



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2
21 October 2020

"Sock it to Poverty"

Upcoming Events

- *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 Saints Liturgy*
9.00am
Friday
6 November
- *Years 5 + 6*
Touch Gala Day
Friday
13 November

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,

We are in the middle of celebrating Mission Week. The prayer we offer together at 9.00am each morning centres on Mission. Young people are challenged to "Sock it to Poverty" using the world game of soccer.

On Friday we have our usual Crazy Sock Day (gold coin donation) with the purpose of raising funds for Caritas Australia. We begin Friday with a Mission Liturgy at 9.00am and also enjoy a 'socker' game involving the Teachers vs Year 6.

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 30th October we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Teachers influence and make such a significant difference in the life of a child. The teachers at our place dedicate their professional lives to helping your child be the best they can be - specifically, in terms of their learning, their faith development and their growth as a young person. It's a job we love.

If you have a moment, please discuss with your child how you can acknowledge the tremendous efforts of your child's teacher.

Year 6 Retreat

On Monday our Year 6 enjoyed a day of reflection. Father Tomy joined us to celebrate Mass. Talking to some Year 6 children, they commented that the Mass was the highlight of the day.

Our Year 6's engaged in reflective activities pondering who are those key people who have helped shape their character. Further work with biblical micrography occurred and a focus on leadership was a constant thread throughout the day.

Our teachers were very pleased with the children's attitude, engagement and the manner in which they participated in various discussions.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Loder family (Thomas 2 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. Thomas' grandfather passed away on the weekend.

We pray that Our Lord gives your family great strength and courage during your time of grief.

Parents in Partnership (PIP)

Our Parents in Partnership (PIP) Group is being established for the commencement of 2021. Our group will be involved in the usual (and valuable) tasks of catering for various functions, promoting parent workshops and welcoming new families to our school. Added to these roles, the PIP will also serve as a consultative arm of the parent body. Periodically, opinions from parents will be sought and the PIP will assist us in both the ideas and the administering of surveys.

The link below asks for your opinions and seeks those willing to be involved.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WUmRWoHVpdDHHVvVIHsoyxE65iS-ARHou8cUXw7XmCE/edit>

Kinder Transition 1

Today we welcomed the new Kinders to our school. Our Transition Session commenced with parents meeting us inside the top playground gates with their child. Parents then proceeded to the Church for our meeting, with the children returning to meet us at around 10.50am.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Ellars

Emma Sellars
Principal



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Merit Awards

Ollie T
Amena D
Rawson B
Lucas B
Indie H
Eva W
Sophie C
Flynn R
William M
Willow C
Nixon H
Marley B
Raiden S
Tom B
Joshua S
Ayla B
Oscar S
Frankie G
Ellie C
Harry P
Liam G
Willow F
Oscar L
Ruby K
Timmy S
Bethany M
Liliana C
Scarlett W
Edward A
Sachin C
Addison L
Patrick C
Samuel B
Adelle S
Harry H
Kiarra L
Bree E
Joshua F
Jayden S
Tristan W
Tara T
Gabby S

From Our REC

Catholic Mission Fundraising

This Friday, 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. On Friday we are holding a Year 6 versus teachers soccer match. We are asking all students to wear Crazy Socks. Please bring in a gold coin donation.

Class Masses

Kindergarten attended their class mass with Father Baby last Friday. Thank you to the students that participated so well. Year 1 and Year 4 will have their class mass in the coming weeks.

World Teachers Day Celebration

Next week we will be celebrating our teachers with a morning Liturgy on Friday 30th October. Our students have been sharing some things they really value about our teachers. We look forward to sharing these with our fabulous staff.

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



From Our Librarian

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD BOOK FOR MY CHILD TO READ?

Quite often parents ask us for recommendations of books for their children to read. Whether books are presents for birthdays or from Santa or just to enjoy over the holiday period, there is a wealth of choice when we visit book stores or places like Kmart and Big W and it is sometimes hard to decide on the right books for our children.

When choosing books consider what your children are interested in and their level of independence as a reader. Another important factor to consider is the age of your children and the age of the characters they are reading about. The adventures and quests of Percy Jackson into the world of myths and legends would not be a suitable character for an eight year old to read. (even if we have enjoyed the movies!!) J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter has been discovered by a whole new generation of readers. However, the original intention of the series was for readers to grow up with the character of Harry Potter as each new book was published. So while we love the excitement of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the characters and their adventures were originally written for a teenage audience.

So how do I know which books to choose? The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website contains recommended booklists for children K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Books can be searched by their title, author or category. Every book listed has been scrutinised by members of an expert panel. Each has been read and examined by either teachers, teacher librarians or other educational professionals. A short synopsis is provided as well as their recommendation for the age group to which it is suited. By clicking on the below you can check out the book lists suited to your child's age group.

Here at St Mary's we complete the Premier's Reading Challenge each year through our library sessions. When we add these books together with the library books borrowed, the children at our school have a healthy appetite for reading. Our local libraries have levelled PRC stickers on books for easy recognition and we have been doing the same in our own school library. The PRC website is an invaluable resource and I highly recommend it for parents and grandparents who are searching for just the right reading material for their children.

Miss Gray
Librarian



<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

A Spotlight on Year 1



What a great start to Term 4 we have had in Year 1!



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

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

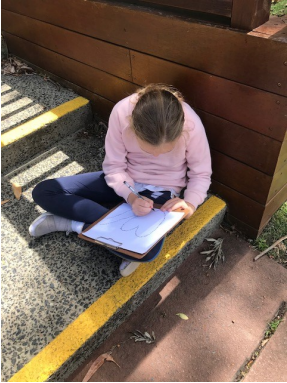
The school canteen is **CLOSED** on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

- Abigail H
- Harrison P
- Darcy P
- Isaac B
- Dali M
- Max B
- Jonas C
- Yenna W
- Evie Z
- Taj C
- Hunter H
- Flynn O
- Beau T
- Ryder A
- Ellie B
- Blake C
- Malaya M
- Bailey J
- Edan R
- Samantha W
- Ajay Y

Year 6 Reflection Day



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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