



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Enrolling now for Kinder 2023

Term 1 Week 5
23 February 2022

Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**
Wednesday
2 March
- **Kinder + Year 6 Welcome Mass**
9.00am
Sunday
6 March
- **Year 5 Bathurst**
Thursday-Friday
10-11 March
- **School Cross Country**
Friday
18 March

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2023. It is an exciting time of year for families as they consider which school community will best support their child as they commence their primary school journey. This coming Monday, 28th February, we will be holding our Enrolment Information Evening at 6.30pm in our school library. If you are aware of local families who are looking to join our wonderful school next year, please let them know. We will also conduct a school tour and walk through our Kinder classrooms on the evening. Current families are also very welcome to join us.

From next Monday, enrolment packs will be available in the office for families to collect. I encourage all current St Mary's families, if you have a 4 year old who will start school next year, to please collect a pack next week.

We also have two Playgroup mornings organised for this term; Tuesday *March 1st* and Wednesday *March 30th*. These begin at 9.15am in our parish hall. We encourage you to bring your child along for a play.

COVID Update for Schools

This morning you may have heard of the Premier's announcement regarding the easing of COVID restrictions for schools. I'd like to take this opportunity to reassure you all that we will continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community; students, staff and parents. Moving forward, from next week (February 28th) cohorts will be eased and children will mingle across grades during the school day. From the following Monday (March 7th), mask restrictions in primary schools will have eased and parents will be welcomed back on school grounds. At this stage, we anticipate that next week will be the final week of our adjusted school drop off and pick ups. Drive through will cease from March 7th and parents will pick up children from our playground at 3.15pm. Can you believe it has been almost two years since this has happened! We look forward to welcoming you back. A School Update will be sent out on Compass early next week detailing all of these changes.

Kinder Parent Workshop

Thank you to the many parents who joined us on Monday night in the library and on Zoom. We appreciate your time. We really enjoyed sharing with you about our school and what English, Maths and Religion looks like in the classroom and how you, as partners in your child's education, can support this at home.

Homework

Accompanying today's newsletter is our current Homework Overview. Please read it carefully to know our expectations. As always, Reading is crucial and compulsory every night for all children Kindergarten to Year 6.

Opening School Mass

This Friday we celebrate Mass together as a whole school at 11.30am in our Opening School Mass. Parents are welcome to join us through Zoom, a code will be sent out on Compass on Friday.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal



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9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Remi B
Archer E
Lara H
Isabella W
Molly W
Braxton C
Raven W
Vienna B
Honey J
Ara W
Anthony N
Jeremy R
Imogen C
Ollie B
Ruby B
Jarl M
Eva R
Zac B
Koa F
Mia N
Lawson O
Charlie M
Alex T
Archer G
Aila K
Abel N
Matthew G
Louis F
Oscar S
Willow F
Indiana M
Elijah P S
Zahra D
Hua Qiang P



From Our REC

Opening School Mass

Our K-6 Opening School Mass is this **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 on Friday morning for parents and grandparents to view via zoom.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Registration for Reconciliation preparation will close on Friday 25th February. If you would like your child to prepare for this sacrament and they have made the sacrament of Confirmation please register using the link below. Making the sacrament, will take place on Wednesday 30th March and Thursday 31st March at 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. Students will have an invitation for you today. We look forward to celebrating with everyone.

Sacred Space - Mini Vinnies

Tomorrow our Mini Vinnies students will lead us in prayer with a focus on Project Compassion. The theme this year is "for all future generations". Please join us via zoom to hear more about the great work Caritas Australia does and how we as a Catholic community can help those less fortunate. A zoom code will be sent out via

From our Family Liaison Officer

It was great to have so many Kinder parents/ carers attend the Information Night on Monday. Your engagement in supporting your children with their learning is a huge advantage for them, not only in their academic achievement long term, but also their wellbeing and attitude towards school. Developing that partnership between parents/ carers and the school brings a strong sense of belonging and connectedness with school, which is how we want all children to feel about their time here.

The **Seasons for Growth** programme to support children who have experienced grief and loss as a result of death, separation or divorce will be commencing in Week 8 this term. A note explaining the

compass on Thursday morning. The sacred space will begin at 1.50pm.

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. Mrs Walker and Mrs Kyle will drop them off at our local drop off point. We thank you in advance for supporting the initiative.

