



# Mother's Day

## Upcoming Events

- **Year 6 Graduation Meeting**  
Wednesday  
4th May, 3.15pm
- **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,

This weekend we celebrate the gift of Mother's. Throughout the week there will be a number of events here at school that allow us to celebrate our mums.

Today, a number of mums ran our Mother's Day Stall. Thank you to these parents for organising almost 900 gifts for our students to surprise their mums with on Sunday.

This Friday we will welcome many families to our school. We have many parents (mostly dads) arriving early to cook a delicious breakfast for the mums, nans and students coming to school for breakfast. The weather is predicted to be delightful and we hope to be on the top playground and near the canteen for breakfast. Once again, thank you to all the parent helpers.

Also on Friday, at 9.15am, we celebrate a Mother's Day Liturgy together in the church. Immediately afterwards, at approximately 10.10am, we will have our traditional Mums vs Year 6 Netball Game. This game is always a lot of fun and we ask for any mums who can, to please join in.

We hope all of the mums, nans, mother-figures, aunties and other female role models for our children have a wonderful day on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day!

## NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will begin NAPLAN. The testing window is between May 10th and May 20th. During this time all Year 3 and Year 5 students sit four tests, Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

## NCCD

The *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) Fact Sheet for Parents* is attached to this week's newsletter. The NCCD takes place every year and students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to a disability. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## Postponed CCC Country

The CCC Cross Country that was to be held tomorrow has been postponed until next Monday May 9th. There is also a change of venue to Adcock Park, West Gosford. A note went home yesterday explaining adjusted details.

## Change of pick-up arrangements

There has been a significant increase in the number of phone calls to the office each afternoon, confirming a child's pick up arrangements. If your child already knows how they are getting home and there

have been no changes, there is no need to call the office as well.

Calls to the office should be purely for if there is a change to pick up that your child was unaware of that they must know (eg. mum is working late, please catch the bus) or if there is a change of who is picking up to someone outside of the immediate family (eg dad is caught up at work, another parent 'Matt' will pick up.

A reminder too that our bell goes at 3.15pm and all students must be collected at that time. We are having an increased number of students who are regularly being collected well after supervision has finished. If you are running a few minutes late, please contact the office.

## Year 6 Taster Day

Next Friday 13th our Year 6 students will be attending a 'Taster Day' at their local Catholic high school, St Brigid's or Mackillop. We hope you enjoy this new experience.

## Year 2 Sacred Space

Tomorrow afternoon our Year 2 students will share their 'Sacred Space' with us at assembly. It begins at 1.50pm, parents are welcome to join us.

## Maths Parent Workshop

This Monday 9th May at 9.15am we are holding our Parent Workshop on how you can support your child with their Maths at home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Winter Uniform

Just over a week to go (Monday 16th May) until all students are required to wear their full Winter Uniform. Until then, we ask for children to wear their complete summer uniform (not mixing and matching between the two uniforms).

## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is in a few weeks on Friday 20th May. A Compass notification is awaiting completion (permission note) for all K-6 students. Please ensure it is filled in this week.

## Kinder 2023

Recently, in our Kinder 2023 enrolment interviews, I have met so many wonderful families who are seeking to enrol their child in Kinder next year. It is an exciting time in the lives of these families as they embark on choosing the right school to foster the academic, spiritual and emotional development of their child. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about St Mary's or collecting an enrolment pack, please encourage them to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

## Parish Details

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9.00am-2.00pm

## Merit Awards

Archer E  
Madeline J  
Lara H  
Harrison G  
Harper P  
Airlie C  
Lucas G  
Tom T  
Taj C  
Ivy J  
Theo S  
Mackenzie O  
Xavier H  
Ollie B  
Asha G  
Oliver E  
Hayden S  
Siaosi M  
Koa F  
Zara B  
Mya C  
Anika L  
Willow C  
Jaxon C  
Charlie B  
Eva S  
Ayla B  
Rhani L  
Ruby R  
Milo C-H  
Brody C  
Lincoln S  
Benjamin G  
Bethany M  
Rylee F  
Thomas B  
Cohen W-S  
Penelope P

## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

Last week I sent a Compass message out to all families with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 regarding First Eucharist enrolment. Enrolment is online using the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BYBWB>

There is a compulsory parent session at St Mary's on Wed 4<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm or Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm. St Brendan's is holding their session on Wednesday 4th May at 4pm. To make their First Eucharist, children need to have been confirmed and made reconciliation.

