

# Athletics Carnival

### Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Last Day of Term 2**  
Thursday  
24 June
- **Staff Development Day**  
Friday  
25 June
- **First Day of Term 3**  
Monday  
12 July
- **NAIDOC Week**  
2-11 July  
Liturgy  
Tuesday  
13 July

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Please join us at Mingara on Friday for our annual Athletics Carnival. In keeping with our culture of supporting each other, all children are required to stay until the end of the day (presentation). Also, unless your child is in the 800m event, they need to be at school in the morning to be transported by bus to the Carnival. After names are checked off at the end of the day, parents are welcome to take their child from the Carnival. Also, please offer a prayer or two asking Our Lord to keep any inclement weather at bay. For me, the encouraging and supportive nature of the children is often the highlight of the day.

If the Carnival needs to be postponed due to poor weather, we will notify you via Compass on Friday morning.

### Culture Survey

Recently, our system conducted a Culture Survey. All leaders at our System of schools were delighted to learn that we received a total of 4,849 responses, with valuable input coming from our school communities, clergy and staff. This is an outstanding response rate and we'd like to thank all of those who took the time to complete the survey. Our school had a fantastic response rate. It is reflective of our parent community's strong desire to be engaged in how we shape the culture of our school. We genuinely appreciate your participation in the survey. Thank you.

Responses are now being analysed and results will be available and discussed from late this term and throughout the balance of this year. When we receive the results for our school we will share them with you.

### Congratulations Mrs Laing

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs Laing gave birth to her first child, Sadie Ann. We congratulate Mr and Mrs Laing, wishing Sadie a lifetime of happiness and great health surrounded by good family and friends. Sadie has joined a little girl gang of 4 cousins with the fifth being a little boy.

### Best Wishes, Year 6

Next Wednesday Year 6 travel to Canberra for their annual excursion. The trip supports the considerable learning currently happening in the classroom. The students will be accompanied by Mr Merlino, Miss Dawson, Mrs Walker, Mr Williams, Mrs Gillis-Sinclair, Mr McKay and Mrs MacMahon. Best wishes Year 6 for a safe and enjoyable trip.

### Parent – Teacher Meetings

Bookings opened on Monday for our Parent-Teacher meetings that will be held in Week 9. Already, 73% of parents have booked a time to meet their child's teacher. Reports will be sent to you via Compass on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June (Week 8).

### 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.

### 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.

Kind regards,

*K. Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal



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### Merit Awards

Missy D  
Leura S  
Hannah B  
Louis K  
Poppy G  
Maddison H  
Cruz W C  
Indianna H  
Raiden S  
Flynn B  
Sasha R  
Vincent B  
Jack H  
Yenna W  
Ella T  
Rose M  
Ellie C  
Phoebe R F  
Vincent E  
Mia S  
Matthew G  
Harry B  
Owen M  
Archer G  
Piper E  
Edward C  
Indiana M  
Timmy S  
Samuel N  
Keoni L  
April F  
Max W  
Rose D  
Levi J  
Dakota L  
Shelby M  
Myah L  
Claire W



## From Our REC

### Walk With Us - Parent and Carer Morning

An invitation went home to parents and carers last week 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.

### Year 4 Sacred Space

Thank you to 4 Gold and 4 Blue for sharing their learning in Religious Education with us. It was great to hear about the Sacraments of Initiation and your preparation for making your First Eucharist.



## From Our Librarian

St Mary's kids are involved in many extra-curricular activities outside of the classroom. We represent our school for netball, football, soccer, and cricket. We have a school choir. And we have our St Mary's Debating Team: Linsey, Florence, Bailey, Dimity, Eyli and Josie. Our team has worked tirelessly in their lunch breaks and at home researching and preparing for each debate. They began the year without any experience but have grown into confident, capable young people who are able to argue a point of view convincingly with researched evidence and fulfill the different roles of each speaker in a debating team.

Round 1 saw our team debating against St Cecilia's, Wyong. Our hypothesis then was

### HOME BASED LEARNING IS BETTER THAN FACE TO FACE LEARNING.

We were the negative team and our school survey on what children thought about learning from home in 2020 made our case strong and convincing.

Last Friday St Mary's hosted Round 2. Our hypothesis:

### Kindergarten Sacred Space

This Thursday at 1.50pm Kindergarten will share their learning with our school community. If you would like to join us you are more than welcome. We will organise a zoom meeting for those who can not attend.

### 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.

### Parish Feast Day

On Sunday 27th June our Parish celebrates its Feast Day, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. In collaboration with the Parish, we will be celebrating with mass at 9am and would like as many families to join us as possible. Our choir will be singing and our Parliament will be involved in some of the parts of the mass. We would love to see as many St Mary's families as possible.

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

### SHOULD CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 BE ABLE TO ACCESS SOCIAL MEDIA?

As the Affirmative team we argued that children under 13 should be able to access social media with adult support. Old laws need to change because technology has changed, and children's knowledge and skills have changed. Social Media sites have been created for children under 13 that are secure. And in a world that is dealing with a global pandemic, social media is necessary to help children stay connected to each other, their families and their learning. Having knowledge of social media and the power to use it safely will help kids grow into happy, confident digital citizens.

