



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our Swimming Carnival

Term 1 Week 4
16 February 2022

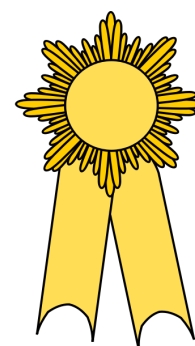


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Merit Awards

Josie M
Noah M
Amari R
Leonardo C
Adeline C
Isabel F
Angus H
Tori M
Taj C
Charlotte A
Isla M
Walter D
Mia N
Levi C
Max A
Harper B
Ollie T
Maddison H
Billy L
Finley G
Sienna H
Zane B
Corben D
Flynn B
Archie M
Tessa G
Vincent E
Harry B
Emeri B
Ellie C
Sonny I
Beau T
Ella S
Dylan B
Anton W
Jonah M
Kyah R
Samuel F



From Our REC

Year 6 Sacred Space

Last Thursday Year 6 led the school in prayer explaining and reinforcing our St Mary's STARS. These are important values and actions which we expect all our students to live by. Our teachers are constantly on the lookout for students in their classes who they can acknowledge with a STARS Award. Thank you for sharing our values with the school Year 6! It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us on zoom. Thank you to all those who joined our zoom.

Opening School Mass

Our K-6 Opening School Mass is on **Friday 25th February** at 11.30. After much discussion with our Parish and CSBB we can all attend mass. All grades will have their own area to sit. We will send out the zoom code closer to the mass for parents and grandparents to view via zoom.

Parish Sacramental Program

Earlier this week a Compass message was sent out to families with students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 outlining the 2022 Parish Sacramental Program. Below is an overview of the dates when Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish.

After children have been baptised the next sacrament to be made is Confirmation. This can be celebrated from Year 3. This sacrament is given by Bishop Anthony. Following this, children celebrate their first Reconciliation and then First Eucharist in Year 4. Our Sacraments need to be completed in a particular order. If a Sacrament is missed it can be completed the following year.

From our Librarian

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK

Have you found 20 minutes in each day to listen to your child read? We are well into our brand, new year and the only bug we want to catch is the reading bug!!! Many parents ask what sorts of books should my child read? The text in a book needs to have the right amount of challenge for children to feel successful when reading. Sometimes we like the look of a book when we see it's cover but when we open it up to read, we find it is not ready for us yet because there are too many tricky words. In the Library we learn to use the Five Finger Test. Here is a diagram that you can also follow at home.

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

Reconciliation - Year 4 and older - Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March
First Communion - Year 4 and older - Saturday 18th June 6:00pm or Sunday 19th June 2022 9:00am
Confirmation - Year 3 and older - Saturday 15th October 3pm

Registration for Reconciliation preparation will begin on Friday. Please use the link to register for classes.

St Mary's

Click this link to enrol for First Reconciliation on Wed 30th Mar 3.30pm or Thurs 31st Mar 3.30pm:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXFZG>

Kindergarten and Year 6 Sunday Welcome Mass

Our Kinder and Year 6 students are starting to prepare for their grade Sunday mass on 6th March at 9am. We look forward to celebrating with everyone.

Mini Vinnies - Support for Tonga

As part of our Mini Vinnies group we want to support the country of Tonga after the devastating Tsunami last month. Warnervale Rugby Club has organised a container to be flown over to Tonga. To support this initiative, we are asking for donations of water bottles, longlife milk and tinned food. Over the next two weeks if you would like to contribute to this please send your donations to the classrooms. Our Mini Vinnies students will collect these. Mrs Walker and Mrs Kyle will drop them off at our local drop off point. We thank you in advance for supporting the initiative.

Kind regards,
Cath Kyle
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Five Finger Test

1. Open the book in the middle.
2. Whisper read the page to yourself.
3. Put up one finger for each word you don't know.



Upcoming Events

- **Kinder Parent Workshop**
6.00pm
Monday
21 February
- **Opening School Mass**
11.30am
Friday
25 February
- **Kinder 2023 Enrolment Information Evening**
6.30pm
Monday
28 February
- **Kinder 2023 Playgroup**
9.15-10.30am
Tuesday
1 March
- **Kinder 2023 School Tour**
10.30am
Tuesday
1 March
- **Year 5 Bathurst**
Thursday-Friday
10-11 March
- **School Cross Country**
Friday
18 March

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On Monday our children had a fantastic day at our school Swimming Carnival. All boys and girls were enthusiastic and they had an amazing have-a-go attitude. Congratulations Colour House Captains and Vice-Captains for your leadership and amazing cheers. Special mention to Blue House on a fantastic win.

It is always a joy to see all of the children participating fully and having so much time in the pool. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Bain for organising such an interactive day. Our thanks also go to the many parent helpers and St Brigid's students who ensured our day ran smoothly.

It is during days such as this (away from school in less familiar environments) that our fantastic children really do get to shine. Their kindness, resilience and respect for selves and others was so evident to everyone present. Well done, girls and boys.

The Swimming Presentation will be held on Friday at 10.40am. A Zoom code will be sent out on the day.

