

First Eucharist

Upcoming Events

- 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,

First Communion (or First Eucharist) is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Catholic's life. It means that a person has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

The word 'communion' means to be united with and we believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ. Over the coming weekend (6.00pm Saturday, 9.00am Sunday) children from our school and parish receive Jesus for the first time. As they celebrate this very special sacrament, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Often, in years to come, people vividly remember details about their First Communion. We pray that, through your First Communion, Our Lord will richly bless you and draw you to his side.

Reports

Your child's Semester 1 Report will be posted on Compass on Friday afternoon. Parent-Teacher meetings (next week) will accompany the Report. Please use the process of Reports and the ensuing meeting as an opportunity to provide feedback to your child (e.g. affirm them for tremendous efforts and achievements and challenge them with a way to improve). When you read and discuss with your child their progress and then participate in the Parent-Teacher meeting, it is clearly giving them the message that "School is important" and "Learning is important."

Athletics Carnival

We were blessed with sensational weather on Friday for our Athletics Carnival. We appreciate the many parent helpers who were able to assist us on the day. It was tremendous to also have many parents join us at Mingara. It created a great atmosphere for the kids. Girls and boys, your attitude, sportspersonship, behaviour and effort were outstanding. It was fun enjoying the day with you. Thank you to our teachers and especially Mrs Bain whose skills, efforts and organisation ensured our day was an active, fun one for the kids.

Canberra

With the forecast being icy weather for Canberra, our Year 6 travel to the nation's capital on Wednesday. Year 6, enjoy a safe trip filled with great learning and good friends.

Something We've Noticed

We get incredible support from our parent community. At our Athletics Carnival, again it was clear to see. Parents generously volunteered their time to perform the many jobs that helped the day run smoothly. Many other parents participated in our day by supporting and encouraging the children. Thank you.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



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Merit Awards

Andie N
Harrison D
Sebastian S
Lewis Z
Archer D
Martial G
Maci F
Levi C
Ondine R
Luisa K
Ivy C
Eli F
Mila C
Harper J
James B
Amena D
Tyler B
Oliver R
Eden D S
Hunter P
Zara B
Ashley L
Teyah H
Mia N
Noah B
Phoenix W
Andy B
Beau B
Thomas L
Elizabeth C
Milla A
Lucas C
Evanna S
Connor V B
Scarlett W
Kyah R
Bailey J
Ella S



From Our REC

Walk With Us - Parent and Carer Morning

Thank you to our parents who joined us for a morning of well-being and spirituality. They were able to walk, talk, meditate and finish with Yin yoga. Thank you to Donna, our FLO and Joy for ensuring its success. We will be holding another session early next term.



First Eucharist

This weekend many of our students will make their First Eucharist. This is a wonderful celebration, fully initiating them in the Catholic faith. Please keep them in your prayers.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

It can be challenging for parents to know exactly how to approach confronting topics with children. Whether it be death, family breakdown, serious illness, mental health struggles or dramatic changes to lifestyle because of financial difficulties, a parent's first instinct is to want to protect their children. But children are generally very perceptive and will pick up that things aren't quite right, even if we think we are doing a good job of quietly managing what is happening.

A great article by psychologist Dr Karen Young has some great insights and suggestions for parents to help have those conversations. You can access it via the link ["What to say when kids ask hard questions, or when they know things aren't right"](#).

A reminder that Toukley Neighbourhood Centre (TNC) will be holding their TNC "Pop Up" here at school next Thursday June 17th, 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.

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. If your child would like to be involved please contact me, catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au I will be allocating roles next week.

Kindergarten Sacred Space

Thank you Kindergarten for sharing your learning in Religious Education. It was wonderful to hear your learning about Jesus calling his first apostles and how special your Year 6 buddies are to you. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

Winter Appeal

Just a reminder that we are still collecting blankets and clothing for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. If you have donations could you please bring them to school.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



For the month of June St Mary's is taking part in the Push-Up Challenge to raise awareness around Mental Health support.

Each Friday after lunch our staff members will complete push-ups in front of the students and during their P.E. lessons students will be encouraged to complete as many push-ups as they can manage to add to the overall tally. We hope to reach the target of 3,318 push-ups by Thursday June 24th.

Wish us luck! Some of us will need it more than others.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Aspect



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 11th June is Chicken and Sweet Corn.

REMINDER

Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet

Star Awards

Kai M
Isabella B
Charlize A
Samuel R
Jacob M
Benji A
Millie J
Lillian A
Lennox I
Max B
Mia M
Indi F
Lillian D
Oscar S
Beau T
Phoenix W
Lily D B
Jonah M
Sumira D
Adelle S

Uniform Shop News

The children all look lovely in their winter uniforms. Just a reminder that the girls and boys ties are compulsory, they are part of the winter uniform.

Uniform shop hours are Monday-Friday 8.15am-9.45am

The shop will be **closed tomorrow, Thursday 10th June as per Compass Notification sent yesterday.**

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Leesa Sternbeck
Uniform Shop Coordinator

From Our PE Teacher

St Mary's Athletics Carnival

Congratulations Blue house on yet another win. They have been dominant over the last few years.

What wonderful weather we had Friday. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic venue with Mingara.

Thankyou to our **wonderful** parent community who came out in force to assist and support all of the St Mary's children. Your help is appreciated - we could not run the day without you all. Special thanks to Greg Clarke. Your help with the early morning set up was perfect.

Thankyou to the **wonderful** Lucinda MacMahon who has been our chief judge at every swimming, athletics and cross country carnival for the last 10 years - What will we do next year????

Thank you to the **wonderful** St Mary's teachers, it is such a big day for you all, looking after very excited little people all day.

Thank you to the **wonderful** St Brigid's students - we could not have run long jump without you - we loved seeing how grown up and tall you are now.

Thank you to our **wonderful** office staff you solve every problem that arises with ease.

Thank you to our **wonderful** Year 6 kids who gave up their morning tea to run the Kinder and Year 1 races.

We will have a presentation next week - Year 6 are away at Canberra until Friday.

Polding Cross Country

Chloe, Arlie and Addison took on the challenging Eastern Creek course yesterday. They raced the best Cross Country runners in the northern half of NSW. We are so proud of them making this high level of competition and can't wait to follow their progress over the next few years! The girls raced as a team for Broken Bay as well as individuals for Polding selection. Arlie came 17th, Addison came 35th and Chloe also came 35th. Arlie and Addison's team came 5th overall and a big congratulations to Chloe who's Broken Bay team came 1st. We are very proud of these girls!



Year 5 and 6 Soccer Gala Day

Next Friday 18th June all of year 5 and 6 will be attending the Soccer Gala Day which will be held at EDSAAC and Pat Morley Ovals. This is a fun day with children playing in mixed gender and ability teams to ensure they have a fun day.

Could all parents please complete consent on compass by this Friday.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT - DINNER CATERING

As part of the Parent Teacher interviews, next Wednesday night, 16th June, our Parent team kindly supply dinner for around 35 of our wonderful St Mary's teachers. If you are able to supply a dish, could you please notify us through the below sign up code.

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

Meals can be dropped off at the school during the day or after school.

We ask that you please comment what you will be providing to ensure that we have a variety of food. Some ideas of dishes are:

- meat based meals
- salads
- vegetable based meals
- sandwiches
- dessert items
- potato bake

We also ask that you label your dishes/platters on the night so everyone knows what they are.

Thank you - PIP Team

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