Ash Wednesday Mass

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 2nd. Our students will come together for Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Parents and carers, we invite you to join us via zoom. A link will be sent out via compass next Tuesday.

Project Compassion

With the Season of Lent here, we have launched our Project Compassion Campaign for this year. We are asking you to talk to your child/ren about how they can help those in need particularly during the Lenten Season.

Cath Kyle

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

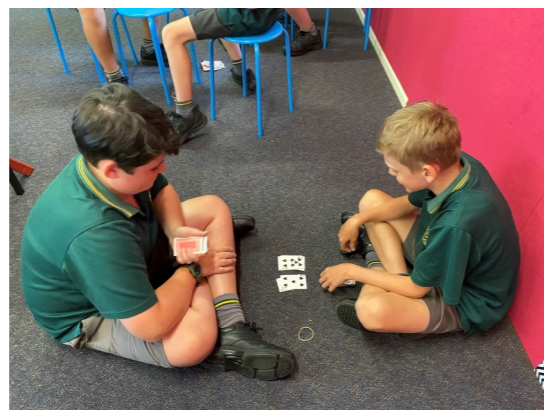


programme with permission slip was sent home today. If you would like further information or to discuss whether it would be suitable for your child to attend please contact me at school. Please complete the permission slip and return to school via your child's class teacher by Friday March 11 if your child is interested in taking part.



Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 5



Canteen News

Canteen will be open for recess and lunch snacks as well as lunch orders from next Monday, Feb 28. Qkr! is still the preferred method for lunch orders. **Please remember to update your child's class for this year on their Qkr! profile.**

If sending money in with your child to buy a snack or iceblock over the counter next week please have a chat to them about what they can purchase with the money you give them. Also please don't send in too much money, \$2 maximum is plenty, especially for the younger students.

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

Liam M
Savannah S
Harley A
Lucas G
Leo C
Ruby J
Ivie T
Abigail R
Adalita S
Jaxon C
Sophie C
Cynthia A
Coco O C
Piper E
Brody C
Chelsea B



From Our PE Teacher

CCC Swimming

Congratulations St Mary's you were exceptional at the CCC Swimming Carnival on Monday. We loved how you gave your best, cheered and supported every one of your team mates all day. St Mary's was 5th overall with only 10 points between second and fifth. Exceptional results from Nikita R and Harry B who were runner up swimmers of the meet. With consistent results in a number of events they amassed close to 100 points of our school score of 245. Some amazing results for the day.....
Nikita 4th 100m Free, Yenna 2nd 50m Free, Nikita 2nd 50m Free, Nikita 3rd Back, Nikita 3rd Fly, Nikita 1st Breast, Nikita 3rd IM, Senior relay 2nd Ellie, Nikita, Sumira, Elizabeth, Archie 3rd 50m Free, Flynn 4th 50m Free, Harry 1st 50m Free, Harry 1st 50m Back, Harry 1st 50m Fly, Archie 1st Breast, Harry 3rd Breast, Jnr relay 3rd Edward, Harry, Levi, Andy and Harry 1st IM.

Afterschool AFL Program

Entries are closed, we are at capacity.

AFL will start next Wednesday on our oval.

Liz Bain - Sports Coordinator

PIP Team Helpers Needed Kinder 2023 Information Night Catering and Welcome

We are asking for a team of helpers to provide a small plate of food to cater supper for our Kinder 2023 Information Night on Monday 28th February. We are also asking for some helpers to set up, pack away and welcome our new families to our school during supper.

In line with COVID regulations, food provided needs to be individually portioned or packaged and a reminder that we are an allergy aware school. Plates of food can be dropped to the office throughout the day. Please ensure that you have labelled your plates with your child's name and class. A reminder that visitors on site to our school will require to QR check in and will be required to show their vaccination certificate upon arrival.

If you are able to help out with either of these tasks, please use the 'SignUp' Link below to register.

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

Thank you
PIP Leadership Team

SHROVE TUESDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY

Shrove Tuesday, also known as "Pancake Day" is next Tuesday March 1.

The canteen will have pancakes available for the children to purchase at recess for 40c each (maximum of 3 each).

If any parents/ carers are able to volunteer some time to help next Tuesday, 10am to 11.30am please contact the school office, 4396 5100.

For Ash Wednesday March 2 only, the canteen will have available to order for lunch—
Fish Fingers—40c each
Or
Fish Burger—\$4.00 each (battered fish, lettuce, tomato, tartare sauce)

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