



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 7
10 March 2021

Our Cross Country



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
- *Outdoor Cinema*
Friday
30 April
5.30pm

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

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Our Cross Country is held at Jenny Dixon Reserve on Friday. Late on Friday we received the great news that parents are now allowed to join us for sporting events.

Friday is a fantastic day. The kids really enjoy it. With the help of the local police, we walk up to Jenny Dixon shortly after the 9.00am bell. We ask those parents who are accompanying their child's class on the walk to please meet us at the main gates (between the oval and hall) at around 8.50am. We'll go over some instructions emphasising the importance of safety on the walk to and from the reserve.

An important aspect of our school's culture is that everyone has-a-go. Therefore, all children will participate in their run. We constantly emphasise the importance of being involved, trying your best, participating and enjoying yourself.

Each year, a highlight of the morning is the encouragement the children give each other. Repeatedly, they are happy for each other's success and achievements. Cold ice-blocks greet the children as they finish the course, Year 6 display excellent leadership, the sun usually shines and the kids wear happy smiles. And we are most pleased that parents are able to join us.

So, if you have nothing going, please join us on Friday at Jenny Dixon.

N.B. At our Cross Country, children are permitted to go home with their parents *after* the presentation. We all stay to celebrate each other's success.

Best Wishes Miss Burns

On Saturday Kinder Green teacher, Miss Burns is getting married. We wish Steph and Scott the very best of wishes and pray that Our Lord blesses them abundantly, not only on Saturday, but throughout their life together.

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.

Your Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep the Hayes family (Mayah 5Gold and Teyah 2Blue) in your thoughts and prayers. The children's grandfather passed away recently. May your memories and Our Lord's blessings bring you great strength during this difficult time.

Wellbeing Week

Next week we celebrate Wellbeing Week. Our Wellbeing Team has a host of activities for the children including: Monday we enjoy a day time disco; Tuesday has lunchtime colouring-in; Wednesday involves a *Harmony Day* poster making competition; on Thursday we have the Big Vegie Crunch and a Games Day at lunchtime; Friday is a gold coin donation to wear orange mufti for Harmony Day, we enjoy a lunchtime picnic on the oval and we round it all off with another day time disco.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

Ellars

Emma Sellars
Principal



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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Sophie A
Missy D
Elijah Y
Bailey K
Penelope R
Asha G
Alexandra T
Lachlan B
Josi C
Ashlee S
Yenna W
Nate F
Matthew G
Rosie W
Bethany M
Thomas R
Lincoln S
Lily D B
Summer M
Penelope P
Havi M
Halle B
Linsey A
Cahill L
Shelby M
Eyli P

PIP News

We are asking for parents of children in infants to help out by supplying a small plate of food which will cater for a supper provided at the upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on March 15th. Food can be dropped off to the school office during the day on Monday 15th. Please label your child's name on any plates or containers so that they can be returned.

Please use our 'sign up' link to let us know if you are able to help out.

<https://signup.com/go/SgWtRdw>

Save the date

Friday 30th April 5.30pm
Outdoor Cinema
Information to follow this week.

Thank you very much for your support.

The PIP Leadership Team

From Our REC

Stations of the Cross

Each Good Friday our students support the parish though 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 volunteers K-6. Last week a compass message was sent out to all families. At this stage we only have 4 volunteers, we would love to have more volunteers. If you would like your child/ren to participate in this please email catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Parents, if any of you can help with organisation and supervision, this would also be appreciated.



From Our Librarian

We are now well into the second half of Term 1 and you are probably wondering what we have been up to in the library.

Years 4 – 6 have been examining websites. Information on the internet is infinite and anyone can make something up and put it there. We have looked at sites that are fake and the features of a site that make it reliable. **.org**, **.edu** and **.gov** are always reliable but we have to look more carefully when the web address has **.com**. Features such as the date it was made or last updated, the creator of the website and their credentials and the privacy policy which is always found in the small print at the very bottom of the page.

