

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 8
17 March 2021

What Do You Want?

Upcoming Events

- *Wellbeing Week*
15-19 March
- *Playgroup*
9.15am
Wednesday
24 March
- *Year 5 in Bathurst*
Thursday + Friday
25-26 March
- *K-6 School Cross Country*
Tuesday
30 March
- *Taster Day*
Mackillop +
St Brigid's
Wednesday
31 March
- *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
- *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,

"Happy, confident, resilient, supported, to belong, to feel safe, to learn, a faith filled education, a strong sense of community, to be accepted, to be the best they can be, a strong academic focus, to be included, to have good moral guidance, to be confident, to develop a sense of self-worth, a nurturing Jesus filled environment, to thrive, to experience and learn kindness, to become a good human being, to understand others, to enjoy friendships, to have fun, to enjoy learning, to be challenged and to feel welcome."

The question was, "What do you want for your child at our school?" The above represent some of the comments from our incoming parents at the Kinder 2022 Information Evening on Monday.

Not surprisingly, the teachers at our school want the same. And we'll do everything in our power to achieve it. Our teachers gain great satisfaction from helping your children develop, learn and grow into capable, good young people.

Congratulations to the Davis Family

We congratulate the Davis family on the birth of Reef, a baby brother for Ivy (4 Blue). May Our Lord bless Reef to enjoy a long life cloaked by the warmth of the love of his family.

A Child Starting Kinder 2022?

Do you have a child starting Kinder in 2022? If so, please call our Admin and arrange for an enrolment package. We are currently booking one-one meetings with Mr Williams for yourself and your child to attend.

Wellbeing Week

We're celebrating Wellbeing Week. Monday's day-time disco was a hit, yesterday's colouring-in was very popular and today, we have a poster making competition. Thursday we have the Big Veggie Crunch and a Games Day at lunchtime with Friday being a gold coin donation (please wear orange for Harmony Day) while we enjoy a lunchtime picnic on the oval and another day-time disco.

High School Taster Day

MacKillop Catholic College and St Brigid's Catholic College are hosting Taster Days on Wednesday 31st March. Year 6 children are invited to attend the Taster Day of the school for which they are zoned.

Year 5 in Bathurst

Best wishes for our Year 5 students as they travel to Bathurst next week for their overnight excursion.

Dogs Are Not Permitted On Site

Recently, we have had quite a number of dogs brought onto the premises. While we understand that they are under your control, we're not actually allowed to have them in the school grounds.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal

ESellars

Emma Sellars
Principal



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9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Sebastian S
Lewis Z
Avery W
Charlize A
Kamryn M
Maci F
Millie J
Jackson M
Anne T
Rawson B
Eva W
Jonah R
Cooper B
Amena D
Caylon A
Hayden T
Sienna H
Mia M
Vincent B
Dali M
Rhys M
Jay K
Cooper S
Seth T
Milla A
Sienna G
Ryder A
Kirrilee F
Jasmine C
Mitchell W
Rose D
Bailey N
Thomas B
Ozzy I
Charlie T
Milan B
Toby S

PIP News

Today you will receive a Compass notification inviting you to participate in a Parent Survey put together by our PIP Team. Our school, St Mary's, is a wonderful place for our children to deeply develop their sense of faith, love and understanding. However, as parents, we often want to learn more about how we can best support our children during their schooling journey. We are asking our parenting community to complete the survey to help us determine what parent workshops would help you support your child/ren.

Liz Hartge
Acting Assistant Principal

From Our REC

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 volunteers K-6. Last week a compass message was sent out to all families. At this stage we only have 13 volunteers. We need a few more students, particularly our older grades, for the reading parts. This would tick off a section of the Kids 4 Community Project if your child is involved with this. If you would like your child/ren to participate in this please email cathe-rine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au. A compass message will be sent home on Friday to all those who have already volunteered.

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.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Wellbeing Week at St Mary's has been lots of fun and we have seen many, many smiling faces this week. With lots of activities for the kids and our wonderful 'tree of hands' in the undercroft, it has been a great way to celebrate Harmony Week. On Friday we finish the week with our mullet day where everyone is encouraged to wear orange for a gold coin donation to Project Compassion, then students will enjoy our picnic on the oval, followed by another daytime disco. Some of the staff are finding orange clothes for Friday a challenge, but I'm sure they'll rise to the occasion.

Harmony Week is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity and is all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This ties in so well with our strong focus on Wellbeing at St Mary's. We are always striving to make our school a place where everyone - students, families, staff - feel welcome, included and connected.

For our students particularly, when they feel that strong sense of connection at school it has a powerful impact, not only on their wellbeing, but their attitude

Reconciliation

Could you please keep in your prayers Adam Q and Kingston K who will be making their First Reconciliation in the next week or two.

