



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10
31 March 2021

Easter Blessings

Upcoming Events

- *Holy Week Liturgy*
12noon
Thursday
1 April
- *Last Day of Term 1*
Thursday
1 April
- *Good Friday*
2 April
- *First Day of Term 2*
Monday
19 April
- *ANZAC Day Liturgy*
10.30am
Monday
19 April
- *Kinder 2022 Meetings*
Wednesday
21 April
- *Kinder 2022 Meetings*
Friday
23 April
- *Playgroup*
9.15am
Wednesday
28 April
- *First Eucharist Enrolment Session*
3.30pm + 7.00pm
Thursday
29 April
- *Cinema Under the Stars*
From 5.30pm
Friday
30 April

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday and marks the end of Holy Week and the end of Lent. Easter is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

We invite you to join us as we share the events of Holy Week with our Liturgy on Thursday, commencing at 12.00pm in our parish hall. Our Year 5 have done a wonderful job preparing the liturgy.

We pray that the blessings of Our Risen Lord will be abundantly clear to you during the Easter season. May the time you spend with family be very special.

Congratulations

Yesterday's Cross Country was a fun day for the kids. Their participation in the event was excellent, the support they gave each other was heartening and their general behaviour and attitude were exceptional. Significantly, our children displayed tremendous respect as they passed the Church on the return journey.

We thank Mrs Bain for her exceptional organisational skills in leading such a positive school event. Many thanks also to the many, many parents who generously helped us walk to and from Jenny Dixon Reserve. You helped make our day a safe one.

Something We've Noticed

With parents being permitted to join us at events and on our school site, we've noticed the big difference it makes. Having you around completes our school. During 2020 it was missing. Now, we are able to connect with you and we've always found that face-to-face is the greatest way of strengthening relationships. It's good to have you all around our place again.

Something We've Noticed 2

Our Year 5 children's sense of responsibility, attitude and behaviour were all tremendous during their overnight excursion to Bathurst. Great work girls and boys! We thank parents, Amanda Smith (Evanna 5 Gold), Greg Barnes (Tiernan 5 Green), Carol Karam

(Luca 5 Green), Cassie Pressick (Oscar Aspect class) and teachers Mrs Hartge, Mrs Shearwood, Mrs Perry, Mrs Jones, Mr Moir and Mr Smith for generously giving their time to ensure the success of the trip.

Mother's Day Celebrations

Our Mother's Day celebrations will occur on Thursday 6th May. Our customary Friday celebrations are not possible this year due to our Year 6 children attending their respective high schools. Our PIP Team (Parents in Partnership) are hosting a Mother's Day BBQ Breakfast to begin our day. From 9.10-9.35am we invite all Mums to visit our Open Classrooms. At 9.45am we celebrate our Mother's Day Mass with all the children and a limited number of Mums permitted to join us in the Church. After Mass, our annual Year 6 vs Mums Netball match will occur on the top playground. Both Channel 9 and Fox Sports are negotiating over the rights to broadcast this major sporting event.

Cinema Under the Stars

Please join us for Cinema Under the Stars. Our Parents in Partnership (PIP) team have organised a movie night, commencing at 5.30pm on Friday 30th April. A pizza lunch goes to the grade with the greatest attendance. A coffee van and snow cones are available. \$14 per family, bookings available through the office.

Black Tie Ball

Advanced notice to keep Saturday 19th June available to join us as our first-ever *Black Tie Ball* is being held at Magenta Shores. Our PIP Team has organised a great cover band, the food will be wonderful and the company even better.

Next Term

Early next term Qkr will be introduced to our school to facilitate cashless payments. Initially it will be used for all Canteen orders, then the Uniform Shop will adopt it etc.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

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Merit Awards

Jordan S
Leura S
Martial G
Frankie B
Jeremy R
Levi C
Archie W
Malaki B
Talan C
Jarl M
Hayden S
Darcy P
Braith D
Archie G
Oliver A
Ivy S
Sophie C
William M
Ashley L
Jazz B
Cohen R
Harvey L
Evie Z
Vinnie E
Iylah M
Cynthia A
Liliana C
Brooklyn C
Tayla G
Eden L T
Brax K
Matilda S
Emma C
Benjamin R
Vasiliki P
Shelby M
Will S
Chelsea F

Uniform Shop News

Our official change over to winter uniform will be Monday 17th May. (Term 2 week 5)
Our uniform shop hours are Monday to Friday 8:15am until 9:45am, if the shop is unattended during these times please pop into the office and Leesa can assist you.
Orders can still be made over the phone or via email, payment can also be made by calling the school office on 4396 5100.
I hope you all enjoy the school holidays and I wish you a very happy Easter.

Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform shop Coordinator

From Our REC

Parish Stations of the Cross

If you would like to come and watch our students deliver the Stations of the Cross they will be sharing this on Friday 2nd April at 9am in the church. Thank you to Sam who has prepared them so well. If your child is participating can you make sure they arrive at 8.30am to get ready.

Holy Week

Our Year 5 students are preparing our liturgy for Holy Week. This will take place tomorrow at 12.00 noon in the hall. Parents are welcome to join us for this special liturgy.

Raising Confident Children - Who Do You Say I Am?

Catholic Schools Broken Bay are running a parenting course called "Raising Confident Children - Who Do You Say I Am? ." This will be held at St Brigid's Catholic College, Lake Munmorah over three weeks from 2.30 - 4.00pm. There will be afternoon tea and child minding provided if you require this. Yesterday a compass message was sent out with the flyer

From Our Family Liaison Officer

The Seasons for Growth programme to support children who have experienced grief and loss as a result of death, separation or divorce will be commencing at the beginning of Term 2. If your child is interested in participating please complete and return the permission note that was sent home in Week 7 or contact the school office by tomorrow to confirm a place.

