



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4
17 February 2021

Ash Wednesday



Upcoming Events

- 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
- Playgroup
9.15am
Wednesday
24 March

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

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday our foreheads are usually marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. For this year, instead of our foreheads being marked with Ashes, they will be lightly sprinkled on top of our heads. Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

1-1 Parent Teacher Meetings

1-1 Parent Teacher Meetings occur next week. If you haven't already done so, please book in a time to meet your child's teacher. Please check Compass for the relevant details.

A Special School Spirit

We love our Swimming Carnival. Monday we witnessed our amazing kids supporting and encouraging each other, fully participating and getting involved, being polite and grateful, enjoying each others' company and wearing beaming smiles throughout the day. A special school spirit was obvious yesterday.

Thank you Mrs Bain for your tremendous organisation, thank you to the many generous parent helpers, thank you to the tireless efforts from our staff. Our combined efforts made it a great day for the kids.

Opening School Mass

We celebrated our Opening School Mass with Kinders joining us in Church for the first time. The Kinder children displayed appropriate reverence and excellent behaviour. We congratulate our Year 6 and all students who declared their pledge to lead our school well during 2021. All pledges were delivered clearly and with a strong conviction.

Kinder Parent Workshop Evening

An important session detailing practical tips for helping your Kinder child at home with Reading and Maths. Commencing at 6.30pm tonight, the evening also features our Kinder teachers sharing relevant, helpful tips. Our Kinder teachers and Literacy and Numeracy Coaches look forward to welcoming you this evening.

The Missing Clinkers

Last Friday hundreds of Clinkers went missing from my office. Searching for the culprits, it was obvious that the older children were not going to tell me anything. They were keeping the secret. So I headed for the little kids. When I explained the situation, it was clear that the Year 1s were up to something. Half-way through me explaining things, Year 1 couldn't hold themselves any longer. With big smiles and lots of laughter, they blurted it out, "It was us! We ate your Clinkers."

Sports Vice Captains

We congratulate the following students who been elected as Sports Vice Captains for 2021:

Red House: Tom B and Zahra D
Blue House: Blake C and Portia R
Gold House: Eddie A and Riley F
Green House: Riley T and Addison L

Your Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep the Bickerton family in your thoughts and prayers. Malaki's (1Gold) grandmother passed away recently. Also keep the Kolo family in your thoughts and prayers. Luisa (KBlue), Sophia (2Blue), Sosefo (4Gold) and Silongo's (6Gold) uncle also passed away recently. May your treasured memories and our Lord's strength bring you great courage in your time of loss.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

ESellars

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Sage C
Taj C
Andy C
Christian P
Harrison P
Max A
Oliver E
Baylen M
Tyler B
Sasha R
Lachlan M
Jaxon C
Evalata M
Mia N
Jack L
Rose M
Sonny I
Luke P C
Ayla C
Byron H
Addison P
Tayla M
Beau T
Elise C
Sam N
Max W
Koby D
Jonah M
Connor V B
Alex D
Addison L
Matilda S
Hudson D
Savannah T
Dimity M

From Our REC

Shrove Tuesday

Yesterday we celebrated Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. This event marked the day before the season of Lent. Thank you to Mrs Falzon and our Mini Vinnies team who prepared and sold the pancakes.



Ash Wednesday

Today our students went to mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Thank you to the parents who joined us on zoom for the two masses. Many of your children may come home and talk to you about their Lenten promises. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving (taking up something to help others).

Project Compassion

With the Season of Lent here, we have launched our Project Compassion Campaign for this year. We are asking you to talk to your child/ren about how they can help those in need particularly during the Lenten Season.

Sacred Space - Mini Vinnies

Tomorrow our Mini Vinnies students will lead us in prayer with a focus on Project Compassion. The theme this year is "Be More". Please join us via zoom to hear more about the great work Caritas Australia does and how we as a Catholic community can help those less fortunate. A zoom code will be sent out via compass on Thursday morning. The sacred space will begin at 1.50pm.

Cath Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Last week the students from K-6 focused on how to use the internet and technology safely. Thank you to all the students who have returned to school their signed internet and technology user agreement. Congratulations to the following students for winning our colouring in competition.

