



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8
24 November 2021

Student Parliament 2022

Upcoming Events

- *Book Character Parade*
Friday
26 November
- *Sacrament of Confirmation*
Saturday
27 November
- *Kinder 2022 Transition Day 4*
Wednesday
1 December
9.30am-11.00am
- *Sacrament of Confirmation*
Saturday
4 December
- *Students Last Day*
Wednesday
15 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

In recent weeks children in both Years 4 and 5 have been writing and presenting leadership speeches as part of the process for electing our 2022 Student Parliament. The speeches in both Year 4 and Year 5 were at an outstanding level. Articulate, clear and strong. Well prepared and well practised.

From our Year 5 students, the following children have been elected as members of Student Parliament for 2022:

Congratulations Addison L, Charli D, Chelsea B, Ellie B, Sumira D, Summer M, Tiernan B, Connor V B, Luca K and Harry B.

Our two Year 4 students who will be represented on Student Parliament are Elise C and Noah W. We congratulate all elected 2022 parliamentarians. All 12 students will be commissioned at our Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 8th December.

We also acknowledge and appreciate the tremendous efforts of many fantastic kids who just missed out on being part of the elected group. Your efforts were excellent and your graceful, polite reaction when not selected was reflective of the good kids that you are.

Repairs and Maintenance

A variety of external painting has occurred. Under the eaves of many verandahs, the undercroft, outside the Canteen and the externals of 2 Green and 2 Gold are among the work completed. In the holidays, the intention is to knock down two internal walls in the ASPECT and Learning Support rooms to open up the space to create a large Kindergarten class. The renovation will include new painting, new storage and new carpet. Our ASPECT classes and Learning Support will be relocated to the current Kinder Blue classroom and the resource room in the library.

Kinder Transition 4

Our Kinder Transition 4 occurs on Wednesday 1st December. Our Kinder Welcome Liturgy will commence at approximately 9.45am. Our 4 Kinder classes will be announced at the end of our liturgy. Our new Kinders will then meet their teachers and Year 6 buddies.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

We ask you to keep the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your thoughts and prayers. Over the course of the next two Saturdays children from our parish will receive this special Sacrament of Initiation in which they are blessed or anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade is on Friday. It sounds like the children have organised their outfits. We are looking forward to the colour and fun of Friday. The festivities include the teachers reading a favourite picture book to the kids.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams
Co Principal

Liz Hartge
Co Principal



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Merit Awards

- Remi C
- Harrison D
- Alekzander K
- Hannah B
- Parker L
- Bailey K
- Harrison P
- Elise I
- Jonah R
- Mya F T
- Cooper B
- Penelope R
- Willow L
- Jonas C
- Tyde A
- Billy H
- Connor D
- Lylah M
- Thomas M
- Aila K
- Tayla M
- Coco T
- Ryder A
- Marli C
- Jasmine C
- Bella H
- Hua Qiang P
- Nikita R
- Matthew P C
- Blake B
- Jessica R C

From Our REC

Confirmation

This Saturday many of our Year 3 students will make their Confirmation. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The remaining students will participate in their liturgy next Saturday 4th December.



Advent Liturgies

Last Thursday Year 1 and 2 led our community in the First Week of Advent Liturgy. They did this beautifully and with reverence. This week Year 5 and 6 will lead us in the Second Week of Advent. The zoom link is <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/63732421405> alternatively you can use the meeting code 637 3242 1405. Below is our timetable explaining which grades will be leading the liturgies each week.

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



Advent begins this weekend. Please click the link [Family Advent Activities.pdf](#) to find family friendly activities you can complete each week. These include creating an advent wreath and nativity scene.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Thank you to the families who have already responded and are participating in our Christmas Eve mass. If your child/ren are interested please complete the Google Form below. In addition to the re-enactment there will be a Christmas Children's Choir. Sr Josie will help prepare the children for this. Children can participate in both the re-enactment and the choir. A note will be emailed out later this week to let parents know of rehearsal dates and times. <https://forms.gle/T3D5ggC3hLRtjNXr6>

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers 2021

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed to our St Vincent De Paul Hampers. We are very blessed to have such generous families in our community. Hampers will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at an Advent Liturgy.

Catherine Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Librarian

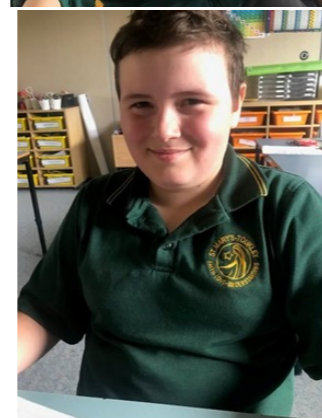
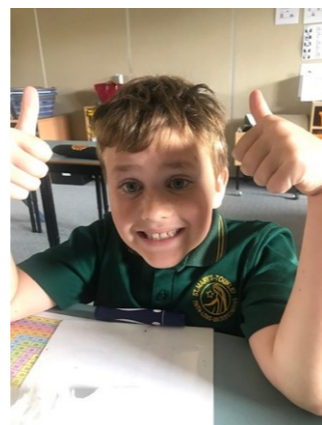
BOOK CHARACTER PARADE THIS WEEK! THIS FRIDAY! NOVEMBER 26

We are looking forward to having day of fun **JUST** with all the children! (Unfortunately, current Covid Restrictions do not allow us to invite family members to be part of our audience.) **Have you got your Book Parade Costume organized??**

Happy Reading Everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on ASPECT



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.

Canteen volunteer forms for 2022 were sent home recently. Please complete and return by Friday November 26 if you are able to help.

Thank you
Donna and Janet



Star Awards

Luke H
Archer D
Deon C
Finley G
Rawson B
Isaac B
Sofie N
Lachlan M
Jazz B
Luke P C
Kobe J
Timmy S
Sophie B
Emilia R
Havi M
Bailey J
Milan B
Joey T
Myah L



Are you interested in becoming a Catechist?

Do you enjoy working with children? Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish are in urgent need of 5 new Catechists in our Parish to teach Catholic scripture in local public schools. You can either lead a class or be a helper for one of our current Catechists. Classes run once a week for approx. 30 minutes. If you've ever considered this rewarding Ministry, please speak with Fr Tomy or Fr Baby after Mass or contact the Parish Office for more information toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or ph 4396 4455. Training & support provided. We'd love to hear from you!

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