



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2
3 February 2021

"Meet the Teacher" Evening



Upcoming Events

- **Opening School Mass**
Friday
12 February
- **Welcome Evening**
5.00-7.00pm
Friday
12 February
- **Swimming Carnival**
Monday
15 February
- **Ash Wednesday**
17 February
- **Kinder Parent Workshop**
6.30pm
Wednesday
17 February
- **CCC Swimming**
Monday
22 February
- **Playgroup**
9.15am
Tuesday
23 February
- **School Tour**
10.30am
Tuesday
23 February
- **Kinder 2022 Information Night And School Tour**
7.00pm
Monday
15 March

Please Note
All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Friday 12th February we are hosting a Welcome Evening ("Meet the Teacher"). It is for all families and is a chance to meet your child's teacher in an informal, relaxed environment. Families are asked to bring along a picnic-style dinner to enjoy on the oval (much like the Christmas Carols) with the event beginning at 5.00pm.

A Great Start

We had an exciting start to the school year with our 70 new Kinders keen and eager to enter their new world. Bright eyed and trusting, we have a tremendous responsibility to help influence their development, learning, faith and wellbeing over the course of the next 7 years. It's what we enjoy doing.

Congratulations

We are very pleased to share the good news of the following families:

We congratulate the Wark family on the birth of Jude, a baby brother for Archie (1 Gold). We also congratulate the Woods family on the birth of Ivy Rose, a baby sister for Heidi (1 Green). Congratulations also to the Curran family on the birth of April, a baby sister for Charlotte (2 Gold) and Imogen (K Gold).

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass is at 10.00am Friday 12th February. With COVID restrictions we are only able to have approximately 100 people in the Church. Consequently, Years 5 and 6 will be present in the Church while Kinders, Years 1, 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will participate through a live stream to the parish hall.

Mobile Phones, Watches, Devices

Mobile phones are not permitted to be brought to school unless you have written to us and a special exemption is granted. Other devices including watches in which you can use video, receive calls, text messages etc. are not permitted at all.

School Uniform

We appreciate parents efforts in ensuring their child has the appropriate school uniform. Starting back at school, the children have looked sensational. Thank you.

Going Home From School Routine

The parents and grandparents of a child are permitted to collect them at 3.15pm daily. If a different person is picking your child up, please notify us either in writing or via a phone call.

Kinder Parent Workshop Evening

We are hosting a Kinder (our current Kinders) Parent Workshop Evening from 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th February. This is an important session in which we share tips and strategies to help with your child's reading homework, what literacy looks like in our Kinder classrooms, how to help your child with Maths and general, practical information about being a Kinder parent at our school.

Please join us.

School Bubblers

Our school bubblers are now operational. We still invite children to also bring their own water bottles.

Please Note

Our newsletter will now be only available online, through Compass and our website. No hard copies will be sent home.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Emma Sellars

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Principal



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From Our REC

Welcome to the 2021 School Year! I hope you had a relaxing and joyful Christmas and New Year Season. I am here to support families in their faith development, so if you have any questions regarding Masses, making Sacraments, connecting with the parish or anything else regarding the religious life of our school, please give me a call.

Opening School Mass

Our K-6 Opening School Mass is on **Friday 12th February at 10am**. Year 5 and 6 will be going over to the church to celebrate Mass. Students from K - 4 will gather together in the hall to celebrate our mass. The mass will be zoomed to them. We welcome parents, carers, grandparents and new families to celebrate our Opening Mass for 2021 via zoom. A zoom code will be sent out next week via compass. The Year 5 and 6 students in leadership positions will say their pledges during this mass and receive a blessing.

Sacred Space - Year 6

This Thursday at 1.50pm our Year 6 students will lead us in our first sacred space. The theme is our school STARS. A zoom code will be sent out on Thursday

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to the new school year. As Family Liaison Officer it is my role to support all families within our school. That may be by offering a listening ear, providing practical support when needed, referrals to outside agencies and information regarding school, parenting, childhood development, etc.

