St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Toukley

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER **Your Prayers**

Term 2 Week 4 12 May 2021



Upcoming Events

- NAPLAN Beains Tuesday 11 May
- Winter Uniform Monday 17 May
- Soccer Gala Day Years 5 + 6 Friday 21 May
- 200 years of Catholic Education and School Feast Day Monday 24 May
- NSW Netball Newcastle 26 May
- School Tours 9.30am Thursday 27 May
- Year 1 Excursion Fridav 28 May
- Playgroup 9.30am Tuesday 1 June
- Year 6 in Canberra 9-11 June
- First Eucharist 12-13 June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community, Early on Saturday morning, after a battle

with cancer, we lost one of the beautiful mums of our school. Mrs Marlene Coble, mother of Madison in 2 Green, passed away peacefully in hospital. Marlene was a positive and loving person who relished being a mum and so very much enjoyed watching the growth of her beautiful daughter, Madison.

I ask that you keep Marlene and her family in your thoughts and prayers. May Our Lord keep a special watch over you all.

Culture Survey

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to complete the Culture Survey. The more completed surveys we have, the greater the validity of the data. If you haven't had a chance, please take the 10 minutes required to complete the survey by this Friday (14 May). You will find a link on a Compass notification from Monday 3rd May.

Please Pray For

Please pray for the children who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the form of the Eucharist. As one of the Sacraments of Initiation, receiving the Eucharist (or Holy Communion) means we are united in a special way with Jesus.

If you'd like any more information regarding the First Eucharist Program, you are welcome to call our Parish Office (4396 4455).

NAPLAN

A series of national assessments in both Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 and 5 commenced yesterday and conclude this coming Monday.

Winter Uniform

The wearing of our full winter uniform begins this coming Monday (17 May). If there are any items that you require, please contact Leesa in our Uniform Shop.

Something We've Noticed

Over the past few weeks we've had many families new to our school visit us seeking

enrolment for Kinder 2022. A common theme emerging involves their positive comments about the Year 6 children who are welcoming them to our school. Our new families have noticed the excellent role models that you are and are imagining their child being that responsible when it's their turn to be Year 6 leaders.

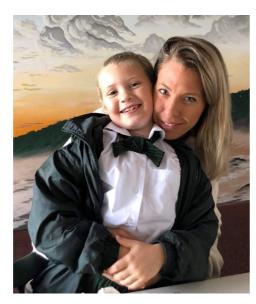
Something We've Noticed 2

It was great to see so many Mums join us last Thursday to celebrate Mother's Day. Thanks to our PIP team and their many helpers who, from 6.00am, worked tirelessly to prepare the BBQ Breakfast together with the volunteers who later organised the Mother's Day Stall.

We trust that our Mums enjoyed a very special Sunday.

Kind regards,

K Williams



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Merit Awards Jacob K Isla M Emmanuelle D Henry H Euan B Havana G Zach M



From Our REC

Mother's Day Liturgy

Thank you to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and significant women that attended our Mother's Day Celebration last week. Our students loved having you in the school and celebrating with you. Thank you to our Year 1 students and teachers who led the school so beautifully in our Mother's Day Liturgy.



First Eucharist Sessions

Students in Year 4 and students who have made reconciliation in Year 5 and 6 begin their preparation sessions this week. All parents attending these sessions are required to wear a mask this week due to COVID restrictions. If you haven't already enrolled please contact the Parish Office on 8379 1730. Children will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday 12th and 13th June.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

National Families Week runs from May 15-21 and provides an opportunity to think about families, whatever shape they take, and to celebrate the important role that families play in our lives and communities. From the time children are born, families play the most valuable role in helping children to develop, learn and grow and are the major influence on a child's wellbeing.

Early next week each student will bring home a "My Family is strong because...' worksheet. The idea is that families can think about and discuss what it is that makes your family so special. The children are asked to then complete the worksheet and return it to school. We will display the completed worksheets at school and share some with the school community.

Research shows that a sense of belonging and feeling part of the community leads to a positive sense of wellbeing. This is true for parents as well as children at our school. We encourage parents/ carers to come along to activities or events we hold

Kevin Williams Principal

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 We have not received any photos yet, if you have some please share with us.

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 20th May. There will be afternoon tea and child minding provided if you require this. A compass message was sent out earlier this term 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

at school and make it an opportunity to get to know other families and our staff and build those relationships with others. Those connections with others can also be of great comfort and support when families in our community experience hardship and tragedy.

Cuppa and Chat for parents/ carers will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the Parent Resource Room in the laneway between Pandora Pde and the school office. All are welcome to come along, meet other parents and get to know one another in a relaxed , informal setting. Toddlers are always welcome with plenty of toys and games to keep them entertained.

Storytime in the Library for toddlers and preschoolers is on every Thursday morning straight after morning assembly. Please join us to listen to a story, borrow a book and enjoy craft activities.

Donna Falzon Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 4

4 Green have been working hard to solve multiplication and division problems.







4 Green said goodbye to Mrs Laing last week and made some predictions about what her baby might be!













4Gold exploring properties of packages in Science

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 <u>"here".</u> Soup of the day this Friday May 14 is Minestrone.



REMINDER—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays. Donna & Janet



Star Awards Aidan B Ty T Luke P C Chloe S Mia M

Q. How can I remove unwanted items from my shopping cart?

Qkr!

A. It is easy to remove or amend items in your shopping cart prior to paying for them.

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'. 2. Under 'Active Carts' tap on your school.

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- Tap on the order or item you want to remove or update.
 Tap the garbage bin icon to remove the item from your cart;
- Tap the pencil icon to update or amend the item in your cart.

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Mothers Day Breakfast













💥 National Families Week

Celebrate achievements, large and small.

TIP OF THE WEEK



(02) 4396 5100 (02) 4396 5101



2 Build connections with older relatives and community elders.







5 Participate in local



Reduce your stress – remember you need time out too!



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Do something with your family that helps others.



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