



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10
30 March 2022

Catholic Schools Week

Upcoming Events

- Sunday Mass Year 1
9.00am April 3
- Year 6 Graduation Meeting
3.15pm
Tuesday
5 April
- Holy Week Liturgy 11.30am
Thursday April 7
- Last Day of Term
Friday April 8
- Stations of the Cross 9.00am
Friday April 15
- ANZAC Day March 9.15am
April 25 Canton Beach Rd (near the Coles carpark)
- ANZAC Day Liturgy at school
10am April 26
- Term 2 begins
Tuesday April 26

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

'I belong, You belong, We belong' is the chosen theme for our Catholic Schools Week celebrations this week. Rather than take for granted the special school which we belong to, it is important to recognise, name and celebrate the things we appreciate the most!

Our school is a happy and safe place of learning and fun for our students. We appreciate their resilience, smiling faces, hard-working attitude and sense of humour. Our teachers are professional, dedicated people who want nothing more than to see every child in their care feel successful. Parents, you walk with us in partnership as your child's first educators and support our school endlessly. The connection that our school and families have with the parish supports the faith development of our children and develops the values of compassion, joy, love and understanding.

Our kids love coming to St Mary's each day and we thank you for being a part of our school. Thank you to the parents who joined us yesterday afternoon at our Liturgy and Open Classes. There is a wonderful video of our children sharing why they love St Mary's on our school Facebook page.

Paint and Prayer Morning

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the Prayer and Paint Morning on Monday. It was a beautiful way to start the week with some reflection time and conversations as the painting began.

ANZAC Day

A note went home recently regarding the ANZAC Day march which our children participate in each year. Please send back the note if you are able to join in on the day. Our school will hold our ANZAC Day Liturgy here at school on the first day of next term, Tuesday 26th April at 10am. Parents, please join us for this special occasion.

Term 2 Calendar

Alongside today's newsletter is our Term 2 Calendar. Please note important occasions coming up, including our Athletics Carnival, our School Feast Day, Mother's Day events, school Masses

and the recommencement of our school disco.

Winter Uniform

As the weather now starts to cool off it is time to check if your child's winter uniform still fits and if there is anything missing. We will commence compulsory winter uniform from Week 4 next term, Monday 16th May. Until then, we ask for children to wear their complete summer uniform (not mixing and matching between the two uniforms).

The uniform shop is open daily from 8.15am-9.45am. You can visit Tiffany at the shop in person between these hours or place an order via email to smt@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Blades family on the arrival of Leo, baby brother to Zara. Enjoy this exciting time.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

Children having fun at our Playgroup this morning



Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday
9.00am-2.00pm



Merit Awards

Isla P
Cruz C
Cooper E
Evie W
Jordan G
Willis B
Avery W
Charlotte O
Luke H
Jace B
Adam D
Jordan S
Roman M
Rawson B
Lennox K
Lachlan F
Anne T
Malaki B
Mia M
Levi R
Mya C
Evie Z
Cooper S
Ezri D
Harry P
Hunter H
Summer G
Ellie C
Sonny I
Ma'Niyah J
Mia H
Tayla M
Thomas R-F
Sam N
Emilia R
Chelsea B
Charlie D
Ava G
Charlotte G
Indi M
James M
Jonah M
Lexie L

From Our REC

Prayer and Paint

Thank you to the parents who joined us on Monday. We were a small but productive group. We will look at holding another session early next term.

Catholic Schools Week - "I Belong, You Belong, We Belong"

Yesterday we had a special liturgy to celebrate our school and Catholic Education. Thank you to all involved. We had an amazing amount of parents join us. Your children loved having you in the church again! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and extended families who joined us for open classrooms. Our students loved sharing their learning with you. If you missed the iMovie reflection on why our staff and students value and love our school, check out our facebook page.

Year 1 Sunday Mass

This Sunday our Year 1 students will lead the ministries for Mass at 9am. All Year 1 will sing a thanksgiving song. We look forward to seeing Year 1 families there. We will be host-

From our Librarian

The holidays are just a week away!

We are almost at the end of term and now is the time to make sure that all library books and readers are returned. Children will be allowed to borrow for the holidays if their borrowing records are up to date.

We ask that library books are kept in a safe place over the holidays, preferably in library bags and in school bags once they are read. Some books have come back damaged from food and drink spills, rainy days and pets who are hungry for a good story!!!! Once books get wet they cannot be salvaged and toothy bites seem to eat all the best parts of the story. We also ask that we limit the places that books travel to. A few overdue books are at different family member's houses.

So... what can we read in the holidays?... There are always opportunities for incidental reading throughout the holidays. Different from intentionally sitting down and reading a book, incidental reading allows children the opportunity to practise their reading skills in **real-life, meaningful ways**. Incidental reading makes reading fun by placing it in a **real-world context**. Sometimes, kids don't even realise they're reading at all!

