

Upcoming Events

- *K-6 School Cross Country*
Friday
12 March
- *Wellbeing Week*
15-19 March
- *Kinder 2022 Information Evening And School Tour*
7.00pm
Monday
15 March
- *Playgroup*
9.15am
Wednesday
24 March
- *Year 5 in Bathurst*
Thursday + Friday
25-26 March
- *Taster Day MacKillop + St Brigid's*
Wednesday
31 March

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

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Our week is filled with well over 400 Parent-Teacher Meetings booked. It's been great to be able to catch up with you and, simply, even just to have you on site. Much of our school's culture is based on developing strong relationships and our teachers have very much appreciated meeting you. We have also valued you taking the time to share with us details regarding your child (ren) which helps us understand them.

Our teachers have commented on the supportive, positive and encouraging attitudes that were obvious from our parents.

Great To See You 2

Last Wednesday we had a strong contingent of our Kinder parents join us as we shared some tips for supporting the children's learning. Besides the general tips from our Kinder teachers, our Literacy and Numeracy Coaches presented worthwhile ideas on how we teach reading and number.

Enrolling for Kinder 2022

Enrolment season is open. Yesterday, we had a wonderful turnout for our first Playgroup and School Tour. Our Kinder 2022 Information Session is at 7.00pm on Monday 15th March. If you know of anyone who is considering our school as their choice please encourage them to join us on that evening.

Playgroup

Our next Playgroup session is at 9.15am on Wednesday 24th March.

Communication with Teachers

Important in building the home-school relationship is the communication between teacher and parent. Each year we kindly ask parents to phone if they'd like to talk to their child's teacher or arrange a meeting on-site before or after school. We prefer the contact via phone or face-to-face (not email). When meeting with each other or talking on the phone, it is much easier to pick up the intention of the communication. With the intention or feeling of the communication clear and transparent, it reduces the chances of any misunderstandings occurring.

School Fees

The first of the School Fees invoices were emailed to all families on 8th February. We'd appreciate you adhering to the timely payment of fees but also ask you to contact us if you have difficulty in doing so.

Kind regards,

K. Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Emma Sellars

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Principal



Playgroup yesterday

Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Aidan B
Isla M
Airlei M
Alekszander K
Mackenzie O
Xavier H
Kai R
Ivy C
Billy L
Heidi W
Tianna O C
Lucas B
Willow C
Van B
Zara B
Levi R
Archer H
Mya C
Ayla B
John M
Ty T
Summer G
Piper E
Eva S
Coco T
Timmy S
Willow F
Sienna G
Jasmine C
Darcy M
Joshua Y
Mayah H
Zara B
Marcella R
Toby W
Mia M
Adam Q
Harry M
Adelle S
Tyson S
Claire W
Peyton B

From Our REC

Mini Vinnies Sacred Space

Thank you Mrs Walker, Mrs Shearwood and the Mini Vinnies team who led us in prayer with a focus on Project Compassion. The theme this year is "Be More". It was a beautiful liturgy highlighting how important our donations are in enabling Caritas to carry out the important missionary work around the world.



From Our Librarian

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK

Have you found 20 minutes in each day to listen to your child read? We are well into our brand, new year and the only bug we want to catch is the reading bug!!! Many parents ask what sorts of books should my child read? The text in a book needs to have the right amount of challenge for children to feel successful when reading. Sometimes we like the look of a book when we see it's cover but when we open it up to read, we find it is not ready for us yet because there are too many tricky words. In the Library we learn to use the Five Finger Test. Here is a diagram that you can also follow at home.

And why are books that are easy to read especially valuable for reading at home? When children are confident readers their reading sounds phrased and fluent. They flow smoothly across the text and their reading aloud sounds almost like talking to someone. Easy reading texts reinforce fluency and then allow children to experiment with phrasing, expression and characterization.

200 Years of Catholic Education

This year marks 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. If you would like to view the promotional video please click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aMba6txfoU&feature=youtu.be>

On May 24th we will be celebrating an Australia wide mass to mark this amazing milestone.

Catherine Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Internet and Technology User Agreement

Please remember to complete the compass event allowing your child/ren to use technology and the internet at school. Also, if you haven't signed and returned your child's hard copy please do so. From Monday 1st March if both of these notes aren't completed your child will not be able to use the iPads, Internet or laptops at school. Congratulations to 3 Blue - Mrs Perell's class as they are all in.