First Eucharist Enrolment and Parent Session

Students in Year 4 and students in Year 5 and 6 who have made reconciliation 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.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

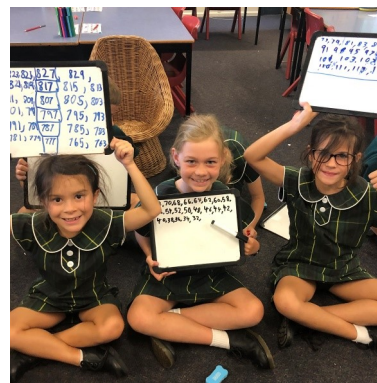
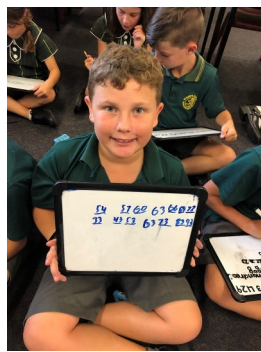
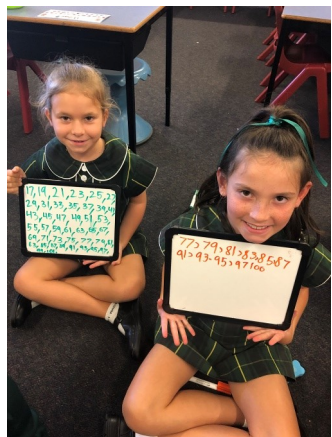
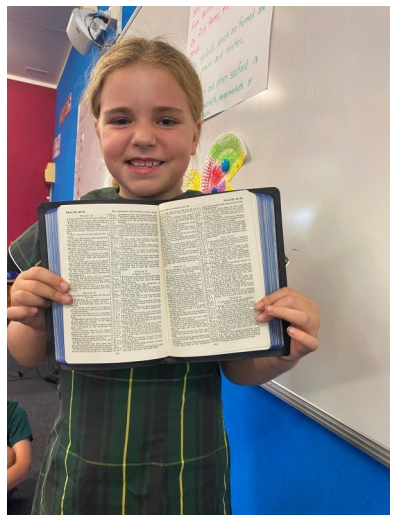


about school and their achievement. It is a safe place for them to develop friendships, try new things, connect with their teachers and other staff and develop trust in those around them. Knowing that those around you are interested in how you are doing and are ready and willing to support you, means that you can feel comfortable to go outside your comfort zone to grow and learn.

Healthy living through diet and exercise, is also a big part of our overall wellbeing. Did you know that only 5% of NSW students eat enough vegetables each day? To support a healthy diet, on Thursday 18 March at 10am our school will be participating in the 'The Big Veggie Crunch' where Primary School students from throughout NSW swap their fruit for vegies for the day as a reminder of the importance of eating more vegetables and to try and break the record of the most NSW students crunching vegetables simultaneously. Families can find some great veg recipes and more ideas on how to increase children's vegetable consumption [here](#).

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 2



Canteen News

REMINDER—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

Imogen C
Charlotte O
Cruz W C
Ivie T
Siaosi M
Lennox
Manaya M P
Flynn B
Marley B
Ella T
Andy B
Nikkita C
Isabella L
Louis G
Lukas F
Nova B
Ellie B
Toby W
Dakota L



PIP News

A Parents in Partnership newsletter was released on Compass a few weeks ago by the Parents in Partnership Leadership team. We would encourage you all to read the newsletter from fellow parents and support the initiatives that we are looking to do within our place. We have a number of volunteer groups set up for 2021 and we would love for parents to have a look and see if there is anything you would like to be involved in. We have a variety of spots available in a wide range of activities, so hopefully you will find something you have an interest in. The link to our Sign Up page is here: <https://signup.com/go/hLrroKm>

From our PE Teacher

Cross Country

We are hoping for better weather on Tuesday 30th March so we can all get together for our school cross country. A wonderful morning at Jenny Dixon Reserve! A huge thankyou to our wonderful parents and teachers who got awfully wet last Friday morning helping pack up the posts, witches hats, eskies and iceblocks and getting them back to school for me!

Lucinda MacMahon, Pip Eady, Kelly Rodney, Bianca Bailey, Jill Garately, Nicole Curtis, Cath K and Emma S - you are all wonderful.

CCC Cross Country - this year due to COVID we are only allowed to send 6 children per age group.

Well Being Week Dance Party

Many thanks Bianca Bailey and the students from Cathy Makin School of Dance who provided the music and some fabulous moves for our lunch time dance party both Monday and Friday. What fun we have had so far.

Winter Sports Trials

Good luck to all the children taking part in trials to make Broken Bay teams in Soccer, Touch, League, Netball and Hockey.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Seasons for Growth notes were sent home last week.

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 of 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. The form is also available on our school website.

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