



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5
11 November 2020

Catholic Schools Broken Bay

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Upcoming Events

- 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
- MacKillop and St
Brigid's Year 7
Orientation Day
Friday
20 November
- School Captains
Speeches
Tuesday
1 December
- Kinder Transition 4
9.30am
Wednesday
2 December
- Year 6 Beach Day
Friday
4 December

With the appointment of Mr Danny Casey as the Director of Schools many changes have begun to positively influence our diocese. A new vision and direction for our Catholic schools has been forged. *Towards 2025* clearly articulates that the 2 main strategic themes are *Evangelisation and Catechesis* (E&C) and *Student Achievement* (SA).

On the accompanying copy of *Towards 2025* you will notice that the other 4 areas are strategic enablers. In simple terms, the enablers help the 2 main areas come to life.

You may also have noticed that the Catholic Schools Office is no longer. We are now recognised as *Catholic Schools Broken Bay* (CSBB). The new logo sits at the top of our newsletter.

It is an exciting time in the life of our diocese. Many things have changed. A clear and purposeful vision is driving us forward.

Student Leadership

Currently, our Year 5 students are presenting their Leadership speeches. The tradition in our school is that the Year 6 students are outstanding role models for the younger children. Our present Year 6 children continue to be wonderful examples.

Student leadership at our school invites every Year 6 child to lead. Some children will have formal roles, e.g. School Captain, Student Parliament, Mini Vinnies, Sports Captain etc. Others will be responsible for microphones, gates, flags, witches hats etc. No one of them will be more important than another. And all will be called upon to be positive, hope-filled leaders of our student body.

While acknowledging the tremendous work of our current Year 6, I have every confidence that our 2021 Year 6 will be just as great.

Reports

Your child's School Report will be posted on Compass on Friday 11th December. The 2021 Stationery List will also be included. The tradition of the slip of paper in an

envelope that indicates your child's class and teacher for 2021 will continue. The kids love opening those envelopes. The looks on their faces you'd think it was Christmas.

Uniforms

A reminder that the new summer uniform is required to be worn by all girls from the beginning of the 2021 school year. Please see Leesa in our Uniform Shop. You can order via email or visit our shop.

Also, thank you for ensuring your child enters our school each morning in the correct uniform. The way the children wear their uniform makes a difference at our school.

Returning Teachers

For 2021 we welcome back to our teaching staff, Ms Sharon Johnson and Mrs Lisa Johnson. Both teachers bring a wealth of experience and expertise and our school will benefit from their skills.

Aboriginal Education

The ad for our school's new Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) closed recently. Tomorrow, personnel from Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) lead a number of interviews to determine our next AEW.

Only this morning we received further good news that will support the literacy and numeracy development of our indigenous students. Mrs Cindy Noah has been appointed to our school for 2021 as Support Teacher Aboriginal Education. Cindy is a very capable teacher with excellent skills in literacy and numeracy. She also worked with us in 2019.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Emma Sellars

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Merit Awards

Zac B
Lola C
Elise I
Max A
Harper J
Benji A
Ruby P
Jaxon C
Teyah H
Ashley L
Harvey L
Ashley V B
Madison C
Jack C
Michael A
Summer-Rose D
Vincent E
Charlie B
Ezri D
Phoenix W
Lillian D
Zoe D
Seth T
Kingston K
Matilda S
Lincoln S
Olivia R
Liliana C
Bethany M
Summer M
Luca K
Joshua Y
Rose D
Shelby M
Owen W
Myah L
Eyli P
Dakota L
Josephine R
Bailey F
Makenzie W
Logan R
Max C
Candice B
Ramone E
Bede B
Annabel R
Kahlil G

From Our REC

All Saints' Day Liturgy

Thank you to Year 4 and their teachers for leading us in Our All Saints Liturgy last Thursday. Congratulations to all of you on displaying great reverence, responsibility and leadership, whether you had a formal role to play or not.

NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC Week. The theme is "Always Was, Always Will Be." On Monday afternoon we celebrated with our school community. Thank you to our Indigenous students who lead us in prayer and to the parents who joined us on zoom. Teachers will also designate time this week to share Aboriginal history and culture using the resource, SBS Learn.

Remembrance Day

Today is Remembrance Day. We began the day with a liturgy led by our 2020 Parliament Leaders. We stopped to remember and acknowledge all of the men and women who have seen the horrors of war. Lest we forget.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Supporting a child's education and learning through positive parent engagement has a huge impact on how a child feels about school and their achievement, but it doesn't have to take a huge amount of time or lots of money. The most basic, but very important way for a parent to support their child is to make sure they attend school every day.

While infrequent absences due to genuine illness, family emergency, etc are justified and expected, for a small number of students absenteeism can become a regular habit. A habit that becomes harder to break the older they get.

