



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Left Hand Column

Term 4 Week 1
14 October 2020

Upcoming Events

- Year 6 School Retreat
Monday
19 October (tbc)
- Kinder Transition 1
Wednesday
21 October
- Mission Liturgy
9.00am
Friday
23 October
- Crazy Sock Day
Friday
23 October
- Socker Game
Teachers vs Year 6
Friday
23 October
- 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 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,
Welcome to Term 4.

For the first time in a long time, the left hand column (Upcoming Events) is beginning to fill up, i.e. there are many more liturgies, events and occasions that we can celebrate.

It's great that we can hold the Kinder 2021 Transition sessions, beginning next week. It'll be exciting to be able to welcome our new Kinders on-site with our parent sessions being held in the Church.

Mission Week is in Week 2 and we celebrate it with our usual Crazy Sock Day (gold coin donation) with the purpose of raising funds for Caritas Australia. We begin with a Mission Liturgy at 9.00am on Friday Week 2 and also enjoy a 'socker' game involving the Teachers vs Year 6 (after the netball match, the 6s are currently up 1-0).

Even though we have had reduced assemblies etc. during the year, we have been able to keep our Year 6 (Thursday 29th October) and our Kinder (Thursday 12th November) Assemblies. We look forwards to sharing them with you via Zoom.

And with the children getting uninterrupted learning time since late May, our Semester 2 Reports will be the full version, including all KLAS, learning behaviours, values and a general comment.

Lost Time for Year 6

With the upside down nature of 2020 our wonderful Year 6 were not able to travel to Canberra for our traditional 3 day excursion. Consequently, we have 3 different but engaging and fun days planned for them during Term 4. For further details, please see the Term Calendar or ask a Year 6 kid.

Uniform 2021

A reminder that the new Girls' Summer uniform is expected to be worn by all girls from the start of the 2021 school year. Many girls are already wearing it but some parents may need to purchase the uniform during this term in preparation for Day 1, 2021.

Parent Team

Parents In Partnership Group (PIP)

In 2021, we are launching our new *Parents in Partnership (PIP) Group*, which will incorporate the roles and great work already achieved by the previous models. We are looking for parents and carers of our St Mary's School community to become part of our *Parents in Partnership (PIP) Group*.

We are encouraging all families to provide us with some input on how the PIP Group can best serve our school community. We are also looking for parents and carers to become part of our PIP Group. You will have this opportunity through a Google Form. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIhymYL39jC49hqbSYOJABpErRgk_aFFzKkhiQZu3oLeHV7BQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Members of PIP must be able to work collaboratively, be positive advocates for our school, offer their thoughts, ideas and opinions and work in partnership with parents, the school leadership team and parish.

Some ideas of the possible jobs and tasks that the PIP may be involved include morning teas, promoting parent workshops and welcoming new families. We would appreciate more suggestions from you.

There will be a variety of roles; from team members to team leaders and we are encouraging lots of our parents and carers to become involved in our PIP Group.

Staffing 2021

We'd like to share with you the appointment of Kellie Walker as a member of our school's Leadership Team (effective Term 4, 2020 until August 2021). Kellie will be a Coordinator on our team with the main focus centring on Wellbeing. Kellie's selfless, community-minded approach will reap many benefits for the children and adults in our school. Congratulations Kellie.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

EMMA SELLARS

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Office Hours. Monday,
Wednesday & Friday
9am - 12pm

Merit Awards

Harper B
Jonah R
Letty M
Lucas B
Archie G
Benji A
Riley G
Hunter N
Harrison B
Willow L
Koa F
Lachlan B
Sophie C
Mia N
Caspian W
Edward C
Charlotte A
Eli M
Addison P
Cynthia A
Oliver K
Elizabeth C
Keoni L
Sienna G
Kingston K
Havana G
Isabelle T
Rylee F
Kyah R
Penelope P
Charlotte G
Matthew P C
Zach M
Chelsea F
Claire W
Linsey A
Yumi S
Florence M
Erin N
Charli M
Herbie G
Annastasia C
Aedan F
Taj P

From Our REC

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your holidays were a happy time for you and your family.

Catholic Mission Fundraising

This year, once again we will be raising funds for Catholic Mission. 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. We are asking all students to wear Crazy Socks next Friday 23rd October. Please bring in a gold coin donation.

Class Masses

Year 2 attended their class mass with Father Baby on the last day of Term 3. Thank you to the students that participated so well. This Friday Kindergarten will attend their class mass in the library.

Year 4 Sacred Space

Thank you Year 4 for presenting their Sacred Space at the end of Term 4.

Dates for Term 4

Masses and Liturgies

We have many beautiful Masses and Liturgies prepared for this term. We will let you know through Compass which ones will be available through zoom.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to Term 4

Today you will receive, via Compass, a letter from the Broken Bay Pastoral Outreach and Community Engagement team. This new team is designed to offer another level of support to our families in these challenging times. Please take a couple of minutes to look over it.