Don't be worried if your child chooses an old favourite, the same book they recognize from home or an easy-to-read book. Their reading and comprehension skills are being reinforced.....And we want children to be confident readers who read with understanding!

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

Five Finger Test

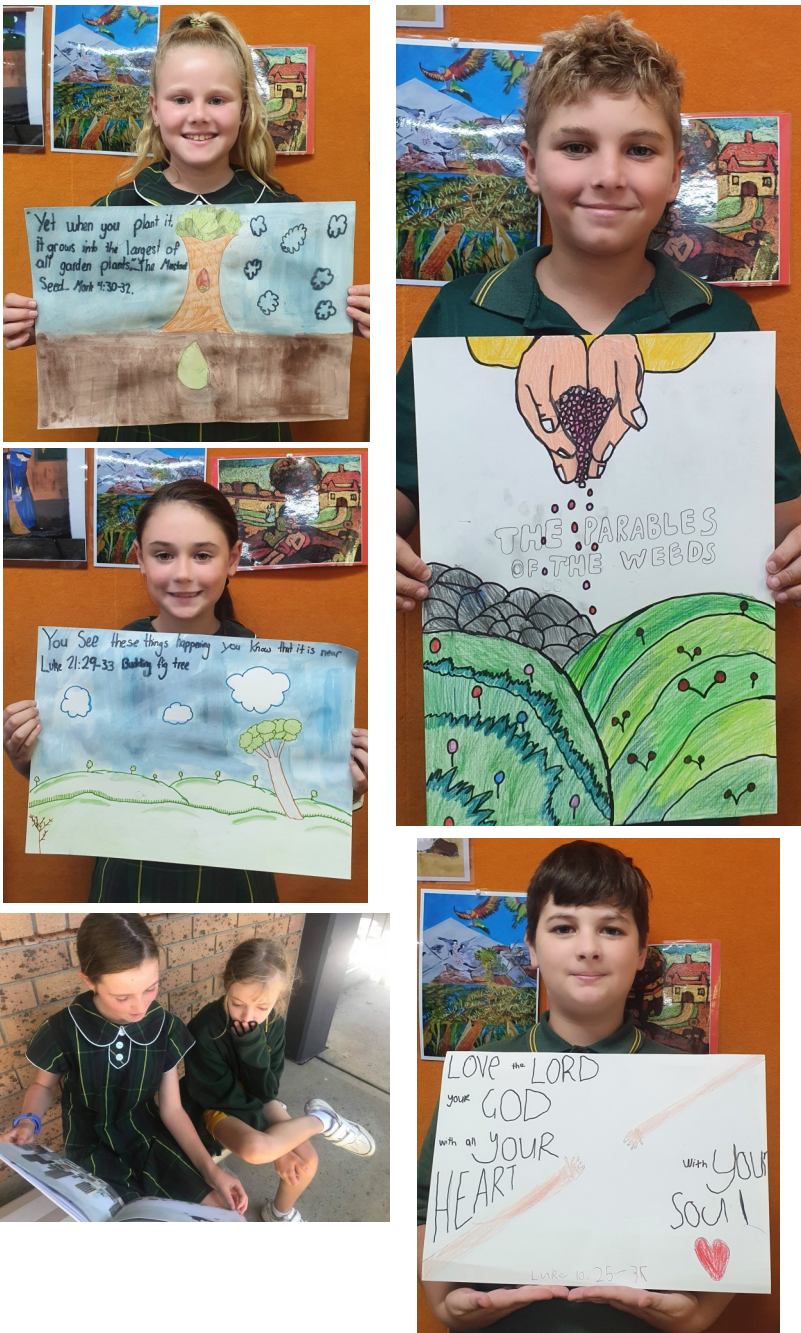
1. Open the book in the middle.
2. Whisper read the page to yourself.
3. Put up one finger for each word you don't know.



A Spotlight on Year 5



Year 5 students have experimented with cubism. Can you guys guess who is in these self portraits?



In Religion we have been learning about the parables that Jesus told.

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

- Ayla M
- Harper W
- Charlotte A
- Zac T
- Ruby B
- Kyden B
- Charlie M
- Madison C
- Sophia K
- Ellie C
- Clive Z
- Tessa G
- Charlie B
- Havana G
- Vanessa M
- Lara N
- Summer M
- Dylan B
- Emma C
- Charlie T
- Ruby H
- Toby S
- Joey T



Playgroup yesterday

Thank you to all of the families who joined in the fun at our first Playgroup for 2021. We enjoyed meeting you all.



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