



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3
10 February 2021

Please Join Us

Upcoming Events

- *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
- *School Cross Country*
Friday
12 March
- *Wellbeing Week*
15-19 March
- *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,

In lieu of the *Welcome Evening* originally scheduled for later this week, our teachers invite you to come and meet them 1-1 in your child's classroom. These meetings will occur during Week 5 (22-26 February).

We will send home a sheet, "All About Me" that we ask you to complete. It's asking for details regarding your child that you think are important for their teacher to know. Accompanying the form will be a link inviting you to book a time to meet with your child's teacher.

For the 1-1 meeting, the purpose is for you to share relevant matters, including what you consider their strengths to be and what are their areas for development. Being so early in the year, the meeting will not be for the teacher to detail the child's academic progress.

Relationships are important to us and meeting with you, the parents and carers, is a positive start to the year as we build the connection between home and school. A strong and healthy home-school partnership will only benefit one person your child.

Mini-Vinnies Leaders

We congratulate the following students who have been elected as Mini-Vinnies Leaders for 2021: Emily T, Ava G, Charlotte G, Ellie B, Zali M and Zara B.

World Safer Internet Day

Yesterday was "World Safer Internet Day". Our Infants students were able to view a new picture book released called "Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5." It tells the story of a Sugar Glider family and some rules to have when using electronic devices. Years 3-6 will participate in an interactive webinar focusing on how to use the internet safely.

To coincide with this week the teachers will go through our school technology and user agreement. All students Kinder to Year 6 will be bringing these home to be signed by their parents or carers. We invite you to please talk with you children about using technology and the internet appropriately.

In addition to this our Parent and Carers Technology and Internet User Agreement will be sent home via Compass. For your children to use technology and the internet at school this needs to be accepted. There will be a window of 2 weeks for this to be done. It will appear as an event. Please take the time to read and complete it.

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass is at 10.00am on Friday. All children will be involved, either in the Parish Hall or the Church itself.

Swimming Carnival

Our Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival occurs on Monday at Mingara. A limited number of parent volunteers are permitted to join us at the pool (these parents have been notified). All children are travelling to and from Mingara by bus.

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.

Kind regards,

K Williams
Kevin Williams
Principal

Emma Sellars
Emma Sellars
Principal

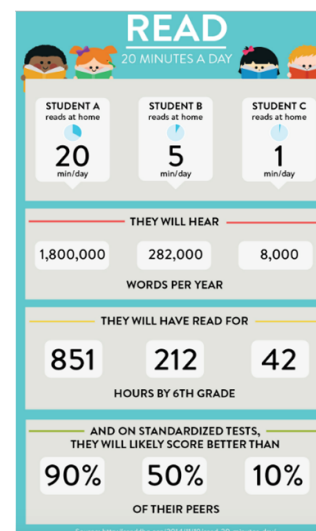
Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Ara W
Kai M
Oliver C
Charlize A
Parker L
Ondine R
Benji A
Amarli G
Mila C
Zac B
Van H
Zac B
Max B
Eden D
Caspian W
Holly LT
Indi F
Noah B
Euan B
Elizabeth C
Hunter H
Mia S
Ben G
Lola K
Bailey C
April F
Emily T
Chelsea B
Riley T
Blake C
Indy K
Harry H
Vasiliki P
Oscar P
Myah L
Sam B

Research has shown the following statistics.



From Our REC

Opening School Mass

Our K-6 Opening School Mass is being held this **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. The zoom link will be sent out via compass tomorrow. The meeting number to join the zoom is 972 4397 5635. The Year 5 and 6 students in leadership positions will say their pledges during this mass and receive a blessing.

Sacred Space - Year 6

Thank you to all year 6 students who prepared our first Sacred Space of the year. Our girls and boys loved learning about how they can live out our school STARS every single day. The teachers are finding it so hard to hand out Star

From Our Librarian

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE 20 MINUTES EACH DAY?

Hello and welcome back to 2021. A new year is exciting with more adventures and learning and reading in our library. After our long, relaxing break now is the time to start planning and working around the commitments and routines that start up and make our lives busy. Between dancing, football, netball and soccer training it is also time to build 20 minutes reading time into our schedule for brain training. Twenty minutes is all it takes for us to help our children become competent, independent readers. Understandably family life is busy but we can never underestimate the power of reading as an essential life skill.

