



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

# Congratulations

Term 4 Week 9  
1 December 2021

### Upcoming Events

- *Sacrament of Confirmation*  
Saturday  
4 December
- *K-2 Class Awards*  
Tuesday  
7 December
- *Annual K-6 Awards Ceremony*  
Wednesday  
8 December
- *Year 6 Graduation Dinner*  
Wednesday  
8 December
- *Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass*  
9.15am  
Friday  
10 December
- *Student Reports posted on Compass*  
Friday  
10 December
- *Students Last Day*  
Wednesday  
15 December

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Saturday, the first of two celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation occurred in our parish. It was a beautiful liturgy at which Bishop Anthony had asked Father Tomy to preside and confer the sacrament. The moving liturgy witnessed each child anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each child's sponsor stood proudly at their shoulder.

It was clear that the children were well prepared. We thank and acknowledge the tremendous work of the children's parents, and key parish staff (Mrs Lorrie O'Brien, Mrs Alicia Klein and Mrs Alison Newell). We also thank Father Tomy and Father Baby whose spiritual leadership was inspiring. Most of all we congratulate our newly confirmed children!

### Repairs and Maintenance

During this week the painters will be internally painting 3 Green, 4 Green, 4 Gold and 5 Gold. Each of the classes will be relocated for a 2-3 day period.

### Welcome Kinder 2022

Earlier today we enjoyed and celebrated our Kinder 2022 children with a special liturgy. Father Baby joined us and after praying for and welcoming our new Kinders, we announced their classes, class teachers and Year 6 buddies. The sense of anticipation, joy and excitement was clear on both the children's and parents' faces. For 2022, our 4 Kinder classes and their teachers are: Kinder White (Mrs Danielle Lee), Kinder Blue (Miss Sharon Johnson), Kinder Green (Mrs Stephanie Maiden nee Burns) and Kinder Gold (Mrs Amber Hodgson).

### Annual K-6 Awards Ceremony

At our annual Awards Ceremony each year we recognise 5-6 children from each class who, primarily have achieved outstanding academic success.

Each class also has a Catholic Values Award and a STARS Award. With the great number of fantastic children in our school, our teachers find it very difficult nominating only 1 child for each of these awards.

In 2020 due to restrictions regarding the pandemic, our annual Awards Ceremony was held outdoors and in stages. Again, in 2021, we will be doing likewise. Our Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 8th December:

- 9.15am Kinder and Year 1
- 9.45am Year 2 and Year 3
- 10.15am Year 4 and Year 5
- 10.45am Year 6 + 2022 School Captains + Major Awards

The parents of children receiving awards in the above sessions will be contacted by their child's teacher during the coming week and are welcome to attend the ceremony relevant to their child. As per the Public Health Orders, proof of vaccination will be required.

### Book Week Parade

Our annual Book Week Parade last Friday saw the children dressed colourfully and getting into the spirit of the occasion. It was a fun morning. We thank our Teacher-Librarian, Miss Gray whose leadership meant our Book Parade was a great success.

### K-2 Class Awards

On Tuesday 7th December every child in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be recognised with an award for some special effort or trait their teacher recognises in them. Each class's awards will be streamed online with us sending the relevant Zoom code to you later this week.

Kind regards,

Kevin Williams  
Co Principal

Liz Hartge  
Co Principal

### Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday  
9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

- Leura S
- Bella B
- Ollie B
- Andy C
- Honey J
- Mackenzie O
- Talan C
- Letty M
- Ruby B
- Zac B
- Lola C
- Ivy S
- Van B
- Charlotte C
- Jackson Q
- Harrison L
- Hunter N
- Corben D
- Emmanuelle D
- Zoe S
- Isabella C
- Euan B
- Lola K
- Keoni
- Kingston K
- Lukas F
- Mitchell W
- Joshua Y
- Zack M
- Cahill L
- Matilda S
- Vasiliki P



## From Our REC

### Confirmation

Last Saturday many of our Year 3 students made their Confirmation. Many more will celebrate their Confirmation this Saturday 4th December. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



### 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 tomorrow at our Advent Liturgy.

### Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Thank you to the children who have volunteered to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass. A note was emailed to parents last week about rehearsal times. We began allocating roles yesterday. If you would like your child/ren to participate, please contact Mrs Kyle, the more the merrier!