School Holiday fun – While Toukley Neighbourhood Centre aren't able to use the building on Hedor St at the moment, they will still be holding school holiday art classes for children at the Toukley Community Hall in the second week of the holidays. Please contact Bronwyn on 4396 1555 to book your place. TNC's community projects such as Lakes Food Care on Main Rd, the Op-Shop opposite The Toukley Village Green, community café and programmes such as the NIL's (No Interest Loan) scheme, as well as referral services, provide amazing support to those in our community who may need some extra assistance from time to time.

attached. To RSVP please click on the link Free Parenting Course - Who do you say I am? (google.com)

First Eucharist Enrolment and Parent Session

Students in Year 4 and students who have made reconciliation in Year 5 and 6 are invited to the Parish First Eucharist enrolment and a Parent Information session. These will take place on Thursday 29th April at 3.30pm or 7.00pm in the church. Children will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday 12th and 13th June.

Stations of the Cross

Many of our classes have visited the church this week to learn more about the Stations of the Cross. Teachers showed the students the Aboriginal Stations of the cross and the traditional stations of the cross around the church. Thank you to our teachers that have included this in a very busy week.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

With the upheaval in work environments due to the Covid-19 crisis and recent changes to government support, some families may find themselves needing this extra assistance for the first time. Organisations such as TNC and other local community groups are here to help. If you are not sure where to go for support you are welcome to contact me at school for further information.

Our Playgroups for children starting Kinder next year and the weekly Storytime in the Library for toddlers and preschoolers have been very popular this term, with many new families coming along to participate. They will continue into Term 2 and there is an open invitation for families with little ones to attend. I hope to see you there.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on ASPECT



Star Awards

Harrison D
Hannah B
Honey J
Eli F
Neve R
Maddison H
Roman M
Lola C
Abigail R
Ashley V B
Jack H
Cruz C
Harry P
Summer G
Isla C
Zachary W
Izzie T
Josephine R
Adam Q
Matilda S
Blake B

PIP News

St. Mary's Cinema Under The Stars!
'Pop' like a hot piece of popcorn into our front office this week to purchase the hottest tickets in town!
Our St. Mary's Cinema Under The Stars night is not to be missed!
Tickets selling fast! Class with most tickets sold wins a class pizza party!
When: Friday, April 30th
Time: Gates open from 5:30pm
Where: Hosted on our beautiful school oval
Bring along a picnic dinner and don't forget your popcorn!

Upcoming Save The Date!
Saturday, June 19th is a significant date to put on your 'adults only' social calendars!
We are so excited to now announce the upcoming social event of the season!
Roll out the red carpet for, our school community's first ever... 'Black Tie Ball'
Watch this space for more details to come...

From our PE Teacher

St Mary's Cross Country – Jenny Dixon Reserve

Thank you children for your fabulous effort – I love how everyone at St Mary's gives it a go to the best of their ability.
Thank you to all of our wonderful parents – your support of all of the runners was so positive.
We also had a huge number of spectators who enjoyed all of the running talent on show.
Thank you St Mary's teachers, parent judges, parent helpers and year 6 - you all helped to set up, judge the races and run the carnival so well.

Sportsmanship Awards – Eyli M, Eyli P, Marcella R and Ezri D

Race Results

	6years	7years	8years	9years	10years	11years	12years
1 st	Leo C	Lennox K	Flynn B	John M	Koby D	Bailey N	Owen W
2 nd	Christian P	Max A	Rhys M	Andy B	Zac W	Harry B	Cahill L
3 rd	Ollie B	Baylen M	Flynn R	Hunter H	Ben G	Riley T	Oscar W
4 th	Archie N	Ollie T	Isaac B	Harry B	Kingston K	Tiernan B	Hudson D
5 th	Oliver C	Rawson B	Lachlan M	Henry H	Seth T	Eddie A	Bailey J
6 th	Martial G	Lennox I	Jack H	Archer G	Max W	Tom B	Sam B
7 th	Aidan B	Nate F	Cruz C	Connor D	Noah W	Dakota L	Sam T
8 th	Lewis Z	Archie W	Archie H	Levi M	Brooklyn C	Alexander D	Patrick C
9 th	Jace B	Benji A	William M	Beau B	Sam N	Will M	Eyli P
10 th	Kai M	Cooper B	Taj R	Thomas M	Lucas F	Luca K	Toby S

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1 st	Eva W	Ruby B	Sasha R	Arlie M	Rose D	Ellie B	Shelby M
2 nd	Kohi B	Remmi W	Emmanuelle D	Addison W	Chloe S	Zahra D	Adelle S
3 rd	Sophie A	Amarli G	Emily A	Layla C	Tayla M	Halle B	Florence M
4 th	Isla M	Amelia D	Phoebe N	Lillian D	Kirilee F	Rylee F	Ella S
5 th	Abigail H	Amena D	Indie F	Rosie W	Lola K	Sumira D	Indy K
6 th	Honey J	Mia T	Sienna H	Mia S	Willow F	Summer M	Mia M
7 th	Charlotte O	Asha G	Cochella O	Phoenix W	Milla A	Portia R	Claire W
8 th	Anne T	Willow C	Maddison C	Nikkita C	Ma'Niyah J	Chelsea B	Emma C
9 th	Indianna H	Finley G	Sophie C	Amelia C	Tayla G	Marcella R	Evie M
10 th	Frankie B	Penelope R	Ashlee S	Jasmine C	Ruby K	Lexie L	Myah L

The top 8 children will qualify for CCC Cross Country which will take place Friday 30th April – week 2 Term 2.
It will take place at Hylton Moore Ovals East Gosford. A compass notification will be out soon.

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