



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Announcement

Term 4 Week 2
13 October 2021

Upcoming Events

- **Mission Liturgy**
Friday
29 October
9.00am
- **All Saints Liturgy**
Monday
1 November
2.00pm
- **Parent Workshop 1 Kinder 2022**
(via zoom)
Tuesday
9 November
9.30am-11.00am
- **Kinder 2022 Transition Day 1**
Wednesday
10 November
9.30am-11.00am
- **Remembrance Day Liturgy**
Thursday
11 November
9.00am
- **Parent Workshop 2 Kinder 2022**
(via zoom)
Tuesday
16 November
9.30am-11.00am
- **Kinder 2022 Transition Day 2**
Wednesday
17 November
9.30am-11.00am
- **Kinder 2022 Transition Day 3**
Wednesday
24 November
9.30am-11.00am
- **Kinder 2022 Transition Day 4**
Wednesday
1 December
9.00am
Parent Zoom
9.30am-11.00am

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Monday we shared the news that Mrs Emma Sellars will be our Principal throughout 2022. Emma is an outstanding educator. Her skills and expertise in driving our work as a Professional Learning Community and her work in Maths at our school have been exceptional. Emma understands our school's journey and I am confident that, in partnership with our Leadership Team and staff, she will help guide it to the next level. Mrs Sellars, her husband Trent and daughter, Savannah are currently in Western Australia as they continue their travel around our great country.

During 2022, I have leave from my role as Principal at our school as I support CSBB in deepening our commitment to the strategy, *Towards 2025*. I am the Deputy Lead in the workstream Capability and Enablement of Our People (i.e. "People and Culture"). Basically, that means I'm positioned on the senior Leadership Team (I hope the "senior" refers to my experience and not my age). Am I coming back to our school? Yes. Professionally, teaching and leading at St Mary's has been the most amazing, humbling and privileged role I've enjoyed in my life. It is a lot of fun. And I'm not finished with enjoying the ride.

Staffing

For 2022 we will have 4 Kinder classes. We are currently advertising and appointing teachers for next year. It is the single most important job our Leadership Team undertakes. Employing the best teachers who complement our school's culture, love to learn, love teaching children, prioritise relationships as critical and enjoy working collaboratively is fundamental to our place being a good school. As we enter this discernment phase, please keep our school's Leadership Team in your thoughts and prayers.

School Update

Please refer to yesterday's School Update (in Compass) for all matters relating to our Return to School. Fundamental to the children's return is ensuring that they are all well. We'll keep a close eye on it. If we have a concern we'll let you know. Likewise, if there's something important for us to know, please talk to your child's teacher. Children enjoy routines.

They provide surety, certainty, predictability. We'll be re-establishing healthy routines from Monday. Along the way, we'll include fun things like the annual Book Week Parade etc. for the kids to enjoy. The kids will enjoy themselves.

Year 6

Our Year 6 have been great kids from when they first started in Kinder. We want the year to end for them in a very positive way, full of special memories at our school. We look forward to sharing the memories with them.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



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From Our REC

Confirmation

Alicia from the Parish has advised us of proposed dates for the Confirmation Ceremonies. These are Saturday 27th November and Saturday 4th December. Our churches are subject to capacity limits so we are aiming to have 2 ceremonies for St Mary's which will allow each child to have several guests come along. When these are confirmed we will let you know.

Socktober - Mission Month

During the month of October we have a focus on mission and how we can support our global Catholic community. This year the focus country is Thailand. During the first four weeks of this term our students will learn about specific concerns for the people of Thailand. Hopefully when the students return later this term, we will be able to hold a crazy sock day.



From Our Librarian

Hi Everyone!

We are so close to getting back in the library again and I am sooooo excited! We have new books in the library just waiting to be read. You may have already read the latest Bad Guys or Hot Dog books but my particular favourite is David Walliams' new book Mega Monster! And after a doing a little online shopping here in the Library, I am waiting for some new graphic novels to arrive!



ICAS Testing

When the students return to school we will be holding ICAS assessments. Please see the revised timetable below. It is important students are on time for these assessments. When students arrive at school please wait on the seats for Mrs Kyle.

| Assessment | Date | Time |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Digital Technologies | Monday 8th November | 12.15pm |
| English | Friday 12th November | 8.15am |
| Science | Monday 15th November | 8.15am |
| Spelling Bee | Friday 19th November | 8am |
| Mathematics | Monday 22nd November | 8am |

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

It might be an idea to check at home for any stray library books or guided readers that have been enjoying a holiday from the library shelves. Just pop them into your bag and bring them back when you return to school. I LOVE when missing library books are found and returned!!!

