



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2
28 April 2021

Cinema Under The Stars

Upcoming Events

- **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
- **NAPLAN Begins**
Tuesday
11 May
- **Winter Uniform**
Monday
17 May
- **Soccer Gala Day Years 5 + 6**
Friday
21 May
- **Year 1 Excursion**
Friday
28 May

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Many thanks to our Parents in Partnership (PIP) Team for organising Friday night's *Cinema Under The Stars*.

Gates open at 5.30pm. Snow cones and the Coffee Van will be available onsite but you need to bring your own popcorn. It's BYO blankets, chairs, bean bags etc.

The toilets adjacent to the oval will be open. We kindly remind parents that during the evening the children are to remain in your care at all times.

We'll announce the winning grade (most attendees) who'll enjoy a free pizza lunch next week.

First Eucharist Enrolments

First Eucharist is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Baptised children who are in Year 4 or who are older are invited to enrol for the First Eucharist preparation program. Enrolment sessions are being held at 3.30pm and 7.00pm tomorrow (Thursday) in the Parish Centre. If you'd like any more information regarding the First Eucharist Program, you are welcome to call our Parish Office (8379 1730).

Mother's Day Celebrations

Thursday 6th May. BBQ Breakfast from 7.15am (school grounds). Open Classrooms from 9.00am. Mother's Day Liturgy from 9.45am (held outdoors). Enjoy Recess with your child(ren) from 10.30am. Year 6 vs Mums Netball match from 11.00am.

It should be a fun morning.

Black Tie Ball Cancelled

We considered the costs of the Black Tie Ball and felt that financially it may have been excluding some members of our school community. In such events, we'd much prefer to include everyone. Hence, the decision to cancel it.

Something We've Noticed

Students from our school did a wonderful job representing us at the Toukley RSL Sub-branch's ANZAC Day commemorative service at the cenotaph on Sunday morning. Well done girls and boys. Your sense of respect and honour was clear to see.

Use of Qkr

The use of Qkr to submit lunch orders to the Canteen has been popular. A hard copy of the set up instructions was sent home last week but you can also find it on the school website ['here'](#). It has been working well, with only a couple of teething problems so there is just a few of things to keep in mind—you don't need to send in lunch bags as they will be provided, when setting up your child's profile please check you have entered the correct class, do a separate order for each child and double check the day you have selected for the order.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Merit Awards

- Remi C
- Ara W
- Ollie B
- Samuel L M
- Siaosi M
- Letty M
- Anne T
- Mia T
- Archie G
- Kohi B
- Lachlan M
- Charlotte C
- Zane B
- Amarli M
- Harvey L
- Dali M
- Eli M
- John M
- Oliver G
- Ezri D
- Beau T
- Isla C
- Marli C
- Zoe W
- Kingston K
- Logan G
- Harry B
- Evanna S
- Riley T
- Kyah R
- Toby W
- Josephine R
- Hudson D
- Milan B

HELP WANTED!!

We are looking for a large number of volunteers to help out at our Mother's Day celebrations on 6 May.

- Mother's Day BBQ breakfast from 6.00am. It would be great to see some Dad's jump on board to cook up a storm for our delightful mums!

Sign up here:
<https://signup.com/go/ErqzPQd> Thursday

- Mother's Day stall From 12.30pm
If you are able to help out with the Mother's Day Stall please sign up below:
<https://signup.com/go/tJtweYS>

Thankyou - the kids enjoy these celebration days so it will be great to have as many people sign up so we can all have a great day together.

From Our REC

First Eucharist Enrolment and Parent Session

Students in Year 4 and students who have made reconciliation in Year 5 and 6 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 Sunday 13th June.

ANZAC Service at Toukley RSL

Thank you to all our students and teachers who attended the ANZAC Commemorative service at Toukley RSL on Sunday morning. It was lovely to see so many students there.

Honour our Fallen

On Saturday morning some students attended Noraville Cemetery as part of the "Honour Our Fallen". They placed Australian flags on the graves of returned service men and women. It was another wonderful opportunity for our students to commemorate those who have gone before us.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Our Cinema Under the Stars on Friday is proving very popular and will be a great night out for the family. You can still get your tickets from the lovely ladies in the office, or if you decide to attend at the last minute you can buy tickets at the gate, but it will be cash only on the night. (\$14 per family).

Our Mother's Day celebrations next Thursday will again be a very special time to show how important mother's are in their children's life and a great way to connect with the school community. We missed out on so much last year due to Covid19 so we are thankful we are able to celebrate with our family and friends at school this year.

Feeling connected at school is important for both students and families. At St Mary's we want everyone to feel welcome and included in both the day to day activities at school and when we have special events. If mum and dad feel that connection the kids will pick up on that and feel it too. That makes school a place they want to be and sets them up ready to learn.

