



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3  
28 October 2020

# World Teachers' Day

### Upcoming Events

- *Year 6 Assembly*  
1.50pm via Zoom  
Thursday  
29 October
- *World Teachers Day Liturgy*  
9.00am  
Friday  
30 October
- *Year 2 Incursion*  
Friday  
30 October
- *All Saints Liturgy*  
9.00am  
Friday  
6 November
- *Kinder Transition 2*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
11 November
- *Years 5 + 6 Touch Gala Day*  
Friday  
13 November
- *Year 1 Incursion*  
Friday  
13 November
- *Leadership Team Planning Day*  
Tuesday  
17 November
- *Kinder Transition 3*  
9.30am  
Wednesday  
18 November
- *Year 1 and 2 Virtual History Tour*  
Thursday  
19 November

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Friday we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Our teachers deliberately make a connection with every child in their class. Our teachers nurture, care and support your child's emotional growth. Our teachers have a laser-like focus on your child's learning. Our teachers plan, collaborate, question, discuss, explore, reflect and discover ways to help your child be the best they can be.

It's a job we enjoy. Because we are working with people, it's not as easy as putting a recipe together. The intricacies of working with kids involves discovering how to get the best out of each one of them. It is complex and challenging work ..... and even though it's serious work, it is also a lot of fun.

Our teachers are privileged to work with your children. Your children are blessed and very fortunate to have our teachers helping shape their young lives.

### Tell Them From Me

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at our school.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://telltthemfromme.com/smt500>

### Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and Year 2 have their Science Incursions happening over the next few weeks. Year 2's Incursion is on this Friday with Year 1's occurring on Friday 13 November.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 also get to enjoy their Virtual History Tour on Thursday 19 November.

Kind regards,

*K. Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

*Emma Sellars*

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Principal



### Parish Details

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### Merit Awards

Archie W  
Finley G  
Malaki B  
Mila C  
Jase B  
Van B  
Ashlee S  
Noah B  
Jazz B  
Cruz C  
Charlie M  
Oscar O  
Finn P  
Archer G  
Grace B  
Cochella O C  
Archie M  
Filippo C  
Sunie T  
Cooper M  
Sienna G  
Ava S  
Brooklyn C  
Sumira D  
Elijah P S  
Oscar P  
Chelsea F  
Blake B  
Joey T  
Savannah T  
Indy K  
Florence M  
Jackson J  
Laylah S  
Emily C  
Marshall S  
Lucy N  
Olivia C  
Jack B



## From Our REC

### Catholic Mission Fundraising

Thank you to the students from Mini Vinnies who led us in prayer on Friday morning. It was a beautiful liturgy. The Year 6 students had a wonderful experience playing soccer against the teachers. Congratulations to them winning 3-2. We are very grateful to the families who contributed to our crazy sock day. We were able to raise \$592.30 for Catholic Mission.



## From Our Family Liaison Officer

Children's relationships with their peers and teachers can have a big impact on their time at school, but the first and most important relationships they experience is with their families. Positive family relationships help make children feel secure and loved, which then gives them confidence to explore the world around them, try new things and learn.

These positive relationships at home also help children develop the skills they need to build healthy relationships at school. They learn how to be respectful of other, maybe differing ideas and opinions, become problem solvers and resolve conflict. At St Mary's we are lucky to see the results of the time and effort parents/carers put into family relationships with the positive way students engage with their peers, teachers and learning at school.

While every family is different, there are some things that are common to families that have strong, positive relationships. Raising Children Network have a couple of great articles looking at what makes those strong, positive families. Please take a look at [How to Build Positive Relationships for Families](#) and [Strong Families: what they are, how they work](#) to learn more.

It has been wonderful to welcome back families with toddlers and pre-schoolers to **Storytime in the Library** on Thursday

### World Teachers' Day

This Friday we will celebrate World Teachers Day with a liturgy on morning assembly. Year 5 with the assistance of students from each class will lead this.

### All Saints' Day Liturgy

Our All Saints Liturgy, led by the Year 4 students will be on next Thursday, November 5th at 2pm. We will send out a zoom code to Year 4 parents next week.