Kinder Parent Workshop

Next Monday 21st February, we warmly invite all Kinder Parents to attend our Kinder Information Workshop. It will begin at 6.00pm in our Kinder classrooms. It is an opportunity to hear from the Kinder teachers about the daily classroom happenings and our Literacy Coordinators about how you can support your child's reading at home. Please RSVP by Friday. We look forward to seeing you all there.

COVID

Thank you to the families who are calling the school to inform us when you are either in isolation or a positive COVID case. Please continue to let us know whenever this changes.

Kinder 2023 Information Evening

We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2023. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about St Mary's or collecting an enrolment pack, please let them know about our Information Evening, Monday 28th February at 6.30pm. This also includes a tour of our Kinder classrooms.

We have two Playgroup mornings organised for this term; Tuesday *March 1st* and Wednesday *March 30th*. These begin at 9.15am in our parish hall. If you have a child starting school next year, we encourage you to come along and have a play.

Did you know?

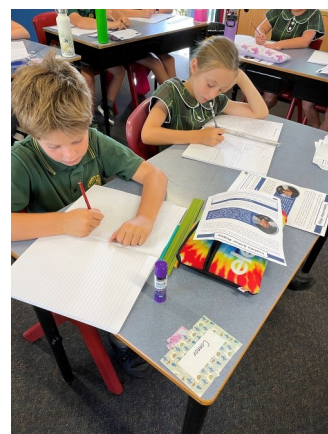
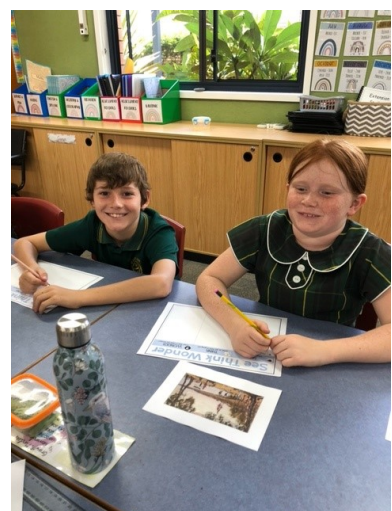
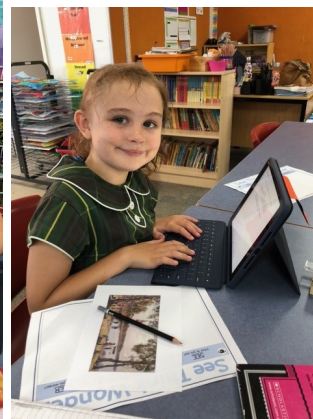
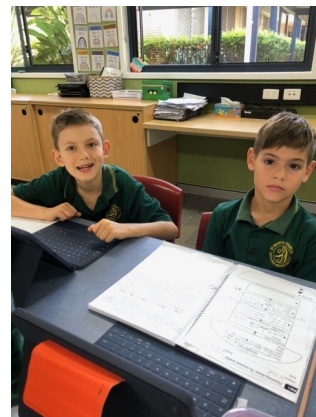
Over the January holiday we had a refurbishment of the Kinder classrooms. Four rooms and an office space were transformed into larger classrooms. These are our four Kinder classrooms, and they look amazing! Our Year 1 classrooms were also recarpeted. Our Learning Support Office is now attached to the library. We look forward to welcoming you back in to our school (hopefully soon) so you can see these changes.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal



A Spotlight on Year 4



Canteen News

Canteen open for lunch orders only Weeks 2 to 5. Orders via the Qkr! app—details on how to use Qkr! are on our school website [‘here’](#). **Please remember to update your child’s class for this year on their Qkr! profile.**

Unfortunately we have had to increase the menu price of quite a number of canteen items this year due to increased food manufacturing costs being passed on to us from our suppliers.

If any parents/ carers are interested in volunteering in the canteen, for as little as 2 hours once a month, please contact the school office and let us know. Extra helpers are always welcome.

Thank you
Donna and Lauren

Star Awards

Koa C
Isaac P
Vivian B
Ocea V
Roy C
Remi C
Aarush A
Katy-Leigh P
Kai R
Poppy G
Harvey Lo
Ruby P
Eva S
Ayla B
Ruby R
Isabelle H
Charli D
Riley T



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From Our PE Teacher

2022 St Mary’s Swimming Carnival

ST MARY’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL - BLUE WINS

What a spectacular day we had on Monday! The weather was beautiful just like the behaviour, effort and sportsmanship of every child at St Mary’s. Every child gave their best whether it was 10m, 20m, 50m or novelty races. We have the most amazing parents at Toukley, such a big Carnival would have no chance of running without you! We had lots of helpers this year even with COVID regulations – and I really thank every person who gave their time - we had 3 sets of workers with 10m, 20m and 50m events simultaneously running to have children all occupied. We then had another great band of parents and high school students who spent an hour and a half in the water giving the kids such a fun experience in the novelty events. My special thanks to the wonderful 50m helpers – you worked so hard to get through the large number of heats. Also those wonderful St Brigid’s students who spent all day in the pool to act as water safety for our less able swimmers. Thankyou St Mary’s teachers - you allowed our kids to have a fabulous day! The water guns were a major highlight!!! What fun the kids had during the novelties!!!

CCC Carnival children have been selected and notes have gone home. The presentation will be on Friday during the day at school. Unfortunately no parents will be allowed on site.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



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