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 24th. 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 you would like to share please email them to catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Space

This Thursday Year 1 will share their learning in Religious Education with the school. If you would like to join us for this it will begin at 1.50pm. Please remember to sign in using the QR code. A zoom link will be sent out to those people who cannot attend.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Next Thursday 6th May we will be holding our Mother's Day celebrations. We will begin the day with breakfast organised by the PIP Team. You are then invited into classrooms from 9.10 till 9.30am. We will be holding a Mother's Day Liturgy on the oval at 9.45am. Year 1 will be leading the liturgy.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

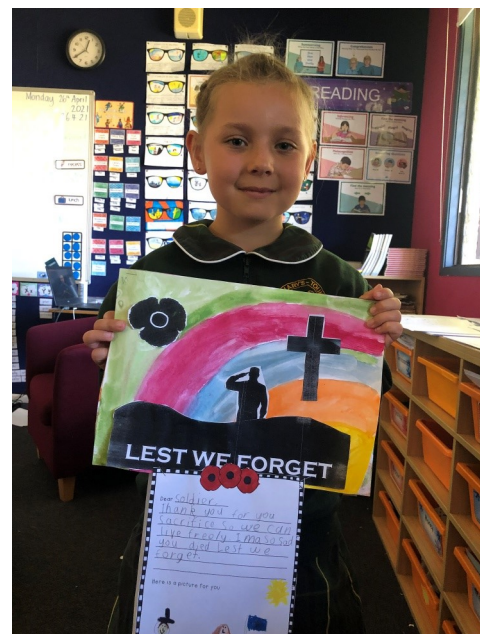
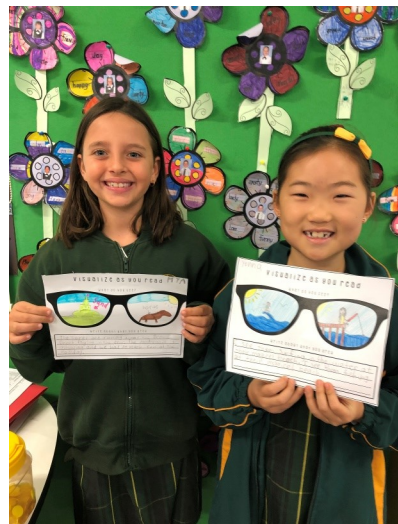
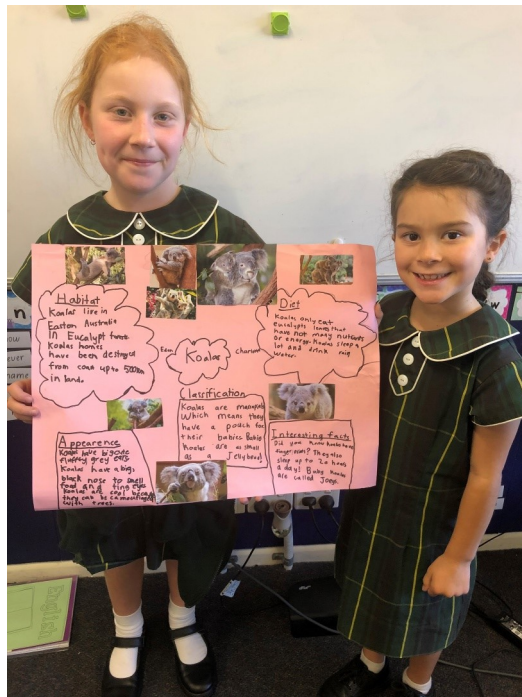
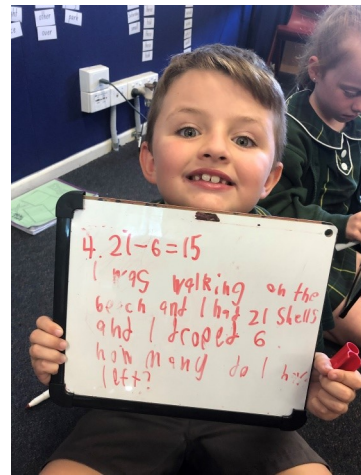
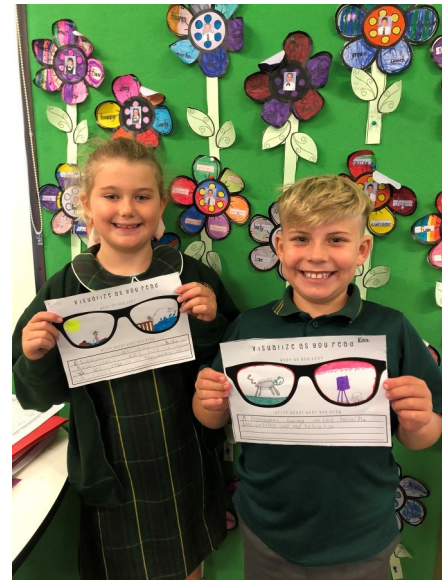
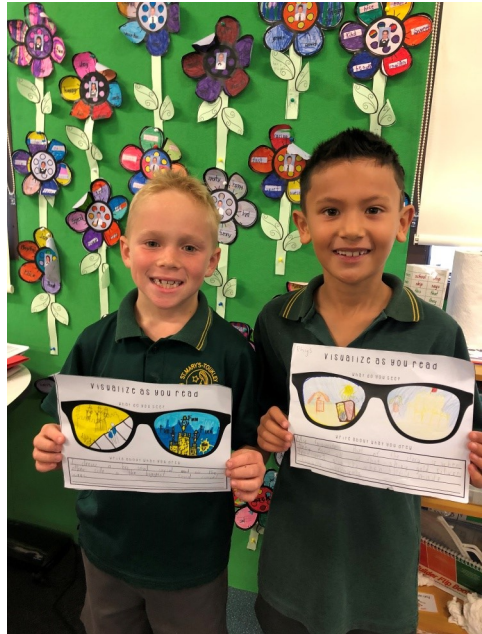
National Families Week is held each year between May 15th to 21st and is a celebration of the importance of families in our community. In the coming weeks I will include some ideas for building connection and fun ways to spend time together as a family.