### Mother's Day Liturgy

This Friday, after our Mother's Day breakfast we will be holding our Mother's Day Liturgy. It will begin at 9.15am in the church. Thank you to all our families who emailed Mrs Duncan their photo. If you are unable to join us on Friday, the iMovie will be put on the school Facebook page later that day.

### Sacred Space

This Thursday at 1.50pm Year 2 will share their learning in Religious Education. Families are welcome to join us for this liturgy.

### Project Compassion and Northern Rivers Flood Relief.

Last term we raised over \$2100 to support Caritas through the initiative of Project Compassion. This will help support Indigenous communities in remote Australia and our global community in need around the world.

## From our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a busy term it will be. With so much going on it's important to keep up to date and stay on top of events, workshops, gala days, permission slips, etc by reading the Compass notifications, newsletters and any reminders from your child's teacher. Compass is the direct communication link from school to home and it's a good idea to action any permissions as soon as you receive them so they aren't forgotten.

We always encourage independence and responsibility in our students but there are some things only parents can do. It sets children up well for learning when they don't feel anxious about being the only one in class who hasn't had permission slips, or orders completed and they may miss out on special activities.

Mother's Day is always a very special and exciting celebration for our children to be a part of. Whether it's buying or making gifts

In addition to this, the Easter Raffle raised over \$1900. These funds were donated to support the people in the Northern Rivers area. Thank you to our families who so generously donated. We know it will make a difference to so many people.

### Mother's Day Prayer

***Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.***

***We ask this in your holy name. Amen.***



Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

and cards, sharing our breakfast and liturgy at school or planning a special breakfast for mum on Sunday, the kids just love to show their mums how much they care. For our mums, please remember to take some time for yourself, not just on Mother's Day but on a regular basis. We all need time to relax and refresh and while it can feel just too hard to focus on ourselves sometimes, mum's are deserving of just as much care and attention as they give to everyone else.

Just a reminder that if you haven't already claimed your vouchers from Service NSW to help with things like swimming lessons, sports or creative activities, even help with out of school hours care, you can access those through the Service NSW app. Every bit helps, so please have a look and take advantage of what is available.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer



# A Spotlight on Year 2



## Canteen News

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

Soup this week Friday May 4 is Pumpkin.

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.

Thank you  
Donna and Lauren

## Star Awards

Noah M  
Hunter R  
Rex N  
Chloe B  
Jacob M  
Remi C  
Mia N  
Benny E  
Anne T  
Mia N  
Vincent B  
Dali M  
Phoenix W  
Beau B  
Louis F  
Lara N  
Coco T  
Chelsea F  
Harry B  
Havi M



## From our PE Teacher

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Broken Bay Rugby League Trials

Congratulations to Luka, Bailey and Koby who competed in the Polding Rugby League Trials in Bathurst last Friday. They were trialling to make the Polding side which competes in the NSW All Schools Competition later this term.

All 3 boys played with grit and determination against boys from all over the Northern half of NSW.

Congratulation to Koby who has made the 11yrs Polding team - what an amazing achievement!!!

#### CCC Cross Country Postponed

New Date - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May

New Venue - Adcock Park, West Gosford

Any changes to transport please contact the office

Over half of competitors have not returned \$5 competitor fee and \$5 Bus fare.

Please send in an envelope to the office.

#### NSW Netball - 25<sup>th</sup> May Newcastle Netball Courts

Many children from Year 4 - 6 have nominated to take part.

Children will need their own transport with parent or friend to Newcastle.

Further details soon.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator

Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped out at our Mother's Day Stall this morning. You always do such a great job and our students really appreciate your efforts.



## Year 6 Graduation

Meeting for parents  
Wednesday May 4, 3.15pm  
Meet at the school office

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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