October is Mental Health Month which encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of mental illness or not. This month also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of mental health in our everyday lives and encourages help seeking behaviours when needed. This is even more important this year, which has been so challenging for everyone.

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is 'Tune In'. Being present by tuning in has been shown to help build self-awareness, help make effective choices, reduce the impact of worry, and build positive connections. You can find out

Kinder Class Mass - 10am Friday 16/10/20
All Saints Liturgy - 1.50pm Thursday 5/11/20
Year 4 Class Mass - 10am Friday 20/11/20
Year 1 Class Mass - 10am Friday 27/11/20
Advent Liturgy 1 - 1.50pm Thursday 19/11/20
Advent Liturgy 2 - 1.50pm Thursday 26/11/20
Advent Liturgy 3 - 1.50pm Thursday 3/12/20
Advent Liturgy 4 - 1.50pm Thursday 10/12/20
Thanksgiving Mass - 9.15am Friday 11/12/20

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



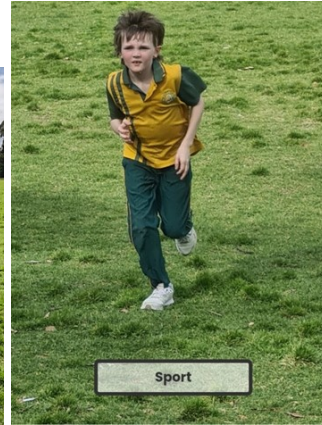
more about Mental Health Month and the importance of being able to 'Tune In' [here](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/). Further help and support are available online at <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/> or <https://headtohealth.gov.au/>.

You may remember that back in Week 10 of Term 2 we held Wellbeing week for our students. One of the activities involved the children writing letters of support and drawings to community members as part of the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre's "Together Toukley Triumphs" project, which aimed to bring a sense of connection to community members who may be isolated or struggling. We have had some great, positive feedback from TNC on the success of the campaign and how it has helped people to know that others are thinking of them. Congratulations children, your kind thoughts have made a big difference to some people's lives.

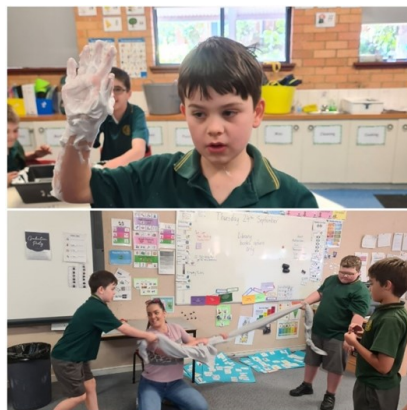
Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Aspect

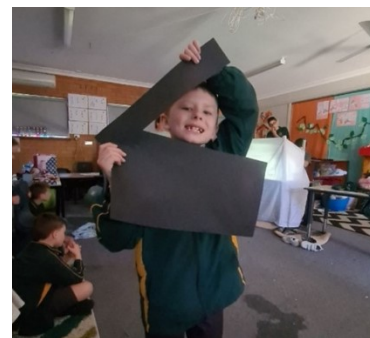
We love going to sport with Mrs Bain.



To get our bodies and minds ready to learn, we engage in some sensory play.



We are great learners!



There is always time for a bit of fun!

Position Vacant

Toukley Parish is advertising for a Parish Secretary. With the hours being within school time, this would make a great job for a parent with school aged children.

Note that applications close Sunday, 25 October.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary, Toukley Parish
Part-time, 25 hours (5 days) per week

Please see the Diocesan website for the advertisement:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop hours are 8.15am—9.45am Monday to Friday.

Just a reminder as of Term 1 2021 the new girls dress is compulsory for all girls.

As the shop is currently closed to parents, uniform orders can be made either by phoning the school on 4396 5100 or email us on smt@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

If you are unsure about sizing I am happy to send home different sizes to try. Payment can be made over the phone with a credit card or by sending in cash.

Thank you
Leesa Sternbeck

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

Ruby B
Ebony B
Siaosi M
Flynn R
Charlotte C
Holly L T
Grace B
Abel N
Sonny I
Sam N
Ruby K
Evie S
Harry B
Noah T
Toby W
Matilda S
Jackson J
Lacey B
Tristan W
Lyla P

BE YOUR OWN HERO

WHEN:
6/11/2020 - 11/12/2020

TIME:
Friday
3.20 pm - 4.20 pm

LENGTH:
6 weeks

AGE: 5-12 Years

COST: \$75

WHERE:
ST Mary's Catholic PS
458 Main Road
Noraville
NSW 2236

PLAY LEAGUE STARS
LEAGUESTARS.COM

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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