



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11  
6 April 2022

# A Big Term

### Upcoming Events

- **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** Monday 25th April, 9.15am
- **ANZAC Day Liturgy** Tuesday 26th April, 10.00am
- **Mother's Day Stall** Wednesday 4th May
- **Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy** Friday 6th May
- **Parent Workshop: Supporting Maths at Home** Monday 9th May
- **NAPLAN Window** Tuesday 10th May - Friday 20th May
- **Athletics Carnival** Friday 20th May
- **School Feast Day Celebrations** Friday 27th May
- **Playgroup** 9.15am, Tuesday May 17th and 9.15am, Wednesday June 15th
- **School Disco** Friday 3rd June
- **Year 6 Canberra Excursion** Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th June

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

As I reflect on this term and all that our school has done and our students have achieved, it makes me really proud of our kids, and also feel very tired! We started in much the same way 2021 finished, with parents unable to join us. We are thrilled that you can share your child's schooling experience even more fully now. We've held our fantastic swimming carnival, a Kinder Parent workshop and an enrolment evening for Kinder 2023. Playgroup and Reading in the Library for younger siblings has recommenced. Our opening School Mass was a wonderful celebration. Year 5 travelled to Bathurst, our school walked to Jenny Dixon Reserve for the Cross Country and our Year 6 children participated in the Diocesan Leaders Day. We celebrated Wellbeing Week and Catholic Schools Week and shared the learning of our students with open classes. And as always, our children experienced terrific learning with their classroom teachers.

As we look to Term 2, we look forward to all of the wonderful moments that await. Mother's Day, our School Feast Day, Athletics Carnival, School Disco, ANZAC Day, gala days and more.

As we now break for holidays, the final week of Lent, Holy Week, is before us. I encourage you to stop, reflect, soften your heart and enjoy your family time. Have a very happy Easter Season.

### Holy Week

Unusually, we are on holidays next week during Holy Week, the most important time in our church calendar. Tomorrow at 11.30am our Year 5 students will be leading our school in a liturgy as they recreate the events leading up to Easter. Parents, you are welcome to join us in the church.

### Mother's Day

Early next term we will celebrate Mother's Day. As usual, we will celebrate with a school liturgy (9.15am), stall and breakfast. It is time to think about ordering a gift from the Mother's Day Stall and placing your order for the breakfast. Both must be done in advance and must be done via the QKR! App (the same that we use for lunch orders).

**Mother's Day Stall:** please sign into QKR! and **for each child**, choose the number of \$5 gifts

and pay the total amount.

**Mother's Day Breakfast:** Orders are also done through QKR! but are **free**, no money is due. **Order for all attendees under just ONE child's name.** Please ensure you also include the approximate time of arrival. Our PIP Team will also need helpers for these events. You can sign up using the link on the last page of today's newsletter.

### ANZAC Day

Students will be participating in the ANZAC Day March again this year, please meet the teachers in full summer school uniform at 9.15am near the Toukley Coles carpark. Our school ANZAC Day Liturgy will be held Tuesday 26th April at 10am. Parents, please join us for this special occasion.

### Reconciliation

Congratulations to the many students who made their Reconciliation last week. It is a special way for you to deepen your relationship with God and connect with your faith. Well done!

### Winter Uniform

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.

### Thank you

Mrs Cindy Noah, our Aboriginal Education Teacher, will be leaving our school this week. Thank you for sharing your tremendous gifts with our school community. Miss Jorja Poulton will continue in this role for the rest of 2022.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Tran family (Anne, 2 Blue) and the Hudson family (Van, 2 Blue) in your thoughts and prayers. Anne's grandfather and Van's pop have recently passed away. We trust that our Lord's strength gives you considerable comfort in your time of grief.

Have a safe and happy break from school. We look forward to seeing you when school returns on Tuesday 26th April.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

### Parish Details

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Email. [toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au)  
Office Hours. Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm

### Times for our Parish Masses this Easter Season are:

**Palm Sunday 10th** 6pm Saturday Mass and 9am Sunday Mass. Please bring your own palms if possible.

**Holy Thursday 14th** 6pm Mass. Washing of the feet.

**Good Friday 15th** Children's Stations of the Cross 9am. Traditional Stations of the Cross 10am. Passion 3pm.

**Easter Vigil 16th** Blessing of the New Fire 6pm Mass.

**Easter Sunday 17th** 7.30am and 9am Mass.

### Merit Awards

Sky M  
Eden S  
Ruby K  
Nixon D  
Cruz C  
Tilly C  
Oscar H  
Flynn H  
Emma H  
Louis K  
Sebastian S  
Martial G  
Isabella B  
Xavier H  
Letty M  
Cruz W-C  
Lucas B  
Amelia D  
Lillian M  
Amena D  
Oliver R  
Will M  
Hayden T  
Amarli M  
Eli M  
Levi M  
Grace B  
John M  
Isla C  
Timmy S  
Vanessa M  
Chloe S

## From Our REC

### Holy Week Liturgy

Tomorrow 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.

### Year 1 Sunday Mass

Thank you to all our Year 1 families who attended mass on Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration and our students led the ministries so well. Seeing all our families and parishioners sharing morning tea after mass was very special.



### ANZAC Day and School Liturgy

Thank you to all our families who have volunteered to join us on ANZAC Day for the march to Toukley RSL and the service. Please remember to be in full school summer uniform. I will send a compass message through the holidays to remind everyone of the times.

