

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5
19 May 2021

200 Years Young



Upcoming Events

- 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
Friday
28 May
- Playgroup
9.15am
Tuesday
1 June
- Year 6 in Canberra
9-11 June
- First Eucharist
12-13 June
- Public Holiday
Monday
14 June
- Parent Teacher Meetings
15-18 June
- Soccer Gala Day
Years 5 + 6
Friday
18 June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Two hundred years ago the first official Catholic school, St Patrick's Parramatta, opened in Australia. Today, approximately 770,000 or more than 1 in 5 students are educated in Catholic schools.

On Monday, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians and Patroness of Australia, all parishes and Catholic schools in Australia, simultaneously at 10.30am, will celebrate the 200 years of Catholic education.

Father Tomy is celebrating our Mass outdoors on Monday. You are most welcome to join us.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

We ask you to keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers: Livingstone-Thomas - (Eden 4 Green, Holly 2 Green). The girls' grandfather passed away recently. Archie (3 Blue) and Eadie Marsh's (1 Gold) great grandmother passed away recently and Bailey Kahler's (K Blue) great grandmother passed away also.

May your beautiful memories combined with Our Lord's presence help comfort and care for you all during this difficult time.

Reports

On Friday 8th June your child's Report will be forwarded to you via Compass. Shortly, you will be able to book a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss both the Report and their progress. Parent - Teacher meetings occur in the week of 15-18 June.

NAPLAN

We were very proud of the tremendous efforts of our Year 3 and Year 5 students who have been participating in NAPLAN over the past two weeks.

Thank You

It was great to see the kids wearing their winter uniforms from Monday. Wearing our school uniform with pride is one of those one percenters that makes a difference at our place. And you, our parents do a great job with supporting our uniform code. Thank you.

Something We've Noticed

We genuinely appreciate the great number of parents who completed the Culture Survey administered by CSBB. It was a wonderful effort from our parents. When they become available, we'll share with you the results. Thank you.

School Car Park

There has been a number of dangerous incidents recently in our school car park. The safety of children is paramount. We ask that you please follow all parking and driving restrictions and be vigilant at all times.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



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Merit Awards

Sophie A
Isabella B
Roy C
Jace B
Jarl M
Amarli G
Ollie T
Finley G
Grace L
Parker M
Cooper B
Penelope R
Alexandra T
Charlie M
Riley G
Josi C
Levi R
Harry P
Emeri B
Clive Z
Ayla C
Sam N
Zac W
Lexie L
Chelsea B
Kitty G
Dylan B
Harry M
Indy K



From Our REC

200 Years of Catholic Education

On Monday we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. This is a national event which coincides with our Feast Day. We will begin the day in classrooms and come together for a whole school outdoor mass at 10.30am. We will send out a zoom code for the mass. After mass the students will participate in a range of activities. All students will be given a sausage sizzle lunch and drink organised by our PIP Team. If your child has any allergies please let me know as soon as possible. If your child is in Years 3 - 6 could you please remind them to pack a towel for a yoga session. All students are required to wear their sports uniform.

First Eucharist

Please keep the children preparing for their First Eucharist in your prayers. The children will receive the sacrament on 12th and 13th June.

Year 2 Assembly and Sacred Space

Tomorrow at 1.50pm our Year 2 students will be sharing their learning in Religious Education and other areas. If you would like to join us in the quadrangle please do so. Alternatively we will zoom the Sacred Space and Assembly to our school community. A zoom link and meeting code will be sent out prior to this.



Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Librarian

Today our entire school celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places across our country. Now in its 21st year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

This year we viewed the text **Give Me Some Space** by Philip Bunting. At 10:55 we stopped and celebrated this book via video link with NASA astronaut Dr Shannon Walker.



Philip Bunting's books such as Mopoke and Koalas Eat Gum Leaves are proving popular with our children. He has a distinct style in illustrations and his texts are short and witty. This particular book is a combination of story interwoven with facts about space and leaves readers with a powerful message. You can view this text at home until Friday just by following the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeCxxMZjIFo>

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 art class: Taking Forced Perspective photographs...



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 May 21st is Chicken Noodle and Vegetable.



REMINDER— All students will be provided with a sausage sandwich for lunch on Monday May 24 so please consider whether children will need a lunch order that day, as we try to limit food wastage. Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

Luke H
Xavier H
Remmi W
Jackson M
Hayden S
Abigail R
Willow L
Phoebe N
Sonny I
Summer G
Sienna G
Harrison M
Tiernan B
Benjamin R
Toby W



From Our PE Teacher

Athletics Carnival and NSW Netball

Thank you so much to parents for providing consent on Compass. If you are unable to see your child's class in the drop down box please open compass in browser and this will take you to the event to consent. Consent closes **tomorrow—Thursday 20th May**. I will be doing programs on the weekend and they will be published Monday so changes cannot be made after Thursday.

Many thanks for your co operation.
Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

HELPERS WANTED – FEAST DAY BBQ Monday 24th May

We are looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ lunch for kids and teachers on Monday 24th May.

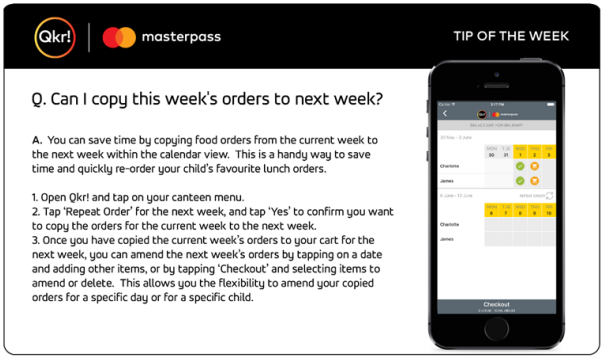
We will need helpers from **11am-2.30pm** to help **set up, cook, serve and clean up**.

The more helpers we have on the day will ensure that everyone has a good fun day.

If you could please signup on the link below or text **0405 254 645** to register we would greatly appreciate it.

<https://signup.com/go/OgArvSX>

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