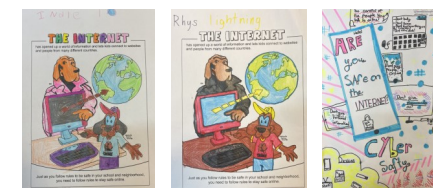
Kinder - Ondine

Year 1 - Indianna

Year 2 - Rhys

Primary - Havana and Chloe

Last Friday the Parent/Guardian Internet and Technology User Agreement went home via compass for each of your children. Thank you to all those parents who have completed the form. If you haven't could you do this as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty please contact the office and they will be more than happy to assist you.



From Our Family Liaison Officer

Something you may not know about is the variety of activities and spaces we have for children during lunch times. While the more physical games on the oval as well as handball and basketball on the top playground are always popular, they aren't for everyone. We have a variety of quieter activities for those children who would prefer it. Let's Do Lunch outside Learning Support Mon-Wed, Undercroft Games Mon & Fri, colouring in near the Canteen on Thurs, Library time with games, books, colouring, etc Mon-Wed and the playground outside Kinder Blue all offer lots of interesting choices for children to socialise, make friends and find their own niche according to their interests. There is always something for them to do.



Tuesday Feb 23

9.15am—10.30am in the hall followed by a school tour at 10.30am. If you or any families you know have children starting Kinder in 2022 you are welcome to come along.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 4



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

- Remi C
- Avery W
- Roy C
- Finley G
- Mia T
- Riley G
- Ashlee S
- Teyah H
- Phoenix W
- Emmanuelle D
- Aila K
- Arlie M
- Coco T
- Zoe W
- Oscar L
- Charli D
- Tiernan B
- Sinead H
- Matthew P C
- Ava M



From Our PE Teacher

ST MARY’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL - BLUE WINS

What a spectacular day we had on Monday! The weather was beautiful just like the behaviour, effort and sportsmanship of every child at St Mary’s School. Every child gave their best whether it was 10m, 20m, 50m or novelty races. We have the most amazing parents at Toukley, such a big Carnival would have no chance of running without you! We had lots of helpers this year – and I really thank every person who gave their time - we had 3 sets of workers with 10m, 20m and 50m events simultaneously running to have children all occupied. We then had another great band of parents and high school students who spent an hour and a half in the water giving the kids such a fun experience in the novelty events. My special thanks to the wonderful 50m helpers – you worked so hard to get through the large number of heats. Also those wonderful St Brigids students who spent all day in the pool to act as water safety for our less able swimmers. Thank you St Mary’s teachers - you allowed our kids to have a fabulous day! The slip and slide and water guns were a major highlight!!! What fun the kids had during the novelties!!

2021 St Mary’s Swimming Presentation

We will have our swimming presentation this Friday 19th February at 2.30pm Parents of age champions and Sportsmanship awardees are welcome to attend presentation and then take their children home afterwards.

Congratulations Age Champions

	Girls			Boys		
Age	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
8yrs	Yenna W	Holly LT	Evalata M lylah M	Flynn B	Koa F	Flynn R Lachlan B
9yrs	Rhani L	Lillian D	Phoebe Rene F	Harry B	Byron H	Levi M Archie M
10yrs	Willow F	Lara N	Ruby K	Zac W	Oscar L	Koby D
11yrs	Ellie B	Summer M	Sumira D	Harry B	Luca K	Bailey N
12yrs	Mia M	Claire W	Adelle S Myah L	Will S	Toby S	Toby W
Sportsmanship						
	Tyler B	Harvey L	Charlotte G	Lucas C		

After School AFL Program

A great way for kids to socialise with friends after school

Each Wednesday starting 24th Feb - 17th of March from 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Each child will receive: Footy Cards, Footy Pump AND an AFL Auskick Football and Cooler bag - Including a Special AUSKICK Toy!
Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 5-12 for only \$50
Register Now!
To register, visit [play.afl/auskick](#) and enter ‘suburb name’, then click on “St Mary's PS (After School) Auskick Centre”

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If you want join a club, Head to PLAY.AFL and enter San Remo in the location to become a NORTHERN GIANTS RECRUIT

For more information contact: Mitchell Ede on 0423 408 808 Email: MitchellEde@afl.com.au



Register at play.afl