When a child is regularly absent from school their learning routine is broken, they miss out on vital information, they find it harder to keep up in class and they can lose confidence in both their academic ability and their friendships. It can then become a vicious cycle where children realise absences make learning harder and they may feel it is too challenging to return, but avoidance will only continue this cycle and make the situation more difficult. They need to attend school to build their confidence, learn, achieve and develop those important friendships that make school fun for them.

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. Early next week, your child will be given a particular item from a class list of items. We ask each child to please bring in this item to place in their classroom basket. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. Once again, our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies children will lead this initiative. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion.

Advent Liturgies

Next week we begin our Advent Liturgies. These will be held every Thursday afternoon for the remaining weeks of the year at 1.50pm. We will organise a zoom link to be sent out to each of the classes involved.

Advent Liturgy 1 (Year 5):1.50pm Thurs

19th November, **Advent Liturgy 2**

(Kindy):1.50pm Thurs 26th November, **Advent Liturgy 3** (Years 3 & 4):1.50pm Thurs

3rd December, **Advent Liturgy 4** (Year 1 & 2):1.50pm Thursday 10th December.

We hope you can join us as we prepare for the Lord this Advent Season.

Cath Kyle—Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Regularly being late can also have a huge impact on learning. Those who are regularly late can often become self-conscious and anxious knowing they are missing out and will have to try to catch up to the rest of the class. It can also be disruptive to the learning of the other students.

Ultimately it is a parents/ carers decision whether or not a child attends school each day. Making sure children are at school, on time, helps ensure they get to make the most of their opportunities to learn and sets up good habits for the future. If you have concerns about your child's absences or are having difficulty getting your child to school please contact your child's teacher for support.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

Attendance Ladder

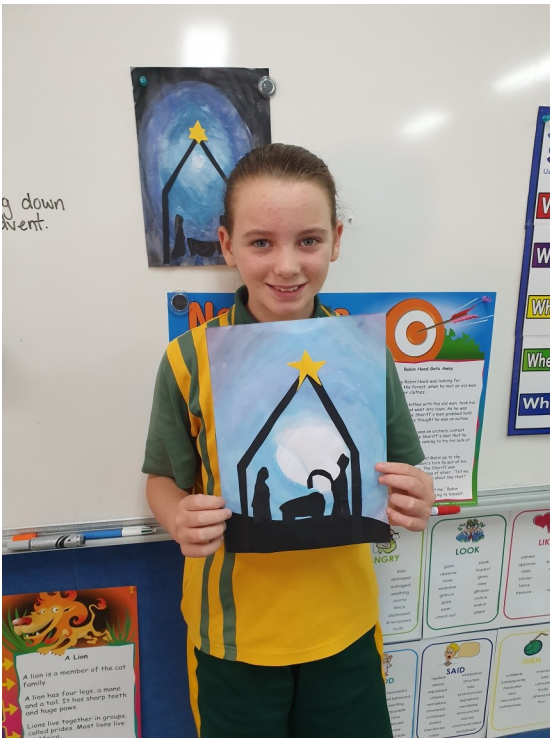
absences		evaluation
0	100%	OUTSTANDING
4	98%	VERY GOOD
7	96%	GOOD
9	95%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
15	92%	CONCERNED
18	90%	VERY CONCERNED
more		AT GREAT RISK

school days missed in an academic year

A Spotlight on Year 4



Advent Art



Year 4 Liturgy

Canteen News

2021 Canteen Volunteer forms were sent home with today's newsletter. Our school canteen relies on the generosity of our parent helpers to run effectively and if you are able to help out, just once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form and return to school by Friday November 27th if you are able to help. Thank you.

Reminder

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

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

- Eli F
- Kohi B
- Mia T
- Talan C
- Amarli M
- Sasha R
- Mia M
- Natalija K
- Corben D
- Harlow R
- Levi M
- Abel N
- Emmanuelle D
- Olivia D
- Lola K
- Bella H
- Marcella R
- Hua Qiang P
- Ruby H
- Owen W
- Samuel B
- Adelle S
- Charli M
- Mikayla M
- Jack M
- Aedan F



From Our PE Teacher

Year 5 / 6 Touch Football Gala Day

This Friday our Year 5 and 6's are lucky enough to attend their first Gala Day for the year. It is a non competitive event with students placed in teams of mixed gender and ability. Could parents please make sure children have plenty of water (at least 3 bottles) and food as this year it is not able to be purchased or shared. Please make sure your child brings sunscreen and a school hat with a towel or blanket for the ground. Buses will leave school at 9am and be back in time for afternoon dismissal. Have a happy day Year 5 and 6!

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



From The Office

Thank you to the families who have returned their Family Registration Forms. They were sent home with your child/ren last week. They are due back no later than Friday 20th November. Both parents must sign this form for it to be valid. The information on this form is used to apply sibling discounts. If you have misplaced the form you can arrange for another one to be sent home or you can download a copy from the school's website.

Thank you
Jacqui, Leesa & Julie



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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