal operating path.

Afternoon Route 91 departs School (3:35pm) and operates as normal to Bungary Rd & Park St (3:38pm) and continues via Bungary Rd (R)**Victoria St (R)Soldiers Point Dr (L)Bungary Rd (L)Denison St (R)Central Coast Hwy (L)Oleander St (R)Brisbane St (L)Ocean Pde (L)Evans Rd to Heritage Village (3:48pm)**, turns around & returns Evans Rd (L)Crossingham St (R)Heador St (L) Main Rd (R)Fravent St to Hammond Rd (3:53pm) then continues as normal to Lake Haven Shops (4:15pm).

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