Why not try some of these ideas...

- Read a good book and an old favourite.
- Turn off the TV and listen to an audio

ing this month's Parish Morning Tea directly after Mass so if you could bring along a plate to share (cakes, biscuits, sandwiches, etc) it would be very much appreciated.

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday - Friday 15th April 9am

We began rehearsing for Stations of the Cross yesterday. All children were given parts in the re-enactment. We are still in need of a few acting parts, if your children are interested please let me know cathe-rine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au. We will practise on two occasions during Weeks 10 and 11 and then on Wednesday 13th April at 9.45am. Costumes will be handed out on the Wednesday.

Holy Week Liturgy

Next Thursday at 11.30am we will hold a special liturgy in the church led by our Year 5 students. This will take our community through the events of Holy Week. Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to join us for this special celebration.

Cath Kyle

Religious Education Coordinator

book. It is important for kids to hear fluent, expressive reading.

- If you're feeling really brave have a technology free night!!!
- Read a recipe and create a feast.
- Read the rules for a board game and have fun.
- Read the packaging of different foods.
- Discover how to set up a veggie garden.
- Read the instructions on seed packets.
- Catch up on the 'good' news and sports by reading the newspaper.
- Solve a jigsaw puzzle.
- Solve a crossword or find-a-word puzzle.
- Read instructions on how to make or build project
- Make an Easter card or a letter and post it to Nan and Pop.
- Visit and join our local libraries. Lots of holiday activities are available.
- Visit a museum. There are lots of interesting things to read and learn.
- Visit the State Library of NSW in Sydney. There is always something on for kids.
- Visit the Zoo or The Reptile Park. There is always a wealth of information to read about the animals.
- Travelling from home or camping?...keep a holiday diary of memories.

Whatever your plans ... **HAPPY holidays and HAPPY reading everyone!**

Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on K-6 Red

This term, students in K-6 Red have been getting out and about in the community each week or fortnight to learn some new skills.

Our Infants class has been visiting local parks.



Year 4/5 Red have been learning how to ride and care for horses.



While 4/6 Red have been visiting the local shops and cooking up a storm!



Canteen News

Lunch orders are via the Qkr! app. Cut off times for orders is 9am. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance.

If sending money in with your child to buy a snack or iceblock over the counter, 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 you are a canteen volunteer and are unable to fulfill your rostered day please contact the school office as early as you can.

Thank you
Donna and Lauren

Star Awards

- Selkie R
- Addison F
- Tom T
- April M
- Christian P
- Airlei M
- James B
- Millie J
- Harrison P
- Willow L
- Charlie B
- Thomas M
- Milo C-H
- Milla A
- Marli C
- Lily D-B
- Charlotte F
- Chelsea F
- Mitchell W



From our PE Teacher

Congratulations Koby, Luca and Bailey on making the Broken Bay Rugby League Team

These boys trialled last Friday with 65 other boys from the Catholic Schools in our Diocese. 15 boys were chosen to become our Broken Bay representatives. Koby, Luca and Bailey will be travelling to Bathurst early next term to play against teams from the other Northern NSW Diocese. At Bathurst the boys will be trialling to make the Polding team to play in the NSW All Schools competition. We wish them the best of luck from St Mary's.

Congratulations Halle on making the Broken Bay Touch Team

Halle was one of 7 girls from over 70 who trialled to make the Broken Bay Touch Football Team. She will be travelling to Tamworth on Thursday to play against teams from the other Northern NSW Diocese. At Tamworth Halle will be trialling to make the Polding team to play in the NSW All Schools competition. Good Luck Halle from all of us at Toukley.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

PARENTING PROGRAMS
Please note you do not need to be Catholic to access our programs. CatholicCare welcomes staff and clients from all different backgrounds and beliefs.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY
A 6 week attachment based program designed to enhance relationships between parent and child, better understand your child's behaviour, and how to manage their emotions.
Fridays 29 April - 3 June 2022 11.00am - 12.30pm
via Zoom
Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/220812582130849>

TUNING INTO TEENS
A 5 week course to discover emotionally intelligent parenting. Learn how to communicate more effectively with your teenager, understand them better and how to help them manage their emotions.
Wednesdays 27 April - 25 May 2022 10.00am - 12.00pm
Ararmon Family Centre Suite 404 Level 4 44 Hampden Road
Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/220520868050853>

TUNING INTO KIDS
A 5 week program for parents of primary school children on how to develop your child's emotional intelligence.
Wednesdays 4 May - 1 June 2022 10.00am - 12.00pm
via Zoom
Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/220520892488865>

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COMPASS PARENT APP UPDATE

Compass' Parent App has a new look!

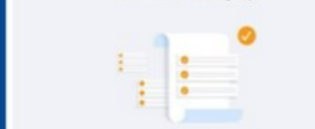
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