



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6  
3 March 2021

## Something We've Noticed

### 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
- *Holy Thursday*  
Thursday  
1 April
- *Last Day of Term 1*  
Thursday  
1 April
- *Good Friday*  
2 April
- *First Day of Term 2*  
Monday  
19 April

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

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

When COVID entered our world, we all noticed the changes. One of the positive changes we've noticed at school involves the morning drop-off. In the past 12 months the number of separation anxiety situations we experience has plummeted. Dramatically fewer children are having difficulty leaving Mum or Dad's care at the gate.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

We ask you to keep the Christofi family (Jonas, 2 Gold) in your thoughts and prayers. Jonas' grandmother passed away recently in London. May your treasured memories and Our Lord's blessings give you considerable strength during your time of grieving.

### Enrolling for Kinder 2022

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.

### Thanks Kinder Parents

When Kinders started earlier this year we were allowed to invite parents into our school for the morning drop-off. We were appreciative that Kinder parents didn't congregate in large numbers. With reluctance we've needed to ask our Kinder parents to now join the rest of the school community in before and after-school practices. We genuinely appreciate the response from Kinder parents. Thank you.

### Diocesan Mass

Teachers from our school will be joining many other colleagues for the annual Diocesan Mass at Waitara on Thursday evening. Bishop Anthony will preside at the Mass and the intentions of the Mass will be offered for the students, families and staff of our 44 schools.

### Cross Country

Our Cross Country will be held at Jenny Dixon Reserve on Friday 12th March. The Cross Country is for all students, K-6. Similar to our recent Swimming Carnival, a limited number of parent helpers are permitted to

join us. It is a fun morning where, once again, we build our school's culture by all children participating. Course distances vary according to age and our Year 6 enjoy shepherding our Kinders during their event. Please refer to the Cross Country notification you received through Compass last week.

### The Lighter Side

At our recent Ash Wednesday Masses, instead of the ashes being marked on each child's forehead, they were sprinkled on top of their heads. Child after child processed reverently and quietly to the front of the Church to receive their ashes. A Year 1 boy stepped to the front of the line. Something else was going through his mind. As soon as the ashes had been sprinkled on his head, he looked up to the teacher and asked politely, "Do you know if this washes out easily?"

Kind regards,

*K Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

*ESellars*

Emma Sellars  
Principal



### Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730  
Email. [toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Office Hours. Monday-Friday  
9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

Leo C  
Jacob K  
William N  
Walter D  
Samuel R  
Ivie T  
Max A  
Elsie S  
Amelia D  
Mya F-T  
James B  
Indianna H  
Josh S  
Oliver R  
Willow L  
Isaac B  
Jackson Q  
Frankie G  
Emeri B  
Liam G  
Matthew W  
Noah W  
Chloe S  
Ma'Niyah J  
Sophie B  
Emilia R  
Ava S  
James M  
Kitty G  
Malaya M  
Pat C  
Jessica R-C  
Evie M

## From Our REC

### 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

Tomorrow 2 Gold and 2 Blue will share their learning in Religious Education. This will begin at 1.50pm. Parents and carers of these students are welcome to join us for this. Please remember to scan the QR code when entering the school. We are limited with numbers due to Covid restrictions. Please remember to sit 1.5 square metres away from each other. Alternatively, we will send out a zoom code for those who would like to join us via zoom.

### Stations of the Cross

Each Good Friday our students support the parish through re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. This is held in the church from 9-10am. There will be both speaking and non-speaking roles for all

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

Wellbeing Week will be held in Week 8 this term, March 15—19. Look out for more detailed information in the next couple of weeks about the many activities and events we will be organizing for the students.

For parents of Year 6 students, our two local Catholic High Schools are holding their Open Days next week.

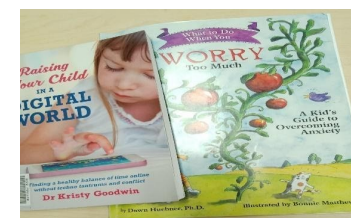
### St Brigid's Open Day

Tuesday March 9, School Tours 4pm-6pm,  
Principal Talk 6pm

### Mackillop Catholic College Open Day

Wed March 10, School Tours 4pm-6pm,  
Year 7 Information Session 6pm

We have lots of great books for parents/carers to borrow in our Parent Resource Library. We have some great resources dealing with children's anxiety as shown below, as well as many tried and tested, familiar titles such as Raising Boys, Raising Girls, Tricky Kids, etc.



volunteers K-6. Yesterday a compass message was sent out to all families. If you would like your child/ren to participate in this please email [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au). Parents, if any of you can help with organisation and supervision, this would also be appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

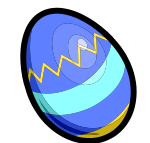
### St Mary's Annual Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle is back! Donations of Easter eggs, baskets and gift bags gratefully accepted from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Tickets on sale on the top playground in the morning and at recess beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Raffle drawn Week 10 with all monies donated to our St Mary's Community Fund.

