



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 7
25 November 2020

Something We've Noticed

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Our Kinders have grown so much! They are a great group, keen to learn and well behaved. Their personalities are shining through too. Didn't they do a great job of their Assembly? They'll make a tremendous Year 1.

Regarding leadership, our Year 5s are developing beautifully. They have been working hard on their speeches and understand the importance of their role in leading the children in our school in 2021. We have every confidence in them.

Year 1 have had a fantastic year of learning. Very capable kids who work and play well together.

Parent Leadership

Our newly formed parents structure is called Parents in Partnership (PIP). From among the many volunteers, the following parents will help coordinate and lead our PIP: Eileen Cannon (Ellie 2 Gold), Corinne Intia (Elise K Green), Tenille Callaghan (Willow 1 Green) and Kris Boyce (Eddie 4 Gold).

This evening the AGM of the Broken Bay Catholic Schools Parents will occur and Eileen and Corinne will be representing our school.

Congratulations Mrs Laing

We congratulate Mrs Laing (2 Blue teacher) and her husband, Kain, on the announcement that Megan is expecting their first child. We're very pleased for you.

Kinder Transition 4

Our fourth Kinder Transition session occurs on Wednesday 2nd December. At this session we enjoy a prayerful liturgy in which our 2021 Year 6 buddies join our new Kinders. The children's names in each of the 3 classes are called out along with their Year 6 buddy. Their Kinder teacher for 2021 is named and the new class then spends about an hour together in their actual classrooms. All parents come together to share a lovely morning tea. It is a fun and exciting morning.

Aboriginal Education

We congratulate Mrs Charmaine Stewart on her appointment as our new Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW). Charmaine will commence working at our place on Monday 30th November. Her working days will be Monday and Tuesday.

Together with Mrs Cindy Noah's appointment as Support Teacher Aboriginal Education, our 40 indigenous students will be blessed with both excellent cultural and academic support.

Thanks Russ and Sean

We thank Russell Jones (Canterbury supporter) for keeping our grounds and gardens looking good. We also thank Sean Gale (Manly supporter) for keeping our oval looking like the SCG. Despite the regular disappointment they experience with their teams, they both do a great job at our school.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Sellars

Emma Sellars
Principal



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Merit Awards

Hayden S
Maddison H
Kai R
Max A
Anne T
Nixon P
Dali M
Harrison B
Amarli M
Anika L
Koa F
Evalata M
Zane B
Levi M
Andy B
Matthew G
Taj C
Sonny I
Eva S
Coco T
Sosefo K
Vanessa M
Louis G
Zoe W
Ivy D
Polly T
Levi J
Zach M
Matthew P C
Malaya M
Harry B
Peyton B
Makenzie W
Edin D
Abby L

From Our REC

Advent Liturgies

Last Thursday we began our preparation for Christmas. Year 5 led the school reverently and beautifully in the First week of Advent. This Thursday, Kindergarten will lead the Second Week of Advent. It will be held at 1.50pm. The zoom link is <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/96126902701>, alternatively you can use the code 9612 6902 701 to join the liturgy. All members of the school community are welcome to join us.

Class Masses

Last Friday Father Tomy celebrated Mass with our Year 4 students. This Friday he will celebrate Mass with our Year 1 students. Our Year 1 students have been learning the "Hail Mary" and look forward to sharing the prayer with him.

Christmas Eve Mass

A compass message was sent out recently in regards to our annual parent organised Christmas Eve Mass. Each year the parents of St Mary's organise a wonderful ceremony. If you would like your child/ren involved please complete the simple survey using the link; <https://forms.gle/PYvTgxYK9CV3aA6s8>

From Our Family Liaison Officer

On top of the unique circumstances of this year, the usual end of year fatigue and stress that starts to affect our children (and parents too) seems to have already begun. You may have noticed the kids getting a bit more tired and cranky than usual as this long year draws to an end. Throw in the excitement of Christmas approaching, with Santa already making appearances in shopping centres, and managing children's behaviour can become a bit of a challenge.

Leading Australia Parent Educator Michael Grose has some very helpful ideas for helping parents stay calm and strategies to support children. The links "[Stop.Look.Listen.Say.](#)" and "[Consistency](#)" have some great and very practical tips on providing a positive environment for encouraging good behaviour and getting co-operation from our kids. They are both very quick reads so please take a look.

CatholicCare are offering NDIS funded Vacation Care for Central Coast students with a disability under 18 years this com-

Christmas Appeal

Once again, St Mary's will be supporting our local community with the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Food Appeal. Your child/ren should have received a star with an item on it. We ask each child to please bring in this item to place in their classroom basket. Thank you to those families who have already brought something in. All of these baskets will be collected by our local St Vincent DePaul representatives during the last week of school. Our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vin-nies children will lead this initiative. As always, we thank our community for their generosity and compassion.

Thanksgiving Mass

Year 6 are currently preparing for our final school mass for 2020, our Thanksgiving Mass. This will be held on Friday December 11th (Week 9) at 9.15am. Due to Covid restriction only Year 6 parents will be invited to the Mass. We will be live streaming via zoom. A zoom code will be sent out closer to the date. This is a particularly special mass and I encourage all members of our school community to view if they can.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

ing January 2021. You can see the flyer "[here](#)" with information about activities, costs and booking details. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Cuneo, Catholic Care on 0409 658 476.

For our current Kinder parents. As per the message that went out to you via Compass on Monday, next Wednesday December 2nd is the last transition day for our 2021 Kinder children and their families. Traditionally it is the current Kinder parents who set up and provide food for a welcome morning tea for the parents/ carers and we would appreciate your help with that this year. The Compass notification sets out specifics in regards to maintaining Covid safety standards so you know what is suitable to bring in to school. Please contact the school office on 4396 5100 to let us know if you are able to help with either food or set up. Thank you for your support.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

Upcoming Events

- *School Captains Speeches*
Tuesday
1 December
- *Kinder Transition 4*
9.30am
Wednesday
2 December
- *Sports Captains Speeches*
Wednesday
2 December
- *Year 6 Beach Day*
Friday
4 December
- *Awards Ceremony*
Wednesday
9 December
- *Year 6 Graduation*
5.00-9.00pm
Wednesday
9 December
- *Thanksgiving Mass*
9.15am
Friday
11 December
- *Last Day of School*
Wednesday
16 December

Dates for 2021

- **Wed 27th Jan**-Staff Development Day, no students
- **Thurs 28th Jan**-Yr's 1-6 MAI Testing Day, Kinder Best Start Assessment
- **Fri 29th Jan**-Yr's 1-6 First Day of School, Kinder Best Start Assessment
- **Mon 1st Feb**-Kinder Best Start Assessment
- **Tues 2nd Feb**-Kinder First Day of School

A Spotlight on Year 6



Canteen News

2021 Canteen Volunteer forms were sent home with the newsletter in Week 5. 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

Adalita S
Lucas B
Asha G
Nate F
Vincent B
Willow L
Tyde A
Eden D
Addison W
Jay K
Aila K
Elise C
Isabelle T
Lucas C
Zac W
Charlotte G
Eyli P
Cahill L
Charlie T



Now Overdue

Thank you to the families who have returned their Family Registration Forms. They are now overdue. If you still have to return the signed form, please do so by Friday this week.

Thank you
Jacqui, Leesa & Julie



Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

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