We had a great turnout to our Playgroup this morning with plenty of games, activities, stories and singing for the kids to enjoy. Our next Playgroup is on Tuesday June 1st so if you or anyone you know is looking to enrol a child for Kinder next year you are invited to come along, meet other children and parents and join in the fun.



Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 2



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"](#). Soup of the day this Friday April 30 is Pumpkin.



REMINDER—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

Taj C
Billy S D
Max A
Oliver E
Benny E
Alexandra T
Phoebe N
Cruz C
Ayla B
Indigo L
Milla A
Marcus S
Myles S
Lexie L
Zahra D
Cahill L
Indy K
Oscar P

From our PE Teacher

Congratulations to our Diocesan Representatives Joey and Claire

On Friday Joey (Rugby League) and Claire (Hockey) travelled to Bathurst and competed as part of a Broken Bay team competing against the other Polding Diocesan teams in their chosen sport. From this competition a Polding team of the top children from Northern NSW Catholic Schools is chosen to then compete in the NSW competition. St Mary's is very proud of the effort, skill and sportsmanship shown by both Claire and Joey performing at an extremely high level all day. Claire has been chosen to be a part of the Polding team as their Goalkeeper. We are so proud and wish her good luck competing at Bulli later this year. Joey has been chosen in the front row for the Polding team. He is a hard worker and great team player.

Both students have had a great experience and developed new friendships which they will extend during the Polding Competition.

Good Luck to our CCC Cross Country athletes competing Friday at Hylton Moore

8years	9years	10years	11years	12years
Flynn B	John M	Koby D	Bailey N	Owen W
Rhys M	Andy B	Zac W	Harry B	Cahill L
Flynn R	Hunter H	Ben G	Riley T	Oscar W
Isaac B	Harry B	Kingston K	Tiernan B	Hudson D
Lachlan M	Henry H	Seth T	Eddie A	Bailey J
Jack H	Archer G	Max W	Tom B	Sam B
Cruze C	Connor D	Noah W	Dakota L	Eyli P
Archie H	Levi M	Brooklyn C	Alexander D	Patrick C

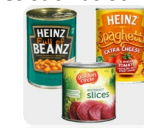
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Sasha R	Arlie M	Rose D	Ellie B	Shelby M
Emmanuelle	Addison W	Chloe S	Zahra D	Adelle S
Emily A	Layla C	Tayla M	Halle B	Florence M
Phoebe N	Lillian D	Kirilee F	Rylee F	Ella S
Indie F		Lola K	Sumira D	Indy K
Sienna H	Mia S	Willow F	Summer M	Mia M
Cochella O	Phoenix W	Milla A	Portia R	Claire W
Maddison C	Nikkita C	Ma'Niyah J	Chelsea B	Emma C

Help us, Help New South Wales Flood Victims!

On week 2 and 3 we would love your help to bring in food cans and long life pantry items to help the people that have been affected in the NSW floods.

40,000 people have been affected by the recent flood, which caused \$1 billion dollars of damage. This type of flood happens every 100 years. This has inspired us to donate for the people that have lost their houses and possessions. Please donate canned food and long life pantry items, these will be distributed to local charities such as St Vincent De Paul, Lakes Food Care and Hawksbury's Helping Hands.

By Charlotte and Ellie from Mini Vinnies



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