Beginning readers who are learning to read may not be reading the same volume as independent readers. They read much more slowly than experienced readers. Guided readers that are sent home are certainly limited in their amount of text and vocabulary. But their purpose is to support and reinforce the learning-to-read process that is happening each day at school. It is also vital that blossoming readers also hear fluent reading from adults each day. Parents who read to their child every day reinforce fluency and expression, build vocabulary and model the importance and value of reading.

Awards because of your beautiful, responsible and inclusive behaviour.

Sacramental Program - Reconciliation

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 was sent home last Friday for any students from grades 4, 5 and 6 who would like to make their First Reconciliation this year. An information night is being held on Thursday evening in the church. 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. Due to the current COVID rules we will be holding two masses and a liturgy. Students in Year 3 and 6 will attend mass at 10am and students in Year 4 and 5 will attend mass at 11.30am. A liturgy will take place for Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and ASPECT. If restrictions are lowered Year 1, Year 2 and Aspect will attend one of the masses. Parents and carers, we invite you to join us via zoom. A link will be sent out via compass next Tuesday.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

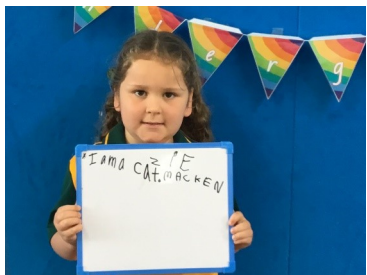
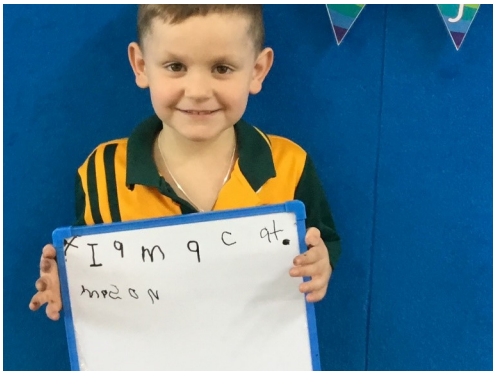
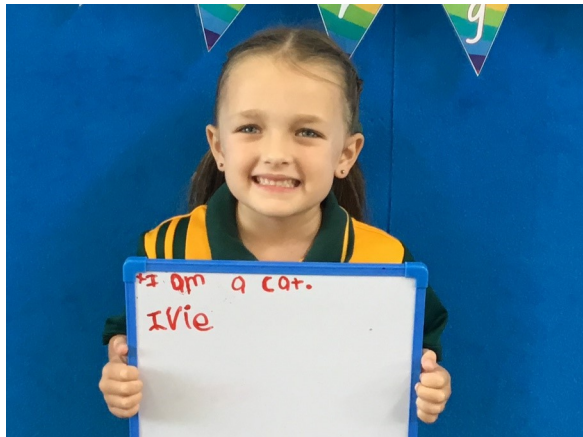


Readers at all stages of independence across the grades definitely need 20 minutes a day. Teachers will send home readers and your child will borrow library books each week to support our compulsory reading homework. School readers, library books and other books read **must** be recorded in your child's home reading log. 20 minutes of uninterrupted, distraction-free time for every family is all it takes. Every child's future is worth 20 minutes!

Today a READER, Tomorrow a LEADER!
Margaret Fuller

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray

A Spotlight on Kinder



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

Star Awards

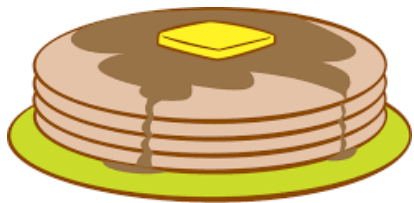
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Ollie B
Ruby J
Katy-Leigh P
Grace L
Adalita S
Raiden S
Lawson O
Billy H
Koa F
Alina L
Coco OC
Tayla G
Zoe D
Elijah PS
Charlotte G
Yumi S
Bailey F
Sinead H
Jackson J

From Our PE Teacher

2021 St Mary's school Swimming Carnival - Years 2-6

We are looking forward to a great day of racing and fun. Many thanks to all parents for getting on board with compass and returning notes so promptly. Parent helpers received a job sheet and map yesterday. We look forward to seeing you Monday. Please remember to label your child's clothing and send plenty of food and water for the day. Most importantly children need a rashie, sunscreen and hat for outside activities.

Many thanks,
Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



SHROVE TUESDAY

“Pancake Day”

At recess next Tuesday,
February 16th
30c each



Wed, Feb 17th

For Ash Wednesday only , the canteen will have as lunch options

Fish Fingers—40c each

Fish Burger—\$3.50 each

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