



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# Reflecting on Term 3

Term 3 Week 10  
23 September 2020

### Upcoming Events

- Last Day of Term 3  
Friday  
25 September
- First Day of Term 4  
Monday  
12 October

### 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,

What a busy term we have had! As we think back through the year so far, this is actually the first full term our kids have been at school. It seems hard to believe, doesn't it? It has been wonderful to see the children growing in their learning, their friendships and their confidence...while having a great time doing so. In these unprecedented times, it is unusual to not see you all here enjoying the fun. You are all very much the missing piece of our school right now.

This term, our kids have enjoyed the Book Week Parade, our Athletics Fun Day, our Year 6 vs teachers netball game, Kinder and Year 4's Incursions and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5's Sacred Space items. We hope your kids have shared stories of this fun with you at pick up times.

Next term we have the usual busyness of Term 4 events. We are hoping (and planning) that many of our usual events will go ahead with only minor COVID changes. Some events, such as our Christmas Carols, are in the calendar but are very much 'wait and see'. We will continue to monitor the situation and inform you of changes as soon as we can. And of course, as soon as we are able to, we welcome you back here to take part in the fun of our St Mary's community. Tomorrow, our Term 4 calendar will be sent out to you on Compass.

### Parent Team

An exciting change is coming! We are currently in the planning stages of developing a parent group at St Mary's. The group's role will be broad, however, the crucial elements for participants to uphold will include being positive school advocates and working collaboratively with others to further enrich our happy St Mary's community. Formation of this group will occur next term; more details and information on how you can be involved will be in our next newsletter (Week 1 Term 4).

### Summer Uniform

When students return next term, all students are expected to be in full summer uniform. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring your children have the appropriate school uniform. Our **girls summer uniform** includes the St Mary's summer tunic, white fold down socks and lace up or buckle black leather-style shoes.

The 'new style' uniform is compulsory from January 2021.

The **boys summer uniform** includes the green polo with St Mary's logo, grey boys short without cargo pockets, grey fold down school socks with bottle and gold stripes and traditional black leather-style lace up or velcro shoes. For **all children**, the St Mary's bottle green school hat with school logo is to be worn. Long hair must be tied up, out of the face. For more information and price lists, follow the link to our school website: <https://www.smtddb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/our-facilities/uniform-shop/>.

### User Agreement

Thank you to all of the families who have been onto Compass to sign the Internet User Agreement. Every year, this will go home for your family to read and sign. It outlines the responsibilities of each child when they access the internet, computers, iPads, intranet, software, e-mail, search engines and collaboration tools. So far, parents of 420 students have signed this agreement. Students will not have access to iPads, laptops or the internet until this agreement has been accepted.

### Year 4 Sacred Space

Tomorrow, September 24, Year 4 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 4 parents via Compass tomorrow morning. We welcome you to join us in this way.

### Pick Up Routine

We are truly blessed with wonderful parents and we appreciate your continued efforts in ensuring our pick-up routines are safe and orderly. Until we receive further advice, our pick up times and routines will continue unchanged into Term 4.

Enjoy the gorgeous weather over the next two weeks! Our kids return to school on Monday October 12.

Kind regards,

*K Williams*

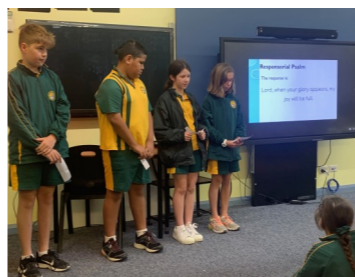
Kevin Williams  
Principal

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Emma Sellars  
Principal

### Parish Details

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9am - 12pm



## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

Congratulations to the students that made their First Eucharist over the weekend. It was a beautiful liturgy. Thank you to the families that have shared their photographs with us. Look out for the reflection on our Facebook page.

### Catholic Mission - Socktober

Socketober invites students to engage with developing world issues through the universal language of sport. Young people are challenged to "Sock it to Poverty" using the world game of soccer. This year we are going to have a Year 6 versus teachers soccer match on Friday of week 2 and we would like all students to wear crazy socks on this day. Please bring in a gold coin donation to support Catholic Mission in their mission to sock it to poverty.



## From Our Librarian

Well our Book Parade Fun Day has come and gone. What a great day we had! Thank you to our amazing Book Week Team: Mrs Jones, Mrs Roach, Mrs Laing, Mrs Kyle, Mr Merlino and Miss Dawson for all their hard work in preparing and making such a day possible.

Thank you to Aedan, Ramone, Marni, Gabrielle, Kiara, Annabel, Rayah, Brock, Jack and Herbie for the St Mary's Grand Official Opening!

Thank you to Year 6 for your leadership on the day and keeping alive our tradition of our reading on the oval.

Thank you to our St Mary's Staff who never fail to enter into the fun and spirit of dressing up for the day and sharing these special moments with the children.

Thank you to all our families for the time and effort in dressing the children for the day. The kids looked incredible.

### Class Masses

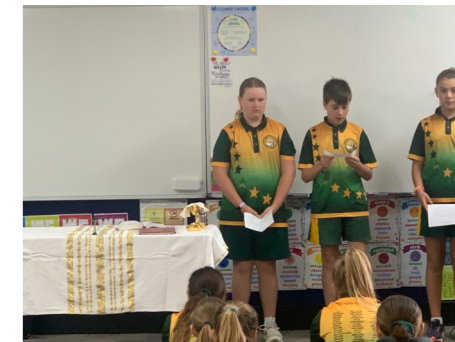
Over the past two weeks Father Tomy has come over to the school and celebrated mass with the Year 6 and Year 5 students. This week he will celebrate mass with Year 2.

### Year 4 Sacred Space

This Thursday Year 4 will lead our sacred space. A compass link will be sent out tomorrow morning to Year 4 parents.

Cath Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Thank you to our children from Kindy to Year 6 for the wonderful way you always join in and celebrate. There were lots of tired but happy kids by the end of the day.

We've made it to the last week of Term 3!! Children will be able to borrow library books for the holidays **only** if all books have been returned. Please keep library books in library bags over the holidays so that they are ready to be brought back Week 1, Term 4. I hope everyone has the chance to relax and read lots of books and create many new family stories these holidays.

Happy Reading Everyone

Miss Gray  
Librarian

# A Spotlight on Our Library

## OUR LIBRARY BOOK PARADE FUN DAY!



### Canteen News

This week's soup of the day on Friday 25th September 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



Toukley Neighbourhood Centre are running both online and in person activities for children these school holidays. You can check out and sign up for the online activities via their facebook page [here](#).

Our local libraries are also running online activities during the holidays. Central Coast Council's "What's On" section on their website has all of the details.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre

## Artzspace

Cost is \$10 per session



Workshop 1  
Acrylic Painting  
Shopping Bag  
9.30am-11am

Spring School Holidays  
Wed 7th Oct  
9.30am & 11.30am

Workshop 2  
Acrylic Painting  
Shopping Bag  
11.30am-1pm

Limited class numbers

Holiday Art Workshops for children aged 6-12 years with Gaye from Heartworx on Wed 7th October. Cost is \$10 for each 1.5 hour session. Call Bronwyn on 02 4396 1555 to make a booking.

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