Particularly for our new parents/ carers, please remember that there is no such thing as a silly question and if there are things you may be unsure of please don't hesitate to ask either myself or your child's class teacher. Our aim is to develop a strong partnership between all parents/ carers and staff to maximise each child's learning and wellbeing. Please feel free to contact me, Monday to Friday, either in person or by phone.

While the more relaxed, casual lifestyle over the holidays has been great, establishing good routines as early as possible in the new term has many benefits for both parents and children. One of the

morning if you would like to join us. Please remember to turn your microphone to mute.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program includes children in Year 3 (Confirmation) and Year 4 (Reconciliation and First Communion), as well as children in older grades who may have previously missed one of the Sacraments. This year Reconciliation will have less students as many of our Year 4 students made their First Reconciliation last year in Year 3. An information note will go home on Friday for any students from grades 4, 5 and 6 who would like to make their First Reconciliation this year. If you have any further questions, please contact the parish office on 8379 1730.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th. Our students will come together for Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The time will be confirmed at a later date. Parents and carers, we invite you to join us via zoom.

Catherine Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

most important is a regular bedtime and sleep routine. Getting enough sleep is essential for children to feel their best and maximise their learning. Getting school clothes, lunches, school bags ready the night before can also help reduce stress of a morning and help set up a great start to the day for everyone.

The Cancer Council have some great tips and lunchbox ideas which you can access via the link ["here"](#). One idea is to get the kids input into what to put in their lunchbox—they will be more likely to eat it that way. Also, please remember to label EVERYTHING that children will bring into school—including lunchboxes, containers, drink bottles, etc.

"Storytime in the Library" will begin this week for families with toddlers and pre-schoolers. Thursday morning at 9am. Parents will need to sign in at the office when attending.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on “The start of 2021”



Canteen News

Canteen volunteers are always welcome and needed throughout the school year. If you are able to help out please contact the office with your details.

The Canteen Pricelist and Term 1 Roster are both available on the school website [here](#).

REMINDER—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

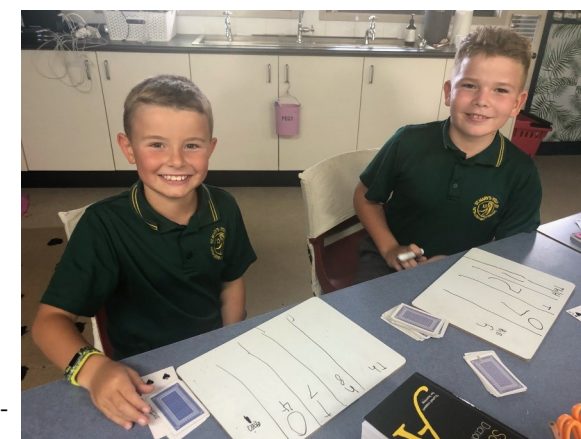
School Banking

Student Banking recommences on Monday Week 3 8th February.

From Our PE Teacher

Parents and carers of students in Year 2-6 would have received their swimming carnival notes on Compass earlier in the week. Could you kindly submit these ASAP so programmes can be organised.

Many thanks,
Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Being Allergy Aware! It's up to all of us.

With food allergies on the increase and **particularly with children in our school having severe nut and/ or egg allergies**, it is worthwhile checking pre-packaged food labels to see what can be potentially harmful and being mindful of homemade food containing these allergens being brought into school, eg., some muesli bars, Nutella, whole egg mayonnaise, etc. The canteen doesn't stock nut or egg products, but we will continue to offer pikelets and mini muffins made with egg replacement.

A severe allergic reaction can occur not just through eating food containing nuts or eggs but also through contact contamination. **Being considerate of the safety and wellbeing of those children with potentially life threatening allergies means not sending food containing nuts or made primarily of egg to school.** It is important to teach our children to always wash their hands after eating, at home in the morning, as well as at school, to prevent any cross contamination by contact.

It is appropriate to remind our children that sharing food can be potentially hazardous to other students. Students are reminded at school that they should only eat what is packed in their own lunch box and not to share food with other children and it would be appreciated if parents could remind children also.

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