



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 1  
21 April 2021

# Welcome to Term 2

### Upcoming Events

- *Kinder 2022 Meetings*  
Wednesday  
21 April
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Friday  
23 April
- *Playgroup*  
9.15am + School  
Tour 10.30am  
Wednesday  
28 April
- *First Eucharist Enrolment Session*  
3.30pm + 7.00pm  
Thursday  
29 April
- *Cinema Under the Stars*  
From 5.30pm  
Friday  
30 April
- *Mother's Day Celebrations*  
From 7.00am  
Thursday  
6 May
- *MacKillop, St Peter's + St Brigid's High School Taster Day*  
Friday  
7 May
- *Year 1 Excursion*  
Friday  
28 May

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,  
Welcome to Term 2. We trust that your family enjoyed a lovely Easter.

Our school's Term 2 Calendar has been shared with you via Compass and is also located on our school's website.

### Mother's Day Celebrations

We celebrate the importance of all Mums on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We begin with a BBQ Breakfast, from 7.00am, in our school grounds. Shortly after school commences at 9.00am we invite our Mums to visit our Open Classrooms. Our Mother's Day Mass commences at 9.45am and is a very special liturgy. You are then welcome to join your child(ren) for recess. Following recess, our annual Mums vs Year 6 Netball match will occur. Once again, our Year 6 will start the match as favourites but, past history indicates that the competitive streak of our Mums will become obvious as the match progresses. We welcome any Mums to play in the match.

### Something We've Noticed

On the final day of Term 1 our Year 5 students beautifully led our Holy Week Liturgy. The liturgy was powerful and inspiring. Both quiet, reflective moments and joyous, celebratory moments filled the liturgy. We thank the leadership displayed by our Year 5 students and the considerable efforts of their teachers in preparing such a meaningful liturgy.

### Our School's Feast Day

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate our school's feast day – Our Lady Help of Christians. On this day, all Catholic schools will also celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

### NAPLAN

In Weeks 4 and 5 of the term, our Years 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Welcome Isabella and Samuel

We warmly welcome Isabella B (K Gold) and Samuel L M (K Green) to our school. May your family's partnership with our school be characterised by great learning, strong friendships and much fun.

### Best Wishes Russell

After 9 years service at our school as our Cleaner then our Groundsman, Russell Jones finishes his time with us this Friday. We thank Russell for his wonderful efforts, sense of humour and for being a good sport as we teased him about his Bulldogs. Russ is shortly beginning work at Toukley RSL.

### Winter Uniform

The wearing of our full winter school uniform commences on Monday 17 May. If the weather turns cooler before that date, your child is welcome to wear the winter uniform earlier.

Kind regards,

*K Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal



## From Our REC

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed your Easter celebrations.

### ANZAC Liturgy

On Monday morning our Year 6 students led us in a commemorative service; remembering and celebrating the men and women who have fought for our country. We were joined by several members of the Toukley RSL sub-branch. It was a lovely liturgy and we enjoyed listening to our choir. This Sunday we invite you to join us at Toukley RSL for the ANZAC Day service. This begins at 10.20am. Our Student Parliament will be in attendance and laying a wreath.

### First Eucharist Enrolment and Parent Session

Students in Year 4 and students in Years 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 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm or 7.00pm in the church. Children will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

## From Our Librarian

Welcome back to Term 2.

### Bags and Books

I hope everyone had the chance to read a good book over the holidays, the chance to re-read an old favourite or even listen to an audio book. It's time for **all library books that are still at home from the holidays** to be returned as soon as possible so all children can read them. A few class library days have changed so it may be worthwhile having the new day on the fridge calendar so that we don't forget our library bags or books. Check your child's class on the table below.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
KINDER GREEN	1 BLUE	KINDER BLUE	2 BLUE
4 BLUE	1 GOLD	KINDER GOLD	2 GREEN
6 BLUE	2 GOLD	1 GREEN	5 GOLD
6 GOLD	3 GOLD	3 BLUE	5 GREEN
6 GREEN	3 GREEN	4 GOLD	

## 200 Years of Catholic Education

This year we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. The national event coincides with our Feast Day on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Like in previous years we will have a mass and fun filled day including a game of teachers versus Year 6 soccer. If you went to school here at St Mary's or know people who did and have photographs that would like to share please email them to [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## 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, beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May. There will be afternoon tea and child minding provided if you require this. Yesterday a compass message was sent out with the flyer attached. To RSVP please click on the link [Free Parenting Course - Who do you say I am? \(google.com\)](#)

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

We ask that extra care is taken of our library books and readers. Please keep them in a safe place. We are receiving books with significant damage to hard covers, spines and torn pages. Library bags are still important to protect our books between home and school so children will need to bring these on their library day.

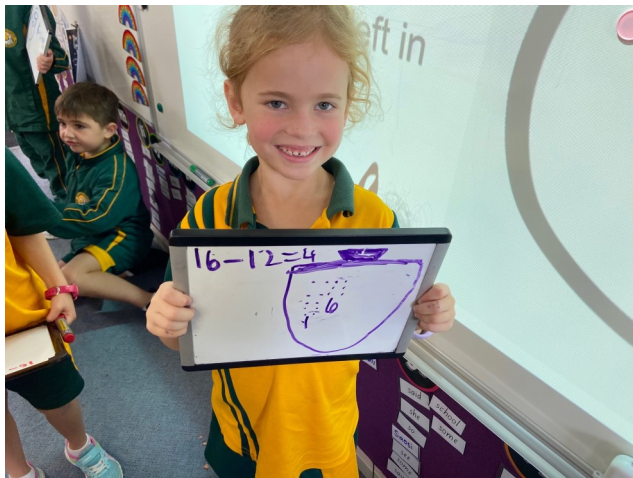
### Key Idea

During this term we will be reading and selecting the key ideas in stories and information texts. We will be learning how to take notes and reconstruct these into our own words. These are important skills to use when working on projects. We are looking forward to another term full of activity, adventure and fun in the library.

Happy reading everyone  
Miss Gray  
Librarian



# A Spotlight on Year 1



## Canteen News

Online ordering for lunch orders is now available via the Qkr! app. Please see the Qkr! Guide on the school website under Letters, Notes & Timetables or use the link ["here"](#).

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

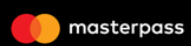

Donna & Janet



## ANZAC Liturgy



St Mary's Primary School has launched Qkr (by MasterCard) as an easy to use, secure app for making school payments from your mobile phone, laptop or tablet. Qkr! will accept payment using a credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No information is stored on the mobile phone. At this stage we will start using Qkr for canteen online ordering and other functions will become available in the future. The app is quite straightforward to set up and we encourage parents to give it a go. A hard copy of the quick set up instructions has been sent home today and you can also find a full Qkr! Guide on the school website under the Letters, Notes and Timetables tab or you can access it via the link ["here"](#) Week 1 Qkr! tip of the week.




TIP OF THE WEEK

**Q. How do I use the calendar display when placing food orders?**

**A.** For ease of use, you are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. The calendar makes it easy for you to place orders for a particular child on a particular day.

**To place a food order:**

1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. On the calendar view tap the date next to your child for which you want to place the order. If you have registered more than one child, the calendar view enables you to place individual orders for each child for different dates. If a date is greyed out you cannot place orders for that date, either because the canteen is not open, or because it is past the cut-off time for that day's orders. Check with your school to confirm the cut-off time.
3. Browse the menu, select items, and add them to your cart.
4. If you are ordering for more than one child you can switch between children by tapping your child's name at the top of the screen.
5. When you are ready to pay, tap 'Checkout' at the bottom of the screen and complete the payment steps.



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