



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6  
26 May 2021

## School Feast Day

### Upcoming Events

- School Tours**  
9.30am  
Thursday  
27 May
- Year 1 Excursion**  
Friday  
28 May
- Playgroup**  
9.15am  
Tuesday  
1 June
- Athletics Carnival**  
Friday  
4 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
- NAIDOC Week**  
21-24 June  
*Liturgy*  
Tuesday  
13 July
- Last Day of Term 2**  
Thursday  
24 June
- Staff Development Day**  
Friday  
25 June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Monday marked our school's Feast Day, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia. It also marked 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

We celebrated with a lovely Mass led by Father Tomy in the Parish Hall. Year 2, thank you for reverently and prayerfully leading us. Simultaneously, across all Catholic schools and parishes in Australia, Mass was being celebrated.

After recess, all students thoroughly enjoyed the vast range of activities organised for them including AFL, Netball, Tennis, Obstacle Course, Cricket, Rugby League, Yoga, Soccer, Dancing and Karate. We thank Mrs Bain, Miss Dawson, Mrs Cousins, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Perry for so ably organising our many activities.

### First Eucharist

In your thoughts and prayers, please keep the children (and their facilitators) who are currently preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th June.

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a time we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students will be participating in a variety of cultural activities including Aboriginal art, artifact workshops, stories and songs. Our NAIDOC liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday 13th July at 1.50pm. We invite all parents to come along and celebrate with us.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

We ask you to keep the Larden family in your thoughts and prayers. Addison's (5 Green) grandfather passed away recently. May Our Lord's strength give your family great courage during your time of mourning.

### 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.

### Staff Development Day

Friday 25th June is a Staff Development Day. All staff in our diocese (CSBB) will gather virtually to discuss the Towards 2025 Strategy.

### Thank You

We thank our PIP (Parents in Partnership) team and the band of willing helpers who supported them to prepare and cook our lunchtime BBQ for the children and staff on Monday. Your generous and kind actions certainly help build a sense of community in our school.

We also thank parents, a former parent and a former student who volunteered their time to lead the variety of activities offered to the children on Monday: Carol Karam (Yoga), Bianca Bailey (Dance), Cath Brown (Dance), Lucinda MacMahon (Games), Lloyd Boulton (Soccer), John Howieson (Soccer) and Lexi Walker (Netball).

### Have Fun, Year 1

Year 1 travel to the Wetlands in the Hunter for their excursion on Friday. Travel safely and enjoy your day.

### Congratulations

We congratulate the Blewitt family on the birth of a baby sister, Kara, for big brothers Lucas (1 Blue) and Vincent (2 Green). May Kara enjoy wonderful health and be surrounded by the obvious love of her family and Our Lord.

### Please Join Us

You're welcome to join us at our Athletics Carnival to be held at Mingara on Friday 4th June.

Kind regards,

*K Williams*  
Kevin Williams  
Principal

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9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

- Jordan S
- Imogen C
- Morgan P
- Emma H
- Honey J
- Mason L
- Kai R
- Neve R
- Baylen M
- Ruby B
- Lucas B
- Lola C
- Ashley V B
- Willow C
- Zara B
- Ashlee S
- Teyah H
- Anika L
- Clive Z
- Hunter H
- Rosie W
- Isabella C
- Bethany M
- Lincoln S
- Sophie B
- Ruby K
- Kirrilie F
- Portia R
- Elijah P S
- Ellie B
- Zali M
- Mia M
- Emma C
- Matthew P C
- Samuel W
- Joey T
- Blake B



## From Our REC

### 200 Years of Catholic Education

On Monday we celebrated 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. This coincided with our Feast Day - Mary Help of Christians. It was a wonderful celebration. A huge thank you to our Year 2 teachers and students who led the mass, our Celebration team of teachers who organised all the activities and our PIP team for the BBQ. The students had a fabulous time.