Tickets are 50c or 3 for \$1.00.



I will have a selection on display outside the Parent Resource Room Mon, Tues, Wed mornings and most afternoons (weather permitting).

While nothing beats a good book, If you are after an easily accessible, quick bite of information, the following Australian parenting websites have very down to earth, well researched, factual and FREE resources for parents/carers.

[Raising Children Network](#)  
[Beyond Blue Healthy Families](#)  
[Hey Sigmund](#)  
[Maggie Dent](#)  
[Dr Justin Coulson](#)  
[Michael Grose](#)

They cover a wide range of topics including families, parenting, child development and behaviour, family breakdown, wellbeing and mental health, plus many more. You can also find them on Facebook.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



# A Spotlight on Year 6



## 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

Vinnie-May O  
Morgan P  
Jeremy R  
Eadie M  
Harper J  
Nixon P  
Ruby P  
Tyde A  
Lillian D  
Tessa G  
Liliana C  
Eliette J  
Isabella H  
Hua Qiang P  
Samuel W  
Samuel T

# From our PE Teacher

## 2021 CCC Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our amazing swim team. You competed with great enthusiasm and effort all day!!!

**Iylah M** (8) 50 Free, **Yenna W** (8) 50 Free **Lillian D** (9) 50 Free, 50 Fly, **Rhani L**(9) 50 Free, 50 Breast, 200 Free Relay, **Milla A** (10) 50 Back, **Willow F** (10) 50 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 Free Relay, 200 IM, **Ruby K** (10) 200 Free Relay, **Lara N** (10) 50 Free, 50 Back, 200 Free Relay, **Nova B** (11) 50 Breast, **Ellie B** (11) 100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, **Sumira D** (11) 50 Fly, **Malaya M** (11) 50 Free, **Summer M** (11) 50m Back, **Myah L** (12) 50 Free, 200 Free Relay, **Mia M** (12) 100 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, **Adelle S** (12) 50 Fly, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, **Claire W** (12) 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, 200 Free Relay.

**Flynn B** (8) 50 Free, **Koa F** (8) 50 Free, **Harry B** (9) 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly, 200 Free Relay, 200 IM, **Byron H** (9) 50 Free, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 Free Relay, 200 IM, **Archie M** (9) 50 Breast, **Lucas C** (10) 50 Free, 200 Free Relay, **Zachery W**(10) 50 Free, 50 Back, 200 Free Relay, **Harry B** (11) 100 Free 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, **Luca K** (11) 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 Free Relay, **Bailey N** (11) 50 Free, 200 Free Relay, **Hudson D** (12) 50m Free, 50 Breast, **Will S** (12) 100 Free, 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Fly, 50 Breast, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay, **Toby S** (12) 50 Back, **Joey T** (12) 50 Fly.

## Outstanding Results

Yenna W 50.82 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Free, Iylah M 8<sup>th</sup> Free, Flynn B 4<sup>th</sup> Free, Lillian D 4<sup>th</sup> Free, 10<sup>th</sup> Fly, Rhani L 5<sup>th</sup> free, Harry B 1<sup>st</sup> Free, 7<sup>th</sup> BKS, 5<sup>th</sup> Fly Byron H 4<sup>th</sup> Free, 6<sup>th</sup> Fly, Zac W 9<sup>th</sup> Free, 9<sup>th</sup> BKS, Ellie B 8<sup>th</sup> Free, 9<sup>th</sup> BKS, Bailey N 10<sup>th</sup> free, Claire W 8<sup>th</sup> Free, Myah L 9<sup>th</sup> Free, Milla A 9<sup>th</sup> BKS, Summer M 6<sup>th</sup> BKS, Luca K 9<sup>th</sup> BKS, 6<sup>th</sup> Fly, Archie M 5<sup>th</sup> BRS, Mia M 10<sup>th</sup> BRS, Jnr Boys relay 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jnr Girls relay 4<sup>th</sup>, Snr Girls relay 4<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



# TECH, TEENS, AND TIME ONLINE



Free one hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people  
7.30 - 8.30 pm Tuesday 23 March

## Council of Catholic School Parents

In partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner CCSP is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers. You must register to attend the webinar...

<https://www.facebook.com/cathschoolparents/posts/4332428746772715>

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