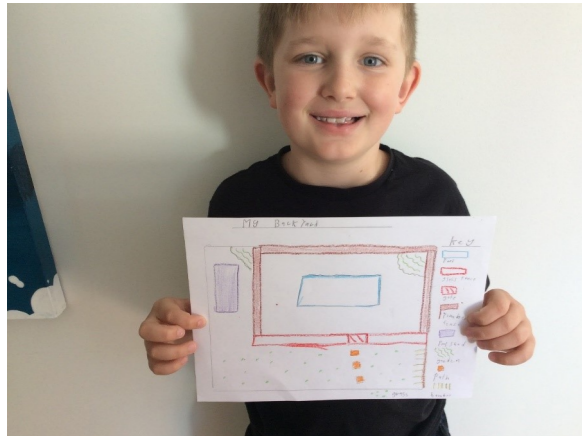
We certainly have not forgotten our Annual Book Parade Day. It is such a fun day and has become a big tradition in our school. We are still planning to celebrate this before the end of term. So start thinking about your book character costume. It might even be an old favourite character that still fits! I've already dug out my old costume and it is from one of my favourite series of books!

Can't wait to see you all back in the Library!

Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 2



Canteen News

The canteen has now opened for lunch orders only. All orders are to be made via Qkr! by 9.00am each morning. No cash will be accepted through the canteen at this time. Unfortunately we can't have canteen volunteers on the school grounds at present.

Thank you
Donna and Janet



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



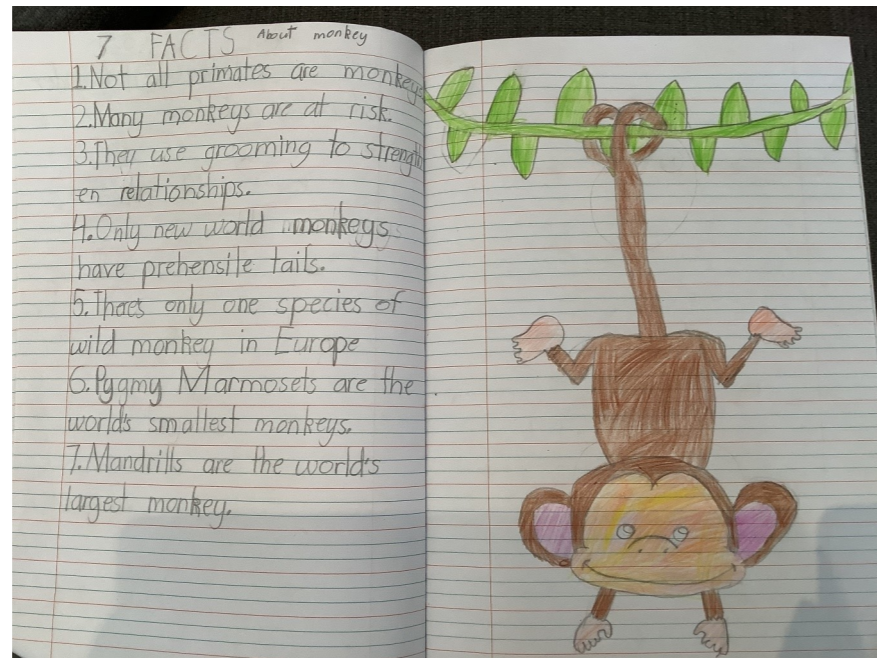
MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

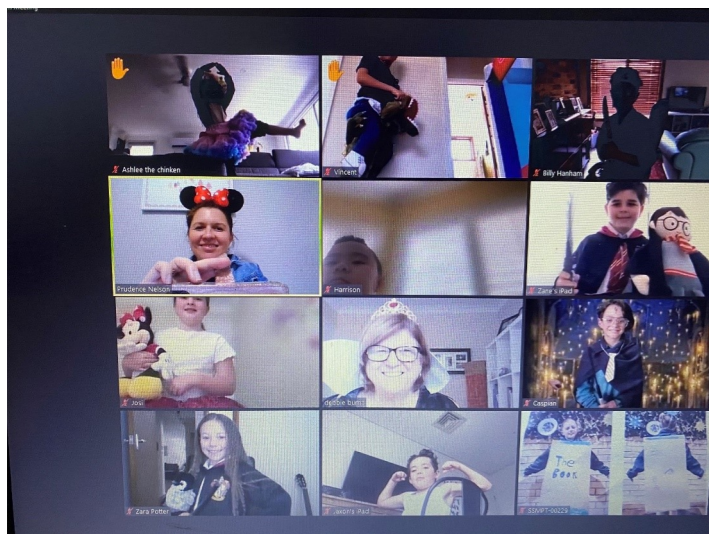
- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



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