### Walk With Us - Parent and Carer Morning

An invitation went home to parents and carers yesterday inviting you all to school on Monday 7th June to share in a coffee, a walk and a time to meditate. This is an opportunity to slow down and take some time for you. Coffee will be available after 8.30am and we will head out for a walk just after the students go into class. If you would like to join us please RSVP to [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or [donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au) We look forward to spending the morning with you.

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

What a great celebration of 200 Years of Catholic Education and our school Feast Day we had on Monday. While the weather meant some changes had to be made, the resilience and adaptability of our staff and students meant that it was still a wonderful day with fun had by all. Special thanks to our many parent/ grandparent volunteers who gave up their time to cook, prepare and serve our very hungry students and staff. It is the willingness of so many in our community to come together to ensure a great day for the children that makes our school so special.

Another way for our parents/ carers to come together is at our upcoming "Walk With Us" morning on **Monday June 7**. All parents/ carers are invited to join Mrs Kyle and I for a coffee from 8.30am, followed by a walk commencing at 9.05am and then back to school for a relaxing, calming meditation and a chat about issues currently facing parents. Younger children are welcome to come along. A Compass notification and attached flyer was sent out yesterday with all the details. To RSVP You can email either myself or Mrs Kyle,

### Year 2 Sacred Space

Thank you to 2 Green for sharing their learning in Religious Education with us. It was great to hear and see the work the men of the Old Testament did.



### Year 4 Sacred Space

Please join us on Thursday for Year 4's Sacred Space. If you are not able to come in, a zoom meeting will be created. The link will be sent out on Thursday morning.

### 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.

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education

[donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au). The last 12-18 months has been a tumultuous and difficult time for so many in our community and it would be wonderful to have as many of you as possible join us to see that you are not alone in dealing with challenges that you may be faced with.

It's been over 12 months since they could be here, but the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre (TNC) will be holding their **TNC "Pop Up"** here at school on **Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2.30-3.30pm**, on the top playground. TNC offer many services and programmes to support our local community and while they are here it is a great opportunity to see what they do and how they could assist our families. You might be surprised by the variety and quantity of programmes on offer.

**PLAYGROUP – Next Tuesday June 1** will be our next Playgroup for children starting Kinder in 2022. It will start at 9.15am in the hall and run until 10.30am. As a special treat, weather permitting, Mrs Bain has some fun activities planned for out on the oval, which is always a lot of fun.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer

## A Spotlight on Year 6



### 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 28th is Pumpkin.

### REMINDER

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

### Star Awards

Missy D  
Alekszander K  
Bailey K  
Zac T  
Zac B  
Zac Bs  
Josh S  
Van B  
Ashley L  
Corben De  
Thomas R  
Sienna G  
Ava S  
Harry B  
Marcella R  
Oscar W  
Silongo K  
Adelle S  
Patrick C  
Florence M



## Walk With Us

*Would you like some adult conversation?  
Are your children asking questions you aren't  
sure how to answer? Are you looking for some  
time to relax, refresh, renew?*

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, we have a morning for you! Come join us for a coffee, a well being walk, a meditation and a chat on how to answer some of the hard questions our children ask us. We will give you the tools and strategies to support each other and your children.

Monday 7th June 2021

We will begin at 9.05am after morning assembly.

Please wait on the driveway inside the school

We will finish up around 10.45am

If you would like to join us please contact the school office or email [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or [donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au) to let us know. Could you please let us know the age of the younger children that are coming along too.

*\* Child minding will be provided (bring your prams for the walk).*

*\* A coffee van will be available on site for a free coffee between 8.30am and 9.00am.*



### Mini-Vinnies Winter Appeal

**Did you know that there are 124000 more families than last year in danger of becoming homeless? Please help us as we collect items for our Winter Appeal.**

**The following items are recommended for donation to our school Winter Appeal. Bring any items to school and they will be collected during Week 9.**

*Good quality, clean, pre-loved or unused items are welcome donations. If you would give your items to a friend, then they are most welcome as a donation;*

- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Beanies
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Warm Clothing



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