



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back - The Whole School Returns

Term 4 Week 4
27 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
- *Students Last Day*
Wednesday
15 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

This week we saw the Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 children return to school and join our Kinder and Year 1 children. It was great to see the children come in the school grounds, genuinely excited to return to school. The teachers commented on the lovely way the children greeted each other with great pleasure as they were reunited with friends that they may have not seen since the end of June. The children were settled and quickly adapted back to the normal school routines. Many children commented on how much they missed their teachers, their friends and actually being at school. Many children also confirmed that they did not want to ever do HBL again!

Thank you to our families, who tirelessly supported their children and our school through the difficult and challenging times of HBL. 99% of our families have returned to school. All families are different, and COVID definitely impacted families in a variety of ways. Many families also had the responsibility of working from home, helping multiple children with HBL, looking after younger siblings and many other things. We appreciate your efforts! Our teachers are so glad to be back in their classrooms doing what they love.

Thank you Parents and Carers

Thank you parents and carers for the way the children were neatly presented and in full school summer uniform. It is also vital, as the weather is getting warmer, that all children have and wear a school hat before school and at recess and lunch. A reminder that if you need any uniforms, you can contact the school office and place an order.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 graduation is on Wednesday 8th December, here at school in the quad. At present this evening will be for students and teachers only due to the current restrictions in place. We thank our parent committee for their efforts and flexibility so far in organising this event. We know that the Year 6 children will have a great night.

Classes for 2022

At this time of year, we begin to think about 2022. Our teachers are currently beginning to organise and sort classes for 2022.

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.

Afternoon Pick Up - Starts at 2.45pm - 3.15pm

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

- 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 quiet 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.

If your child is getting picked up by another parent or family please contact the school office to let us know.

Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. (Please see in a separate Compass attachment). As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Mary's Catholic School Toukley.

Kind regards,

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Co Principal

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

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Merit Awards

Isla M
Theo S
Airlei M
Charlize A
Bailey K
Owen M
Eva R
Archie W
Darcy P
Isaac B
Archie G
Van H
Emily A
William M
Levi R
Josi C
Noah B
Ava S
Eli M
Lillian D
Ty T
Ezri D
Elizabeth C
Brooklyn C
Lily DB
Sam N
Bailey C
Kingston K
Jonah M
Chelsea F
Ellie B
Nikita R
Adelle S
Vasiliki P
Florence M
Harry B



From Our REC

Socktober - Mission Month

On Friday 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.

All Saints Day Liturgy

On Monday 1st November at 9am our Year 6 Leaders will lead us in our school's All Saints Day Liturgy.



From Our Librarian

Welcome Back!!!!

We have missed you all so much. Here in the library we are back into the swing of things with borrowing library books and tackling some creative work! This week we are viewing the text **All the Ways to be Smart** by Davina Bell. This is a delightful book to celebrate our children whether they are smart artistically, athletically, number crunchers or poets. It is a tender, funny book that explores the wonderful qualities that make children unique and who they are.

The question on everyone's lips has been...
Will we be celebrating Book Week?

And even more importantly...
Will we be dressing up in a character costume for our Book Parade?

The simple answer is **YES!!!**

How it will run and what it will look like will depend on the restrictions we have to follow here at school. But by hook or by book start thinking about Character costumes for children to wear. At this stage I would recommend using an old favourite!

ICAS Testing

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

Watch this space for more Book Parade updates over the coming weeks.

It has been a long time between visits to our school library so it is important that all library books and readers that have been at home come back as soon as possible. Library books tend to hide in amongst our own books on the bookshelf so that is always a good place to check. Your child may bring home a 'memory note' to help them know which book needs to be returned.

It's great to be at school again with the bubble and babble of happy kids.

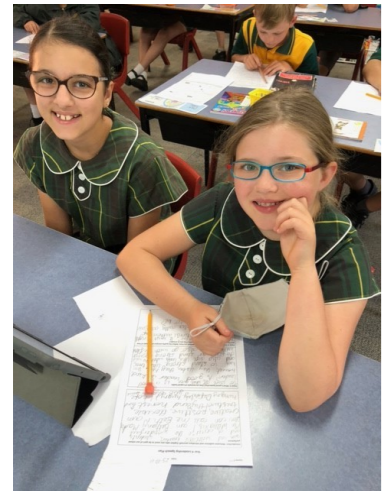
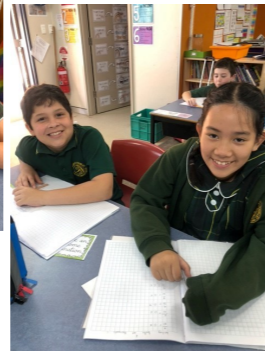
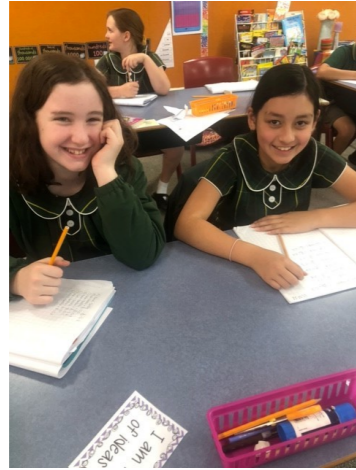
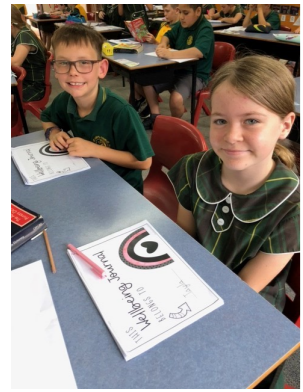
Happy Reading Everyone

Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 4

Here are 4 Blue happy to be back with their friends. We are learning about fractions and decimals. Matching fractions and recognising them on a number line.



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

Star Awards

- Reef C
- William N
- Kamryn M
- Amarli G
- Mila C
- James B
- Oliver R
- Eva M
- Gwyneth M
- Ayla B
- Harry B
- Olivia D
- Sienna G
- Zahra D
- Joey T



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