We have also been gathering information about our history units. Year 4 are studying Explorers and First Contacts, Year 5 have been investigating gold in preparation for their upcoming trip to Bathurst and Year 6 have just finished their first assignment and now we are examining what makes a great piece of writing.

Year 3 are investigating maps. We have learnt about the compass, grid lines and using coordinates to locate particular features.

Sacred Space

Thank you Year 2 Blue and 2 Green for presenting such a beautiful sacred space last week. It was wonderful of you to share how God loves us all.

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 8th March.

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

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

Tickets are 50c or 3 for \$1.00.



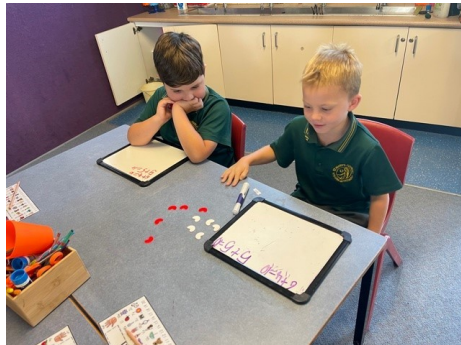
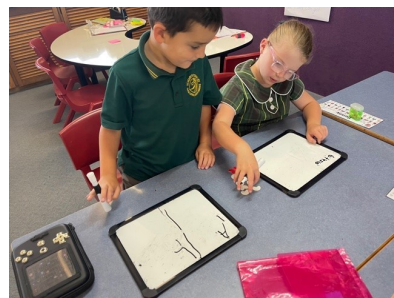
Year 2 are exploring from farm to plate in Science and we have created some spectacular work that is on display in the library. Year 1 are investigating lifecycles in Science so we have looked at the lifecycle of a butterfly, a frog, lady beetle, koala and this week the echidna. Do you know what a baby echidna is called?

And our Kinders are learning concepts of print when reading nursery rhymes. We have made twinkly stars, curly tailed mice that ran up a clock and a spider that kept getting washed down a waterspout. We have also put Humpty Dumpty back together again and believe me with the amount of glue we used he certainly won't crack!!!!

We have also borrowed books each week. There are quite a number of books mounting up at home and need to be returned as soon as possible. If children have not finished reading their novels they are welcome to renew their books at the next library lesson. Kinders and Year One return their books each week. Once the number of books amounts to three or more then we need to return all books before we start borrowing again.

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on Year 1



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

Reef C
Jace B
Benny E
Nixon H
Zane B
Stephanie M
Indigo L
Milla A
Keoni L
Portia R
Ava G
Benjamin R
Ella S



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

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://attendeegotowebinar.com/regi.../2578540996933732110>

From our PE Teacher

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Last night at Mingara I was lucky enough to watch our swimmers perform at their very best against the fastest children in our Diocese.

Yenna W was the 4th fastest 8yr old 50m freestyler in our Diocese - Congratulations Yenna!

Harry B absolutely blitzed the 9yr old 50m race finishing **FIRST** and qualifying for the Polding Trials at Homebush where he will race the best swimmers from the North half of NSW Catholic Schools - Well Done Harry!

Our 10yrs Relay team swam so well to come 4th in the Diocese - Harry B, Lucas C, Byron H and Zac W were so close - We are proud of you all!



St Mary's Cross Country

Let's hope for great weather for our first carnival with Parent spectators. All children should wear sports uniform and bring a water bottle and towel to sit on. Children with asthma should run with their puffers.

Approximate times

9.30am - 8yrs
9.40am - 7yrs
9.50am - 5/6yrs
10.05am - 9yrs
10.15am - 10yrs
10.25am - 11yrs, 12yrs
Presentation

Could all helpers please meet at school at 8.50am to walk children to Jenny Dixon - Thank you all in anticipation of your assistance.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Seasons for Growth notes have been sent home today. Seasons for Growth is an Australian loss and grief support programme. It does not provide counselling and therapy. The aim is to support young people to understand and manage the grief that is experienced following the loss of a parent or significant other through death, separation or divorce. It assists in normalising the emotions associated with the loss. If you are interested in your child participating in the programme please complete the form at the bottom of the note and return to school ASAP.

[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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