

A Different Start

Upcoming Events

- NAIDOC Week
12-16 July
- NAIDOC Liturgy
(postponed)
- Cheese and Chat
plus PIP Meeting
(postponed)
- High School
Taster Day
Friday
23 July
(to be confirmed)
- Grandparents' Day
Liturgy, Open
Classrooms and
Morning Tea
(postponed)

Please Note
All relevant school notes
and letters are posted
on our website. Please
click on News and Events
and then Letters, Notes,
Timetables.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3. We hope that your family is well and trust that the winter break enabled a change of routine for you.

As we commence the term, please keep an eye on each other. If you notice that someone is struggling please reach out to us and we'll see how we can help.

On Monday we had 51 children attend school, on Tuesday 114 were here and today 135 children are present.

As you would be aware, the lockdown and home-based learning have been extended until 30th July.

With the extended lockdown the following measures are in place at our school:

- Our school remains open for those who need it.
- A hygienist continues to work daily at our place.
- Children and staff are required to regularly use hand sanitiser during the day.
- Home-based learning is now in place for Weeks 1-3.
- Parents are not permitted in the school grounds (except in rare circumstances). On those rare occasions, please use the QR code located on all gate entries and wear a mask.
- Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up routines are as per the *School Update 8th July* Compass memo.
- The canteen is closed.
- Uniform Shop items can be purchased via email or phone.
- If you need a device to facilitate home-based learning, please call us.
- Children are required to bring water bottles to school daily.

Communication

During this home-based learning period we'll keep you informed of any changes. The main channel for this will be via Compass. At a grade or class level, if you have any questions or are unsure of anything re-

garding your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher via email or phone.

At a wider school level, if you have any questions or concerns, please call Mrs Hartge or myself. I am particularly concerned for the families who may experience any financial difficulties during this period. If you find yourself in this situation, please make contact with us as I'm confident we'll be able to help you out.

Changes

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, naturally we have needed to postpone various liturgies, events etc. Currently, our NAIDOC Week liturgy, Cheese and Chat evening, PIP meeting and Grandparents' Day celebrations are all postponed.

Kind regards,

K Williams

Kevin Williams
Principal



Parish Details

Ph. 4396 4455
Email. toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Aarush A
Samuel L
Xavier H
James C
Zac T
Lillian M
Poppy G
Harrison C
Oliver A
Adalita S
Ruby P
Phoebe N
Harrison L
Billy H
Sophia K
Mya C
Harry P
Vincent E
Indigo L
Rosie W
Emannuelle D
Elizabeth C
Tayla M
Lola K
Eden L
Lara N
Ava S
Penelope P
Mayah H
Blake C
Havi M
Silongo K
Toby W
Harry B
Blake B

From Our REC



Last week the Nation celebrated NAIDOC Week with the theme of "Heal Country." All of our classes have incorporated this into their English HBL work this week. We will celebrate NAIDOC week when we return from HBL. Mrs Noah and Ms Stewart will be able to share their knowledge of culture with our students.



Celebrations this term

Usually this term we would be celebrating: Grandparents Day, The Assumption Mass and Father's Day. We will keep you informed of information regarding these celebrations over the next few weeks.

From Our Librarian

Dear mums, dads and kids

We miss you already here at school. The library is VERY quiet.

Term 3 is always special for us as this is our time to celebrate Book Week. Each year we dress up in our favourite character costume. We begin the day with our Book Character Parade. Year 6 read to all of us on the oval and the teachers choose a class to visit and read their favourite book.

This year we have also planned to have a Book Fair in the Library. For one week we have a special display of books from Scholastic that you and your parent/carer can have a look at and purchase any that you would really like. In the past we have used Scholastic credits from the Book Fair to develop our collection of robots such as Sphero, Colby Mouse, Botley and Artie. We use these to learn about coding and more import-

Confirmation

Later in the term Year 3 and any other students in Year 4-6 who are baptised will have the opportunity to enrol and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacramental program is Parish based and Bishop Anthony usually leads the service. The actual sacrament has been planned for Saturday 18th September. We will continue to update you on this.

