



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9  
24 March 2021

## Travelling Australia

### Upcoming Events

- Year 5 in Bathurst Thursday + Friday 25-26 March
- K-6 School Cross Country Tuesday 30 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
- Playgroup 9.15am Wednesday 28 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,

We wish Mrs Sellars well as she begins her travels around this great country. Mrs Sellars will be enjoying Long Service Leave for the remainder of 2021, travelling extensively with her husband, Trent and daughter, Savannah. Best wishes for a safe journey filled with exciting adventures meeting the people of Australia.

During Mrs Sellars absence, Mrs Liz Hartge fulfils the roles of Co-Principal (half the week) and Assistant Principal (the other half of the week). Mrs Cath Kyle steps in to work as Assistant Principal and REC during this period. After helping out at CSBB, I return fulltime to our school in mid August. We thank and congratulate both Mrs Hartge and Mrs Kyle.

### Congratulations Debating Team

Under the leadership of Miss Gray, our Year 6 Debating Team enjoyed a first-up win against St Cecilia's, Wyong last Friday. The topic was "Home based learning is better than face-to-face learning" and we were the negative team.

Each speaker was clear and articulate, cleverly convincing, refuting and arguing the topic. A particular strength was their ability to work collaboratively as a team. Congratulations Eyli P, Samuel T, Josie R and Linsey A.

### Staff Development Day

Advanced notice that our next Staff Development Day is on Friday 25th June (Week 10, Term 2). All Catholic Schools in Broken Bay (CSBB) will meet as the final strategy for *Towards 2025* is launched. The day will be led by both Bishop Anthony and Mr Danny Casey.

### Your Prayers and Thoughts

Please keep the MacKenzie family (Amarli 2 Green; Malaya 6 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. The girls' great grandmother, Helen, passed away recently. We trust that Our Lord's strength gives you considerable comfort in your time of grief.

### High School Taster Day

A change of dates. Both MacKillop and St Brigid's are offering a High School Taster Day for students who are currently in Year 6. It is on Friday 7th May. Your child is invited to attend the high school for which they are zoned.

### 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.

### Year 5 in Bathurst

Best wishes for our Year 5 students as they travel to Bathurst on Thursday for their overnight excursion. The teachers accompanying the students include Mrs Hartge, Mrs Perry, Mrs Shearwood, Mrs Jones.

### Safety In Our Car Park

Please drive carefully in our car park. Cars are required to reverse into parking bays and please be mindful of the two pedestrian crossings. Compared to a number of schools, we are very fortunate to have such extensive off-road parking.

Kind regards,

*K. Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

*ESellars*

Emma Sellars  
Principal



School Debaters

### Parish Details

Ph. 8379 1730  
Email. toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au  
Office Hours. Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

- Luke H
- Flynn H
- Emma L
- Archer D
- Owen M
- Maci F
- Remmi W
- Elise I
- Parker M
- Lillian A
- Tyler B
- Jonas C
- Emily A
- Natalija K
- Flynn R
- Koa F
- Anika L
- Abel N
- Amelia C
- Oscar S
- Beau B
- Indianna M
- Alina L
- Lucas C
- Vanessa M
- Zachary W
- Phoenix W
- Ivy D
- Lara N
- Koby D
- Isabella H
- Matilda S
- Brax K
- Polly T
- Harrison M
- Sumira D
- Kyah R
- Yumi S
- Ruby H
- Ozzy I
- Charlie T
- Bailey F
- Oscar P
- Milan B
- Savannah T
- Myah L

## From Our REC

### Stations of the Cross

Thank you to those families who committed to bring your child to our St Mary's Parish 'Stations of the Cross' for 2021. Sam Hanham and Sister Jennifer will be allocating roles and practicing with the students during the next two weeks. If you would like your child to participate and haven't emailed to let me know, please email asap [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

### Holy Week

Our Year 5 students are preparing our liturgy for Holy Week. This will take place on Thursday 1st April at 12.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us for this special liturgy.

### 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.

### PIP News

'Relax and unwind with family and friends at St Mary's very own Cinema Under The Stars Night! The pop corn will be flowing on Friday 30th April with gates opening at 5.30pm. Mr Williams has kindly donated his manicured oval for the night's screening. Tickets can be purchased now at the front office. Can't wait to see you there!'

Kind regards,  
St Mary's PIP Team

Children will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday 12th and 13th June.

### Year 4 Sacred Space

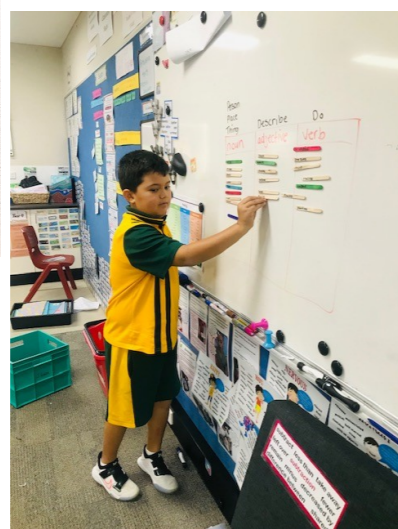
Thank you 4 Green for sharing your learning in Religious Education. It was wonderful to hear and see your learning about where we see God in others and the environment.

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



**Seasons for Growth** notes were sent home Week 7. 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.

## A Spotlight on Year 3



## From our PE Teacher

### Polding Swim Trials

On Monday Harry B competed in the 50m Freestyle for Broken Bay. He qualified as 4th fastest in all of Northern NSW Catholic Schools beating his personal best time by 2 seconds.

Congratulations Harry!



### Canteen News

**REMINDER**—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

### Star Awards

Andie N  
Emma H  
Mason L  
Abigail H  
Poppy G  
Charlotte C  
Amarli M  
Cruz C  
Grace B  
Ezri D  
Olivia D  
Elise C  
Ruby K  
Summer M  
Zali M  
Oscar W  
Silongo K



Harmony Day

### Something We've Noticed

A couple of weeks back, when our Cross Country was postponed, a number of parents selflessly helped Mrs Bain pack up all the equipment at Jenny Dixon Reserve. Thank you Kelly Rodney, Lucinda MacMahon, Bianca Bailey and Pip Eady. Your generous support was appreciated.