We will hold our school ANZAC Day liturgy on Tuesday 26th April at 10am. You are

## From our Family Liaison Officer

It has been great to have parents and carers be able to join us the past month for school events as well as morning drop off and afternoon pickup (though I know some parents miss the drive through). Coming together as a community is part of what makes St Mary's special and which we have missed over the past two years.

We have all (students, parents/ carers and staff) needed to be flexible and adaptable to manage sudden changes of plans and having to do things a bit differently some times. Looking back on the past 11 weeks a lot has happened but we made it through and now it's time to rest, relax and enjoy the Easter break.

While school holidays most often mean fun and family time, it's not always the case for

more than welcome to join us for this. It will be held, weather permitting, in the quad.

### First Eucharist

Next term our Parish will begin preparing for the sacrament of First Eucharist. This is open to children who have made their reconciliation. This is mainly students in Year 4 but could also be students in Years 5 and 6. The information session is on Thursday 5th May in the church. I will send home next term the link for online enrolment.

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

Thank you to all the children who have volunteered for the Stations of the Cross. Our final rehearsal will take place on Wednesday 13th April from 10 - 11.30am. This is during the school holidays. Costumes will be handed out during this rehearsal.

### Mother's Day Liturgy

On Friday of Week 2 next term we will be celebrating our mothers. Year 1 is leading this liturgy. Mrs Duncan will be putting together a reflection of our mothers here at St Mary's. If you would like to send one picture of your child/ren with their mum this would be amazing. As you can imagine with 514 students we can only use one picture per family. Please send the image to [emily.duncan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emily.duncan@dbb.catholic.edu.au) These will need to be sent by Monday 2nd of May (Monday of Week 2). The reflection will be shown at the liturgy and put on Facebook for those who can not attend.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

everyone in our community. If you find yourself needing support over the break please know that services are available to you. Following are some contacts that you may find helpful.

### Toukley Neighbourhood Centre

Ph 4396 1555

### Lakes Food Care, Toukley

Ph. 4307 1234

### Catholic Care Central Coast Family Centre

Ph. 4356 2600

### San Remo Neighbourhood Centre

Ph 4390 7888

**Lifeline Australia** Ph. 13 11 14

**1800RESPECT** Ph. 1800 737 732

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer  
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# A Spotlight on Mini Vinnies

## Mini Vinnies Term 1 Roundup

Wow! What a term it has been. All our Mini Vinnies members have been busy working in our community and throughout our school putting others before themselves.

Some of the activities we have been working on this term include

- Collecting goods for the tsunami victims in Tonga
- Creating posters for our Easter Raffle and Project Compassion
- Selling raffle tickets for our Easter fundraising (proceeds going to the Northern Rivers Flood Appeal)



Thank you to the Kopinja family for their kind donation of balloons which will be part of our Easter Raffle first prize.

**Kids**  
**4 Community**

**Service Area**  
**ENV: environment**  
**SCH: school**  
**COM: community**  
**RAK: random act of kindness**

A number of our Mini Vinnies members have started their Kids4Community program where they are spending time in our school and community completing tasks where they are giving up their time for others. We thank all our parents and guardians for their support in this program.

Some examples of amazing achievements in this area are:

*Summer M. made and sold bookmarks which raised \$410 for Project Compassion.*

*Emily T. was involved in the Starlight Superswim where she raised \$800 for the Starlight Foundation.*

Term 2 will see us begin our collection of blankets and warm clothing for our Winter Appeal.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all our social justice initiatives at St Mary's.

**Kellie Walker, Elizabeth Shearwood and Mini Vinnies 2022**

## 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

Leo T  
Kai D  
Harper P  
Raven W  
Samuel L-M  
Emma L  
Maci F  
Indianna H  
Harper J  
Hayden S  
Ashley V B  
Vincent B  
Daniel B  
Emmanuelle D  
Eden L-T  
Elizabeth C



## From our PE Teacher

### NSW All School Swimming Championships, Homebush

Congratulations, Byron, Archie, Edward and Harry. These amazing swimmers swam the most awesome times—36sec, 46 sec, 46 sec and 32 secs to come 13th in NSW for the Junior Boys Relay. St Mary's is very proud of you all!



### Polding Trials Touch Football

Congratulations Halle on making the possibles and probables for the Polding Team. She represented Broken Bay at Tamworth last week.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



## Mother's Day Stall Helpers Needed!

Our PIP Team are asking for a team of keen helpers to set up and run the annual Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday, May 4th.

Our fantastic Maria Mackenzie will again lead the group to set up the stall and help children choose the prized gifts that every child loves to give to their mother on Mother's Day morning. Please use the 'sign up' link below to RSVP your availability to help.

LINK: <https://signup.com/go/QPyBFKn>

## Mother's Day Breakfast Helpers Needed (Calling All Dads!)

Our PIP Team require an enthusiastic team of helpers (preferably some eager Dads!) to help set up, cook, serve and pack away a scrumptious BBQ breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day on Friday, May 6th.

Please use the 'sign up' link below to RSVP your availability to help.

LINK: <https://signup.com/go/CszPqEO>

## PIP Team In Partnership With Our Parish Children's Liturgy Helpers Needed

Our Parish are seeking helpers to come along to the relevant Sunday 9am Mass' and accompany the children who attend Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre during Mass. Children's Liturgy goes for 20 minutes or so on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The helper's tasks would include handing out worksheets, pencils etc and helping to support the children during the session.

Helpers would require a WWCC.

If you know someone who would be interested in this role, please direct them to the 'sign up' link below to RSVP their interest.

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