



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 9  
16 September 2020

# First Eucharist

### Upcoming Events

- *Book Week Celebrations Book Parade, Reading on the Oval, Teachers' Favourite Book* Thursday 17 September
- *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,

During last weekend and this coming weekend we are excited to have many children celebrating their First Eucharist. To receive Jesus for the first time in the form of Holy Communion is a very special day. We pray, girls and boys, that celebrating your First Eucharist will strengthen your love of Our Lord, deepening both that partnership and your faith.

Congratulations ..... Caylon A, Edward A, Chelsea B, Harry B, Tiernan B, Zara B, Nova B, Thomas B, Harry B, Ellie B, Blake C, Charli D, Zahra D, Alexander D, Ava G, Charlotte G, Levi J, Luca K, Addison L, Lexie L, Summer M, James M, Zali M, Harrison M, Will M, Jonah M, Havaiana M, Elijah P S, Oscar P, Portia R, Evanna S, Riley T, Emily T, Polly T, Connor V B and Scarlett W.

Enjoy the celebrations with your family and friends.

### 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.*"

We thank our Celebration Team for organising Thursday's activities: Miss Gray, Mrs Jones, Mrs Laing, Mrs Kyle, Mrs Mobbs, Mrs Roach, Mr Merlino and Mrs Mally.

### Absences

We are legally bound to verify every absence your child has from school. We appreciate those many parents who continuously log any absences on Compass. Sometimes others may forget. Please mark any absences on Compass.

### School Photos

School photos were sent home earlier in the week. If you have any feedback about the quality of the photos, please let us know.

### Some Updates

With the Mariners Aquatic Centre closing our K-2 Swimming Program for 2020 has been cancelled. Credits for K-2 families are currently being organised. We intend to resume the Swimming Program in 2021 at a different location.

Our Year 6 Graduation Committee are busy preparing a wonderful farewell for the kids. What they've planned sounds exciting. As we become aware of any updated COVID-19 related issues, we'll let you know.

The viability and format for Kinder Transition sessions in Term 4 are still under review. It is an important program and besides waiting on further advice, we are exploring our options for alternatives.

### Cyber Safety

Last week we had a whole school focus on "Cyber Safety" and how to be safe online. We also reviewed and looked at our school and diocesan user agreements. All classes went through their user agreement and many have signed and returned to school. The "Parent/Guardian Agreement" was sent via Compass to all parents. It is very important that this is completed online through your compass app. From next Monday 21st September if this isn't completed your children won't be able to use technology or the internet at school. If you are having trouble with this please contact the office and we will assist you with the process. Thank you for the many parents who have already completed this.

Kind regards,

*K. Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

*Emma Sellars*

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9am - 12pm

### Merit Awards

Adalita S  
Heidi W  
Ivy S  
Grace L  
Tianna O C  
Abigail R  
Willow L  
Stephanie M  
Flynn R  
Harrison L  
Nate F  
Anika L  
Sienna H  
Cohen R  
Jackson Q  
Kai R  
Jack C  
Caylon A  
John M  
Ty T  
Thomas L  
Phoebe-Rene F  
Cynthia A  
Sonny I  
Phoenix W  
Sienna G  
Cooper M  
Oscar L  
Milla A  
Matilda S  
Ruby K  
Olivia R  
Isabella H  
Will M  
Summer M  
Nova B  
Riley T  
Ruby H  
Blake B  
Liam S  
Mia M  
Makenzie W  
Florence M  
Abby L  
Mikayla M  
Cooper O  
Caleb F  
Zara H  
Lucy N  
Marshall S  
Max H  
Tyler D  
Jayden F  
Gabrielle S  
Tara T  
Malachi P

## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

Congratulations to the students that made their First Eucharist over the weekend. It was a beautiful liturgy. Please keep in your prayers the students that will make their First Eucharist this weekend at either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning masses. If you would like to share a couple of your photographs from this celebration please email them to [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au). We will put together a reflection on this celebration once the sacrament is completed.

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



## From Our Family Liaison Officer

Children's confidence and resilience go hand in hand. When children know that the important adults in their lives support them, encourage them and express confidence in their abilities to do things, children are much more likely to try new things and bounce back if things don't go the way they planned. When children succeed in mastering a new skill or having the courage to try something for the first time it makes them feel good about themselves, their competence improves and their self confidence grows - leading to a positive attitude and a greater willingness to "have a go".

The subtle messages children receive from the adults around them can really affect the way children see themselves. If adults are always doing things for them, or stepping in to sort out little problems that other children manage themselves, it gives the subtle message that adults don't think they're capable. Children start to believe this about themselves.