Cath Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



mornings. Some children have been attending for a couple of years and have really missed the opportunity to participate in Storytime during the last 6 months. We have seen a lot of smiles since starting back this term. If you have little ones at home, please feel free to come along and join in. Those children who are starting Kinder next year find it especially fun.

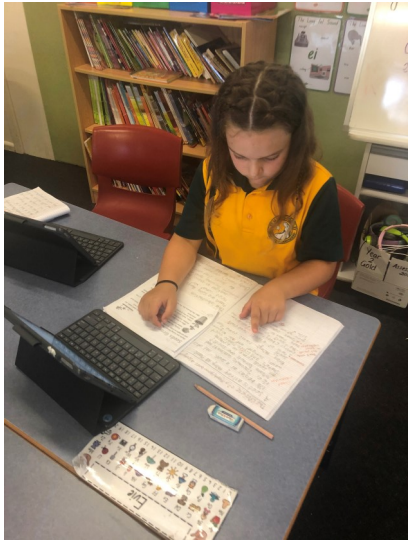
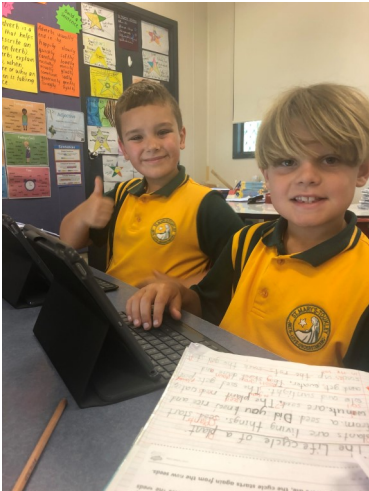
Our morning **Cuppa and Chat** for parents/carers has also resumed Mon, Tues & Wed mornings in the Parent Resource Room, just outside the gates at the Pandora Pde exit. We are able to welcome small groups of parents in our room as well as being able to sit outside in the fresh air, weather permitting. All parents/carers are invited to come along, get to know other parents/carers in a casual setting, enjoy a cuppa and relax.

A reminder that our **Parent Resource Library** has many resources for parents/carers looking for information or support covering a wide range of child development and parenting issues. I will have the book trolley outside the Parent Resource Room each Mon, Tues & Wed mornings (weather permitting). If you can't make it in to school please give me a call and I will try to find a suitable resource and send it home.

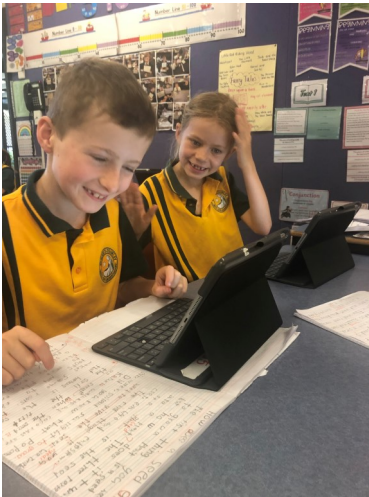
Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



# A Spotlight on Year 2



Year 2 publishing their explanations in Google Docs



Year 2 on crazy sock day



Year 2 learning rugby league drills



## Canteen News

Due to changing work or family commitments quite a number of 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

- Oliver E
- Archie G
- Harry B
- Harrison L
- Maci T
- Emily A
- Josi C
- Beau B
- Byron H
- Ruby R
- Sophie B
- Lara N
- Summer M
- Myah L
- Toby W
- Tyson S
- Charlie T
- Lacey B
- Josh F
- Alex S



## Book Club

A reminder that this Thursday 29th October is the final day for book club orders.



JOIN US FOR  
**Storytime**  
*in the library*  
**IS BACK!!!**

*An invitation for our families with toddlers and pre-schoolers*

Storytime runs for 30 minutes every Thursday morning from 9am and is an opportunity for toddlers and pre-schoolers to experience stories being read to them, share books with their parent/ carer, participate in craft activities with other children and borrow from our school library.

It is a great way for children to familiarise themselves with the library and become comfortable in the school environment.

Parents will need to sign in at the school office and head straight to the library at 9am.

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