## From our Family Liaison Officer

The countdown is on to Christmas and Summer holiday fun. As well as being very lucky to have so many outdoor activities available, Central Coast Council has lots of activities available for children and families. While the traditional Lighting of the Christmas Tree isn't happening in Toukley this year, on Tuesday Dec 21, between 10am-2pm there will be a Christmas Photo Booth and roving entertainment on the Village Green. Please have a look at the Central Coast Council website to see what fun holiday activities they will be running, such as online [Storytime with Santa](#) on Wednesday December 15. You can also find many other [School Holiday Activities](#) using this link.

While the long summer break is a great time for both parents and children to relax and unwind it can lead to a reading lag when the children return to school. If you can continue with the children's reading over the holidays, whether it be favourite books they love, graphic novels, recipe

### Advent Liturgies

Last Thursday Year 5 and 6 led our community in the Second Week of Advent Liturgy. They did this beautifully and with reverence. This week Kindergarten will lead us in the Third 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 3 - 2nd Dec	Kindergarten
Week 4 - 9th Dec	Year 3 and Year 4



Catherine Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

books, magazines or sports books it all helps set them up for a great start to the new school year in 2022.

Lakes Food Care at 199 Main Rd, Toukley is available to all members of our community for discounted food and grocery items. You can access their website ['here'](#) to see what is available.

For those families who may experience challenging times over the break and need support, the following contacts are available-

Kids Helpline	1800 55 1800
Parent Line NSW	1300 1300 52
Mensline Australia	1300 78 99 78
Beyond Blue	1300 22 46 36
Lifeline	13 11 14
1800 Respect	1800 73 77 32
CatholicCare	4356 2600

Each service provider also has an online platform available.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



## A Spotlight on our Book Parade



### 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.

Thank you  
Donna and Janet

### Star Awards

Ara W  
Martial G  
Roy C  
Jarl M  
Ollie T  
Lennox K  
Lennox I  
Sophie C  
Vincent B  
Mia N  
Oscar S  
Sosefo K  
Tayla G  
Penelope P  
Harry H  
Emma C



## Thank You & Merry Christmas Morning Tea

Our PIP Team, on behalf of our school community, would like to extend a warm thank you and Merry Christmas to the wonderful staff at our school, St. Mary's.

We would like to provide a special morning tea for staff to enjoy as a token of our appreciation for the 2021 school year.

This will take place on Tuesday, 7th of December.

If you are able to help out by providing a plate of food (single serve portions), we ask that you drop it to the office during the morning.

We will also require a few helpers to help set up the morning tea in time for the recess break.

If you are able to help out, we ask that you use our 'SignUp' Link below to register.

<https://signup.com/go/dFyoRry>

Kind regards,  
St Mary's PIP Team



## Canteen News

**Reminder 1**—Next Friday, December 10 will be the last day for lunch orders. Canteen will not be open Week 11.

**Reminder 2**—QKR! —Please ensure that lunch orders are completed before 9am each morning. Every day we have children coming to the canteen expecting a lunch order but it has been forgotten or put through on a different day. While we always make sure they have something to eat, it is quite upsetting for them. You are able to pre-order lunches the night before, even up to 2 weeks ahead.

**Reminder 3**—If you are able to help out in the canteen next year, for as little as 2 hours once a month please complete the volunteer form that was sent home in Week 7 or contact the office. We are always looking for volunteers—particularly Wednesdays and Thursdays next year and any help is very much appreciated.

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