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



-antly developing our problem solving skills. Part of the credits from our last Book Fair bought charging stations for our I-pads.

Given the current Covid restrictions our plans are on hold and we will see how they will be impacted as the term unfolds.

In the mean time I encourage everyone to keep reading their favourite new books, their favourite old books and keep an eye out for Library Storytime in their Google Classroom. Miss Gray LOVES reading to you in the library so it is her way of bringing the library to you at home!!!

Stay safe and keep reading!

Miss Gray
Librarian

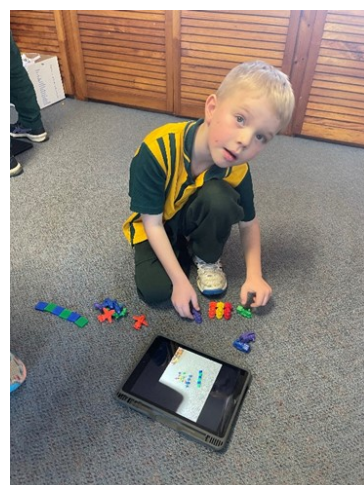


A Spotlight on Year 1

1 Gold working hard looking for stories from the Bible



1 Green made a diorama of their chosen season in Science.



Canteen News

Due to the current NSW Covid19 health guidelines, the canteen will be closed until further notice.

REMINDER

Donna & Janet



Star Awards

Christian P
Ivy S
Finley G
Darci P
Mya F
Kyden B
Jonas C
Flynn R
Gwyneth M
Sosefo K
Marli C
Darcy M
Will M
Sumira D
Ruby H
Emma C
Evie M

From Our PE Teacher

Sports News

The Broken Bay Cricket Trials have been postponed until further notice. We will let you know about the other sports trials as decisions are made.

For all families – those who are in isolation at home, those that have lost work, those under financial stress, those unsure or struggling about what is the best thing for your family - please take care of yourselves. Below is a short list of phone and online services available to everyone in our community. An important part of managing these challenging times is maintaining connection with others. While physical contact is restricted please take the time to check in by phone or online with friends and loved ones to maintain that connection. Maintaining positive wellbeing during these stressful times is vital and if you notice you are finding things too difficult please reach out.

Please remember that you are always welcome to contact school to discuss any concerns you may have. Pastoral support has always been an important part of our St Mary's community, even more so at this challenging time.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

WayAhead
Mental Health Association NSW
CELEBRATING 85 YEARS!

Mental Health Line
1800 011 511

WayAhead Mental Health and Anxiety Information Service 1300 794 991

24 hour Counselling Services	beyondblue 1300 224 636	Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463
	Kids Help Line 1800 551 800	Lifeline 13 11 14
	Mensline Australia 1300 789 978	

Beyond Blue - [Supporting you through the Coronavirus pandemic - Beyond Blue](https://www.beyondblue.org.au/)

CatholicCare – Support services, emergency relief, counselling. Ph 4356 2600
<https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/>

Parent Line NSW – Parenting support and counselling Ph. 1300 1300 52
<http://www.parentline.org.au/>

Year 5 Art

This term the students of Year 5 are creating artworks using recyclable materials. They need your help to collect plastic bottle tops. If you could collect these and pop them in a reusable bag they will be greatly appreciated. Please send them to Mrs Shearwood in 5 Gold.



ICAS

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. **This closes on Friday 16th July 2021. No late entries will be permitted.** 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 9th August till the 3rd September. Please see the timetable for when the assessments will take place. Some will be before school.

458 Main Road, Norville NSW 2263

Telephone: (02) 4396 5100
Fax: (02) 4396 5101

Email: smt@dbb.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.smtddb.catholic.edu.au

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