There are two great articles by leading Australian parent educator Michael Grose that give practical tips for parents to support children's confidence and resilience - "[15 Ways to Love Your Child Confidently](#)" and "[Daily Lessons In Resilience for Kids](#)" that are well worth a read. One of the many great tips from the articles is "look

for strategies that stretch them rather than restrict them or make them dependent on you". If you have very young children it's probably not something you think about regularly, but one day these children will be independent adults and resilience and the SEL skills they will need to live a productive, independent life as adults can be cultivated from a very early age.

Following up from last week's Cyber Safety Week at school, as well as discussing online safety and behaviour with our children it's also important to have discussions with them about their physical safety. While we've all heard about stranger danger and probably spoken to our children about that, it needs to go further. Statistics show that the threat of harm to a child is far more likely to come from a person that is known to them than a stranger. Personal safety is discussed in age appropriate ways at school during PDH lessons and follow up at home by parents will reinforce the messages the children receive. Resources for parents on how to talk to our children about personal safety can be found at [Bravehearts](#) and [Childwise](#).

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



# A Spotlight on Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have been working really hard this term, especially in our classrooms. We have been learning about Australian animals and how to write informative sentences. Last week we learned about **Crocodiles**.



In **Gross Motor**, on a Friday we have been learning how to play Rugby League.



In **Maths**, we have been learning about Multiplication. In this question, we had to show cars in a carpark and work out how many wheels there were altogether.



In **Creative Arts**, we have been trying lots of different techniques to create art. These are our Aboriginal inspired Tasmanian Devils.



## Canteen News

This week's soup of the day on Friday 18th September 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.

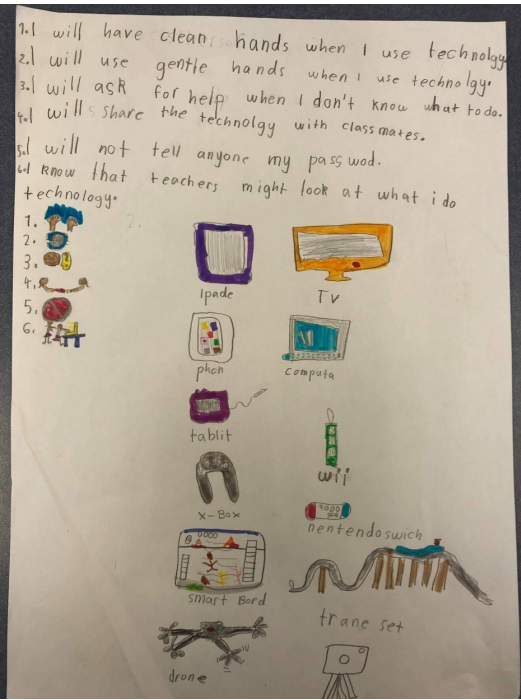
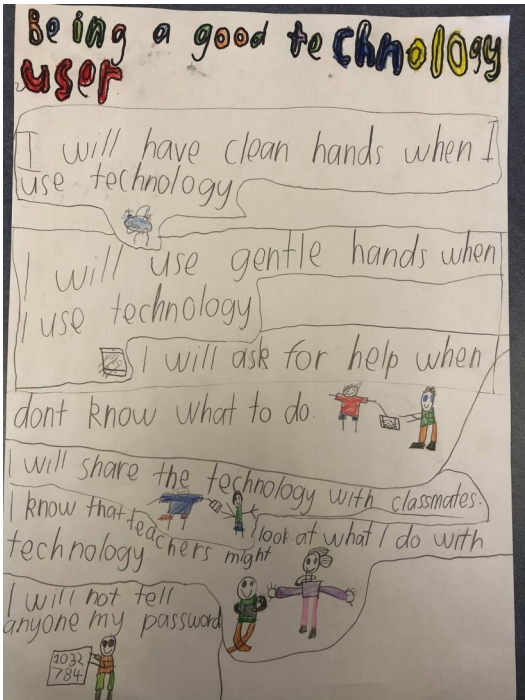
Donna & Janet

## Star Awards

- Sofie N
- Jackson M
- Lennox K
- Sasha R
- Rhys M
- Zane B
- Archer G
- Alfie O
- Nikkita C
- Isabella L
- Beau T
- Ellie B
- Alex D
- Ozzy I
- Samuel T
- Bailey F
- Cohan S
- Marni R
- Mark H



## Cyber Safety Week





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We can help with crisis Food Assistance, like frozen meals and hampers.  
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We can help with free counselling.  
We can help with Information and Referral to other specialised services in our community, like free legal advice or financial counselling.  
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