We have argued successfully in our first two rounds, but our team isn't taking a break. We have already been hard at work gathering evidence for Round 3: Our hypothesis:

### THAT SPORTING HEROES ARE POOR ROLE MODELS.

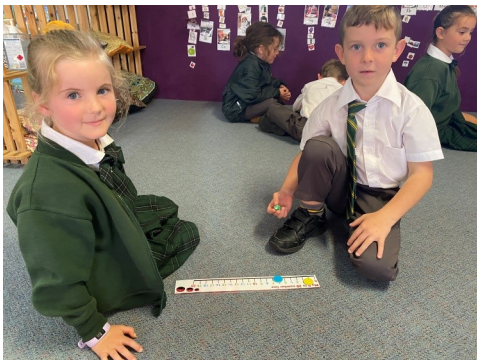
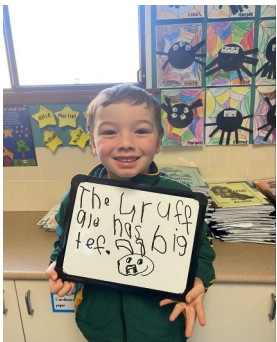
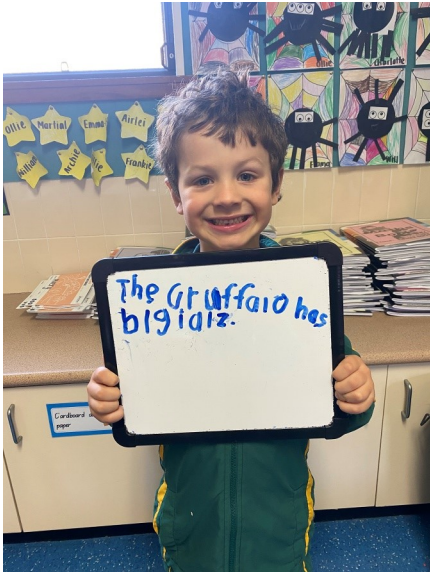
As the Negative Team we are building a case to prove that sporting heroes are not poor role models. Watch this space to hear the outcome.

Happy reading everyone

Miss Gray  
Librarian



# A Spotlight on Kinder



## 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](#)". Due to the Athletics Carnival on Friday the Canteen will be closed.

## REMINDER

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

## Star Awards

Flynn H  
Airlei M  
Rawson B  
Tianna O C  
Nixon H  
Isaac B  
Archer H  
Cochella O C  
Addison W  
Noah W  
Marcus S  
Bailey C  
Portia R  
Liam S



# From Our PE Teacher

## Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations Addison, Arlie and Chloe!!

Last week at Fagan Park at Galston we had a team of very keen Cross Country runners compete in the Diocesan trial to become a part of the Polding team. Fagan Park is absolutely beautiful and a great spot for a run.

The following children competed for St Mary's – Sasha R, Addison W, Arlie M, Flynn B, Lachlan M, Archer G, Rose D, Chloe S, John M, Layla C, Kirilee F, Ellie B, Zahra D, Bailey N, Harry B, Mia M, Adelle S and Owen W.

We at St Mary's are so proud of the effort all of the kids put into their race.

Addison, Arlie and Chloe finished in the top 10 – which is amazing!! They have now qualified to run at Eastern Creek in the Polding Competition against the best Catholic school runners in Northern NSW.

Special mention to Owen W from Year 6 – Owen came past a boy from St Bernard's who he had never met before. The boy had hurt his arm and was struggling – Owen spoke to him and the pair ran together for the rest of the race, Owen encouraging and giving up his chance of a top finish.

## St Mary's Athletics Carnival

Thank you so much to everyone for consenting on Compass for our Carnival. We are now hoping for nice weather for a great day full of fun and laughter.

Thank you to all the parent helpers, I appreciate your offer of assistance I will send home timetables, maps and job allocations today

## NSW Netball

Congratulations to our netballers from Year 4 – 6. You were great representatives of St Mary's last week in the Newcastle Regional competition. Everyone had a wonderful day. Special thankyou to Mrs Walker, we are so lucky to have you with your netball expertise helping our school.

Thankyou to the wonderful parents who coached, managed, drove and supported our lovely kids, we are so happy to have you with us at sporting events.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator

St Mary's will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for all assessments. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register and pay for your child no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. A permission note will be sent via compass when we have identified all participants.

Link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

School Access Code: SSU282

These assessments will take place at varying times from 9<sup>th</sup> August till the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please see the timetable for when the assessments will take place. Some will be before school. If you have any questions about the test please contact Mrs Kyle.

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Dates Term 3 9 <sup>th</sup> August – 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Participation Price
Science	2-6	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 12.30pm	\$17.05
Digital Technologies	3-6	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 8.15am	\$17.05
English	2-6	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 8.15am	\$17.05
Mathematics	2-6	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021 12.30pm	\$17.05
Spelling Bee	2-6	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 8.15am	\$17.05
Writing	3-6	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 12.30pm	\$21.45

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