



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5
3 November 2021

Something We've Noticed

Upcoming Events

- *Kinder 2022 Transition Day 1*
Wednesday
10 November
9.30am-11.00am
- *Remembrance Day Liturgy*
Thursday
11 November
9.00am
- *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
9.30am-11.00am
- *Students Last Day*
Wednesday
15 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

It has been great to see how well our kids have started back at school. Polite, respectful, good humoured, trusting, well behaved and thirsty to learn all reflect the children's return to school. The smiles, the laughter and the friendships have been a joy to watch. We are certainly blessed to have such good kids at our school.

Some Changes

As our state grows closer to being 90% double vaccinated some further changes have occurred.

For our **Kinder 2022 Transition** sessions we are now permitted to have parents who are double vaccinated come on-site to bring their child and then gather to meet as a parent cohort with staff. Parents will be required to show proof of vaccination when asked. Consequently, our Parent Workshops that were to be conducted via Zoom will now be face-to-face (with appropriate distancing protocols in place) meetings.

An updated Kinder 2022 schedule of relevant times and dates will be forwarded to involved families by tomorrow. Our first date will be Kinder Transition 1 (9.30am Wednesday 10th November) in which all children and parents will be invited and welcomed on-site.

Another change involves our **Canteen**. We are now permitted to have parent volunteers in the Canteen. All volunteers will need to show proof of being double-vaccinated. Mrs Falzon will be shortly contacting volunteers to clarify who is available to help. If anyone else is interested in helping out in our Canteen please contact our school's administration.

Tell Them From Me

We recently invited students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. The survey opened on Monday 1/11/21 and is available to complete online until Friday 19th November.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The infor-

mation 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*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarystoukley

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 full 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.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



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Merit Awards

Jacob K
Leura S
Ayla M
Samuel R
Ruby J
Oliver E
Mia T
Lennox I
Archie G
Lachlan M
Sophie C
Levi R
Billy H
Summer Rose D
Oliver G
Coco O-C
Liliana C
Olivia D
Phoenix W
Eliette J
Oscar L
Kirrilee F
Will M
Polly T
Ava G
Alexander D
Toby W
Linsey A
Eyli P
Toby S
Dimitry M
Sam B

From Our REC

Socktober -Crazy Sock Day

Last Friday we all wore our crazy socks to support Catholic Mission in their "Socktober" fundraising rally. Our students have been learning all term about the work Catholic Mission is doing in Thailand and other countries around the world. Thank you to all our students and families who donated. We would like to make a special mention of our Year 6 students and particularly Zac in 6 Green. They were given the challenge by their teachers to make a soccer ball during HBL out of used plastics and twine (similar to those they had learnt about through the Catholic Mission resources). They then sold raffle tickets to family members who then won the soccer ball. We are so proud of Zac who on his own raised \$68. As a school we raised \$709.65. Congratulations to our wonderful community!



Confirmation

The Confirmation ceremonies have now been confirmed by the Bishop's Office. They will be Saturday 27th November and Saturday 4th December at 11am. Please contact the Parish Office to book in for your child's ceremony.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

While at school children learn the academic knowledge and skills they will need for the future, but they also learn many other important skills that increase their confidence and self-esteem and set them up well for life. Learning how to build friendships and get along with others, learning how to cope with challenges and disappointments and becoming more independent and resilient are all skills that children have the opportunity to develop in the safe school environment. While time together as a family during HBL had many great benefits for children and parents, so much time away from school this year and having to isolate with limited contact with others has meant that children have missed many opportunities to build independence skills.

Through conversations with parents during HBL quite a number found that their child seemed to become helpless and unable to do things for themselves that they had previously been happy and able to do at school. As parents I think we all know that our children respond much differently to their teacher at school than they do to us, but it doesn't mean that they aren't capable of doing things for

All Saints Day

On Monday we celebrated All Saints Day. Thank you to our Student Parliament and Year 6 students who led us in prayer.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers 2021

Next week we will begin collecting food for the St. Vincent De Paul Hampers. Each year all classes are asked to create a food hamper for families doing it tough. Your child/ren will receive a star asking them to contribute a food item to add to the class Christmas Hamper. Hampers will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at an Advent Liturgy. We thank you for your support in helping those in need.

ICAS Testing

ICAS tests will begin on Monday. It is important students are on time for these assessments. When students arrive at school please wait on the seats for Mrs Kyle. Please see the ICAS timetable on back page of this week's newsletter.

Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

themselves at home. While it may sometimes take longer than doing it ourselves, encouraging children to do things independently (with instruction and support if necessary) has so much benefit for them in the long run and will encourage that independence at school as well.

Parents giving their children the 'gift of independence lets them know that we value and believe in them and they grow up with a strong sense of self belief and that they are capable kids, able to do anything they put their mind to. Independence and confidence are great assets for children to have, particularly as they get into the teenage years. They become children who can think independently and are confident in their decisions, which can help them stay safe and manage peer pressure as they aren't afraid to do what is right for them. But this independence and resilience needs to be encouraged from an early age. Please have a think about what you are doing for your children that they could do for themselves

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 returned to school ready and eager to work. Year 5 have created some amazing WISDOM writing artworks. Year 5 have been exploring fractions in Maths. We love getting back into Reading!



5Gold enjoying some group activities. Concentration levels were high.

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. We will be able to welcome back canteen volunteers from next Monday Nov 8th.

Thank you
Donna and Janet

Star Awards

Parker M
Baylen M
Asha G
Sasha R
Isaac B
Indiana M
Eden L-T
Ruby K
Harry B
Kitty G
Malaya M
Will S



From our PE Teacher

Club Connect Free 4 week Sporting Programs

St Mary's has been lucky enough to qualify for a \$5000 Sporting Grant to run 2 free after school Sporting Programs for Weeks 7 – 10, 2021. It will be for Kinder – Year 4 children.

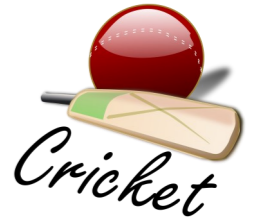
We are going to run a Cricket and a non contact League Program. We are aiming to develop connections with our Sporting Community

Club Connect League Stars Program

Wednesdays Weeks 7 – 10 – starting 17th November.
Kinder – Year 4 children – 36 places, first in first served.
The below link will take you to the League Stars page.
Parents will register their children into the relevant program.
League Stars Club Connect St Mary's Norville - 4 week program Wednesdays 17th November until 8th December
<https://www.playrugbyleague.com/league-stars/>

Club Connect Cricket Program

Tuesdays Weeks 7 – 10 – starting 16th November
Kinder – Year 4 children – 36 places, first in first served – 50 places
A compass note will come out on Friday for parents to register for this program.



Canteen News

It is great news that from next week volunteers will be allowed back in to help out in the canteen, as per the restrictions outlined on the front page of the newsletter. Janet or Donna will be in touch with the volunteers in the next couple of days to see who will be available and a new roster will go up on the school website by the end of the week. If you haven't already volunteered, have some time to help and are double vaccinated please contact the school if you would like to help. We are always in need of more volunteers. At this stage canteen will still be providing lunch orders only.

All canteen orders are now to be placed online via the Qkr! app.

A few reminders about using Qkr!

- Cut off time for orders is 9am for that day. No orders can be accepted after 9am.
- You can place your order days, or even up to 2 weeks ahead to help with planning.
- Please double check your child's name and class on their profile next time you place an order. There are still a number of students who have the wrong class or their parents name on the order. It makes it much quicker and easier for the children to receive their lunch when details are correct.

ICAS Timetable

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

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