

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3
20 October 2021

Welcome Back—A Fantastic Return

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
- Students Last Day**
Wednesday
15 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

It was great to see our Kinder and Year 1 students return this week. We are really proud of how the children arrived at school, with smiles on their faces (the teachers were smiling too, under their masks) and eager to be back. The children were settled in the playground and excited to see their friends and teachers. The Kinder and Year 1 teachers praised their efforts in class and how quickly they settled back into the class routines.

The children also got to participate in Library, Music and PE lessons and once again our school looked a little bit like it was back to 'normal'. We can't wait to have Year 2 - 6 return next week and look forward to getting back to face - to - face teaching. The teachers have definitely missed being able to teach in their classrooms. We'd like to thank all of our families for their continued support through these difficult times of HBL. The Kinder and Year 1 parents dropping their children off at the gate this week, also looked excited to have their children finally returning to school.

School Photos

Our school photos have been rescheduled for Thursday 11th November. We will provide more information as we receive it. All children will be required to wear their full school summer uniform. The uniform shop is currently open for orders. Please contact Leesa in the office by phone or email for any orders or enquiries.

Crazy Sock Day

Next week, Friday 29th October will be our 'Crazy Sock Day'. All children are invited to wear crazy socks with their sports uniform and bring in a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission.

Afternoon Pick Up

Thank you to the many parents for their patience and understanding as we establish our afternoon pick up routines. A couple of reminders:

- Pick up is from 2.45-3.15pm
- Please let your child know each day how they will be getting home. I.e. Drive up, Pandora gate.

- Please have your last name sign displayed in your car. This allows teachers to have your child ready and waiting for you, as the queues are quite long and can bank up on the main road.
- If you are picking up from Pandora Parade, we would also like to you to bring your sign to assist us in an orderly and timely pick up routine. We are asking Kinder and Year 1 parents to line up in one line and Yr 2 - 6 in another. (There are signs on the back gate).
- If for some reason your pick up details change, please contact the school office so that we can inform your children.

Canteen

Our canteen is open for lunch orders only, on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday via the QKR app. These orders need to be in by 9am each day.

Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer, please remind your children that they need to wear their school hat before school, at recess and at lunch time. Our school bubblers are also currently closed and it is important that all children are bringing a water bottle to school.

School Events

As the children are returning to school, we will be able to have some events like Liturgies, Crazy Sock Day etc. These will look a little different to how we would usually run them, but it is exciting that some things can go ahead, albeit in a different circumstance or version.

Kind regards,

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Co Principal

Kevin Williams
Co Principal



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From Our REC

Socktober - Mission Month

Next Friday, 29th October we will hold our annual "Crazy Sock Day." We encourage all students to wear crazy socks in support of Catholic Mission. To support this cause we encourage all students to bring in a gold coin. Our Mini Vinnies team is preparing a liturgy that will be shared with our school community. We look forward to celebrating with our whole school community when the students from Years 2 - 6 return on Monday.

All Saints Day Liturgy

On Monday 1st November at 2pm our Parliament Leaders will lead us in our school's All Saints Day Liturgy. We will zoom this to our school community. The zoom link will be in next weeks newsletter.

Return of iPads

If you borrowed an iPad during HBL could you please return it as soon as possible. These need to be returned to the classrooms they came out of for use in class.

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

From Our Family Liaison Officer

It's been great to see the many happy, smiling faces of the children that have returned to school this week. There have been plenty of smiles from parents too. The children have settled into the new routines and procedures at school really well. I'm sure getting back into things will result in a lot of tired children by the end of the week with most of them looking forward to a sleep-in on Saturday.

Years 2 to 6 officially return next Monday Oct. 25th and we are looking forward to welcoming them back. If you would like some support in how to best manage your child's return please contact the office. Also, this handy guide from the [Australian Psychological Society](https://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/aukia/other/psychological_society/) is a great, practical tool to help with a positive transition back to school.

Children returning to school after such a long time away can result in some big emotions, which some children have difficulty expressing. Kids Helpline has very user friendly advice on their website for both children and parents. For children "[Talking about feelings](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au/parents/parents-articles/talking-about-feelings/)" is a great one for them to take a look at and for parents "[Helping kids identify and express feelings](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au/parents/parents-articles/helping-kids-identify-and-express-feelings/)" gives a useful

overview of how parents can help children learn to manage their emotions effectively. When kids learn to manage their emotions in childhood it leads to better attitudes and behaviour later in life.

October is Mental Health Month which addresses the idea of reducing stigma associated with mental health challenges as well as ideas for supporting our mental health. This year's theme of "Tuning In" to how we are really feeling as a way to support our mental health and wellbeing is a great reminder for all of us. It has been a very difficult few months for everyone in our community and being able to connect with others and having those safe, supportive people in our lives who we can talk about how we feel has never been more important. Sometimes those people are family and/ or friends, sometimes they are professionals such as GP's, counsellors or psychologists, but it doesn't matter who as long as we can trust and rely on them.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 3

3 Blue look like they are having so much fun during their time at home. We can't wait to have you back at school.



3 Green have been creating some Andy Goldsworthy inspired art during HBL.



Canteen News

The canteen is now open 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!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT



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