



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Something Else We've Noticed

Term 4 Week 6
10 November 2021

Upcoming Events

- *Remembrance Day Liturgy*
Thursday
11 November
9.00am
- *School Photos*
Thursday
11 November
- *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,
The largest ever number of Kinders (close to 100 in 4 classes) will begin at our school next year. We warmly welcome them and are excited to have so many new families join us. We genuinely hope and trust that our new families will see value in what we, collectively, are trying to achieve with the children we serve. It is a great privilege to share with our parents in the formation of their child. Our teachers know that and don't take that for granted. It is a great responsibility we've been entrusted with and something we daily give our all to achieve.

Our new Kinders were excited to have their first Transition session this morning. Many curious faces wondering what was going to happen next. All with a great sense of trust. And it is us, the adults in their lives (parents and staff), who have that tremendous responsibility to do the very best we can together to help them grow and learn as responsible, kind, faith-filled children who enjoy life and treat everyone with great respect.

Repairs and Maintenance

The Repairs and Maintenance program for our school has commenced. It will be completed by late January/early February. Both the internal and external painting of our schools Library has begun. We'll keep you updated on what each week's work will involve.

Just shy of \$400,000 will be spent on our school. Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) is focused on providing contemporary, attractive learning environments for its students.

We have also had an Accommodation Review of our school conducted. It involves examining our school population trend, the adequacy of the site to cater for the growing numbers and the possibility of future building works.

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 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 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*.

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 are Tomorrow

Our annual School Photo Day is tomorrow. All children are required to wear their full summer uniform and pack their own smile.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



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Merit Awards

Andie N
Sebastian S
Archer D
Morgan P
Elijah Y
Levi C
Kai R
Siaosi M
Heidi W
Manya M P
Amena D
Cruz W C
Nixon H
Ruby P
Ashley L
Natalija K
Mia N
Harvey L
Ellie C
Oliver K
Beau B
Summer G
Isla C
Noah W
Marcus S
Ben G
Brody C
Ruby K
Rose D
Evie S
Dylan B
Marcella R
Tiernan B
Zahra D
Ruby H
Oscar W
Eadie M
Zara B
Harper W
Mia S
Oscar S
Emeri B
Milo C H
Ryan M
Charlie B

From Our REC

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers 2021

This week we began 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 should have received 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.

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 Librarian

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE WEEK 8 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26

We usually hold our annual Book Parade Day in Term 3 but with our Covid restrictions we decided NOT to cancel the fun but celebrate when the children return to school. Soooooo, every child dresses up in a character costume for the day. We see our favourites such as fairytale characters, nursery rhyme characters and even superheroes. We ask that character costumes are not scary or from adult literature. I also ask that we do not spend lots of money at this time of the year. Re-using an old favourite Book Character costume is just as much fun.

The day begins with our parade. Every child is able to share their character costume to the rest of the school. A highlight is to see the costumes our creative teachers have invented and believe me it is a well-kept secret that is never revealed until we gather at our morning assembly. After recess, our Year 6 students read a picture book to small groups of children on the oval. It is one of my favourite times of the year as it is an amazing sight to see our entire school gathered and enjoying a story together. Another special time of the day is when our teachers visit another class and read their treasured stories.

Covid restrictions will see changes from our usual routine. We will miss having our parents and grandparents as part of our audience this year due to Covid rules but we still intend to have the same fun celebrating everything we value and treasure about reading, books and literature. HAVE YOU STARTED ORGANISING YOUR CHARACTER COSTUME?

Advent Liturgies

Next week we will begin our Advent Liturgies. These will be held outside, each Thursday at 10.30am. We will zoom these liturgies to our community. The zoom link is <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/63732421405> alternatively you can use the meeting code 637 3242 1405. Below is our timetable for which grades will be leading the liturgies each week.

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| Week 1 - 18th Nov | Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Week 2 - 25th Nov | Year 5 and Year 6 |
| Week 3 - 2nd Dec | Kindergarten |
| Week 4 - 9th Dec | Year 3 and Year 4 |

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



On another note, while we have only just returned to school the end of year is quickly approaching. Part of the work here in the library is to check that all books, library and guided readers, have been returned. Unfortunately, because of our time away from school there are a significant number of books still missing. At the classroom level teachers record the guided readers assigned to each child. Here in the library, we are currently scanning every book and can reasonably say which books are missing in action!!! So for the next few weeks we are holding an 'amnesty' for all books. Please hunt high and low, on bookshelves where they can blend in, under beds and across houses that your children have visited. They will have a St Mary's barcode on the front cover. Books do have a curious habit of turning up in the most unexpected places. Pleeeeease help us. We value your efforts and love to see as many books being returned as possible!

Happy Reading Everyone

Miss Gray
Librarian



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A Spotlight on Year 6



From our PE Teacher

Places are still available for afterschool sporting programs!!!

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 afterschool Sporting Programs for Week 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 Week 7 – 10 – starting 17th November. 2.45pm - 3.45pm on our oval. I will look after children and bring them to gate at the end of the session. No parents on site yet, sorry.

Please pack children a snack and drink.

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 Noraville - 4 week program Wednesdays 17th November until 8th December - <https://www.playrugbyleague.com/league-stars/>

Club Connect Cricket Program

Tuesdays Week 7 – 10 – starting 16th November. 2.45 - 3.45pm on our oval.

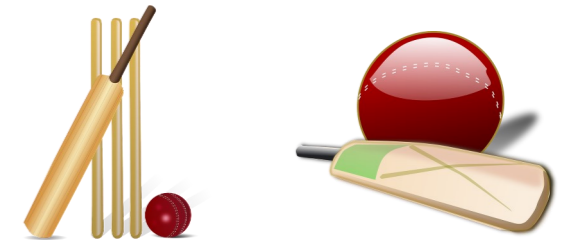
I will look after children and bring them to gate at the end of the session. No parents on site yet, sorry.

Please pack children a snack and drink.

Kinder – Year 4 children – 36 places first in first served – 50 places

A compass note has come out for parents to register for this program.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



ICAS Testing

ICAS tests will continue on Friday. It is important students are on time for these assessments. This Friday 12th November, Mrs Jones will administer the English Assessment. When students arrive at school please wait on the seats.

ICAS Timetable

| Assessment | Date | Time |
|--------------|----------------------|--------|
| English | Friday 12th November | 8.00am |
| Science | Monday 15th November | 8.15am |
| Spelling Bee | Friday 19th November | 8am |
| Mathematics | Monday 22nd November | 8am |

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