

Parent Zooms

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

We trust your family is travelling well and that your beautiful kids are still wearing those smiles that are a hallmark of our school.

Commencing this week, we thought we'd introduce a couple of Parent Zooms aimed mainly for our Kinder and Year 1 parents. COVID-19 has interrupted the beginning of these children's school lives and we thought it would be good to 'gather' and see if you are all travelling OK and perhaps we could answer any questions that you may have. Essentially, it's a check-in, to see how you are going and to share ideas. It is meant to be a forum for parents more so than for the kids (if there are questions specific to your child's circumstances, I kindly ask you to contact your child's teacher).

The Kinder Parent Zoom is on Friday 20th August (9.30am-10.30am) and the Year 1 Parent Zoom is on Tuesday 24th August (9.30am-10.30am). We'll send through a Compass note with the relevant Zoom link to both Kinder and Year 1 families.

Paper Toss Review

Recently, our staff enjoyed putting the *paper toss* video together. However, I think Mr Whiteford thought he was leading the "Viking Clap" at the start of a Raiders game. If only the Raiders had as much enthusiasm as Mr Whiteford.

It has been great to see many families submitting their *paper toss* videos too. Mrs Bain has been pleased to see the kids' skilful catching and throwing styles. The teachers have also appreciated seeing the kids' happy, smiling faces. It looks like it was a lot of fun for you too.

But there was one concern. The Clinkers in my office are missing. And looking carefully at the video, I reckon Vincent and Lucas Blewitt now have big tummies. It seems like they've been eating all the Clinkers. And it looks like they enjoyed themselves!

Staff Development Day

Tomorrow we have our Assessment and Planning Day. A reminder that during Thursday no classroom teachers will be supervising or checking HBL. Our suggestion is that all our kids enjoy a day with their families away from the routines of HBL. If you are in that position of it not being possible for your child(ren) to remain at home on Thursday 19th, could you please contact our school's administration?

Zoom Dance Classes

We would like to thank Cathy Brown from Cathy Makin School of Dance for providing well being zoom dance classes for St Mary's children.

They are taking place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays this term.

If your child would like to take part please refer to compass for zoom details.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

We ask you to keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers: Whitfield-Connors (Cruz 1Blue). His great grandfather passed away recently and Milan Brakell (6Green) grandmother has also recently passed away.

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

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Kai M
Sage C
Aarush A
Oliver C
Ondine R
Samuel R
Finley G
Max A
Jonah R
Eva W
Harrison C
Adalita S
Sophie C
Charlie M
Amarli M
Flynn R
Yenna W
Noah B
Ellie C
Jay K
Luke PC
Ayla C
Archer G
Milo CH
Lincoln
Lola K
Zoe D
Isabella H
Penelope P
Connor VB
Charlotte G
Addison L
Indy K
Oscar W
Ella S
Shelby M

From Our REC

Feast of the Assumption

On Sunday the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. On this day each year we celebrate Mary the Mother of Jesus going to heaven body and soul. Mary was a dedicated and caring mother much like the many mothers in our community. There is no greater love than the love of a mother to her child. Hail Mary full of Grace!



Father's Day

In preparing for Father's Day could you please send via email, a photograph of your child/children with their dad, grandfather or significant male in their life. Please send emails to catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Community Letters

Thank you to the students who have already handed in their letters for Mrs Walker to hand over to the community centre. We are sure these will brighten a community member's day receiving one of these! Over the next couple of weeks if you can hand this in via your child's slide it would be greatly appreciated.



ICAS Assessments

Due to Lockdown, ICAS 2021 dates have now been rescheduled to 5th – 29th October 2021. ICAS Assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kyle.

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

It has been great to see the students and families in the Paper Toss videos Mrs Perry has put together. Keeping our St Mary's community connected during lockdown restrictions is very important and it has taken some creativity in making it happen in different ways. We are really happy to see so many families participate and remember, if you want to join in you have until tomorrow (Thursday) night to get a video in to Mrs Perry at hayley.perry@dbb.catholic.edu.au If you haven't seen them yet please take a look at our Facebook page as it's sure to make you smile. I've even noticed quite a lot of former St Mary's parents and grandparents enjoying them.

Staying connected with family and friends, physical activity, getting out in nature and focusing on positive family time are activities we can all participate in during lockdown and are recognised as

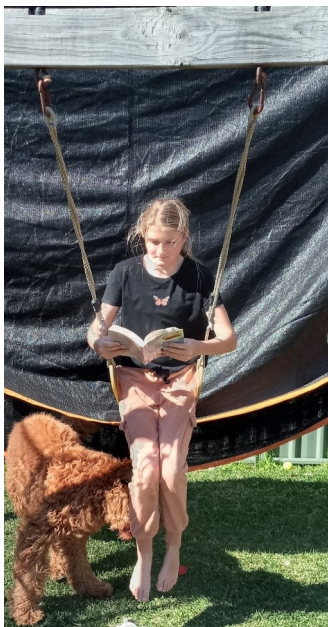
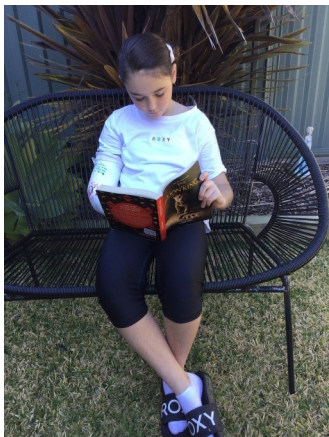
positive influences on our mental health. There are many resources available to help families manage the extended time under these Covid19 health restrictions and I have listed a couple of quality ones below.

Raising Children network is an online resource for all parents and they have some great information about supporting your family when in isolation. You can find the information via the link [here](#).

Macquarie University has a parent section with suggestions and research around supporting children and families to cope during the pandemic and lockdown. It covers things such as staying connected, motivation and independence during online learning, managing screen time, what to do if your child is worried or anxious, plus more. You can find it via the link [here](#).

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

Spotlight on Year 5



Here are some pictures from across Year 5 during HBL.

There are some images of their artwork and also pictures of the children sharing their favourite places to read a book.



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

Donna & Janet

From the Office
As we are now posting our weekly merit awards, could you please ensure we have your correct residential address. You can call the office on 4396 5100. Thank you



Regular Weekly Class Zoom Timetable
Please note that for **this week only** some classes have changed from Thursday to Friday due to our Staff Development Day.

WEEK 6 ONLY

	Blue	Gold	Green
Kinder	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am	Monday 9.30am Friday 11.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 1	Monday 11.30am Friday 11.30am	Wednesday 10.00am Friday 10.00am	Monday 10.00am Friday 10.00am
Year 2	Tuesday 9.00am	Monday 10.30am Friday 10.30am	Monday 2.00pm Wednesday 2.00pm
Year 3	Wednesday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 12.45pm	Wednesday 10.00am Friday 10.00am
Year 4	Monday 10.00am Friday 10.00am	Monday 12.30pm Friday 12.30pm	Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am
Year 5		Monday 9.30am Friday 9.30am	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am
Year 6	Tuesday 12.30pm	Monday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am	Monday 12.00pm Wednesday 12.00pm