



Appreciating our Staff

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

I would like to take a moment to appreciate the amazing staff we have at our school. In recent months you may have seen a great number of messages on the news and social media around teaching, teachers and schools.

I would like to highlight our amazing, professional staff. Our teachers are extremely dedicated. I see them arrive before 7.00am and leave after 5.00pm. I see them leave with the marking and planning they will do that night to prepare for the following day. I hear the conversations that constantly happen, both in formal meetings and informal conversations, all around how they can best support the individuals in their class. I see them use their breaks to support students. I see the fun that the teachers have with the students and the tremendous empathy, compassion and trust they share with their class. I see how the kids interact with their teachers, respectfully and joyfully, and how much the kids enjoy learning with their teachers. Our office staff and Learning Support staff all work tirelessly, day in, day out. I appreciate the amazing people that work at our school. Our kids are happy. They are learning. They are cared for. They belong. Parents, I ask if you can please let a staff member (or a few) know that you appreciate them and what they do. They certainly don't do their work for any credit, but it is always appreciated when it is received.

Kinder Enrolments and Playgroup

I have held many interviews now with prospective families who will start their child with us in Kinder next year. Acceptances have been sent out. If you know someone who is yet to return an application form, we are still accepting enrolments and we still have places. I encourage you to return these as soon as possible. Next Tuesday 17th is our next Playgroup, 9.15am in the hall.

NAPLAN

Yesterday our Year 3 and Year 5 students began NAPLAN. Thank you to their teachers for preparing them so well and to the students who have had a resilient and can-do attitude. Good luck!

Mother's Day

Thank you to Tenille and the team of parents who coordinated our fantastic Mother's Day Breakfast. We had a lovely liturgy in a full church, followed by a competitive game of Mums vs Year 6 Netball. Well done to the mums who beat Year 6 by two points (23-21).

Reading Log

Reading at home every night is crucial. It is compulsory, every single night, for every single child in the school K-6. It is not optional. There are a number of children who regularly do not complete their Reading Log. Parents, please ensure that you are supervising your child reading and signing the compulsory log each day.

Winter Uniform

Compulsory winter uniform begins on Monday. Just in time, the weather is certainly cooling off!

Disco

Today, students will bring home the flyer advertising the upcoming school disco. There will be two sessions (K-2, 3-6) and it will be \$2 entry, paid at the door. We can't wait for all of the kids to 'Bop Till They Drop'!

Excursions

Year 4 and Kindergarten students have their excursions this Friday. We hope you have a great day of fun and learning, and that the sun (hopefully) shines for you.

Athletics Carnival

Please make sure you have signed the Compass note for your child to participate in our Athletics Carnival next week. Parents will be welcome to attend the day but will need to cheer from the perimeter, not within the track.

Your thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Galea family (Ava 6 Gold, Riley 3 Green) in your thoughts and prayers. Ava and Riley's great grandmother passed away recently. May your memories and Our Lord's blessings bring you great strength during this difficult time.

Congratulations

Nixon (KBlue) recently became a big brother to Jeda, while Rose (6 Gold) and Walter (1 Green) welcomed a new little sister, Violet. Congratulations families.

Fencing

You may have noticed some fencing that has now started around the oval. Over the coming weeks, our entire school site will be completely secured by this fencing.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Liam M
Matilda R
James W
Zahli S
Hunter C
Amelia R
Flynn H
Emma H
Harper W
Christian P
Aidan B
Aarush A
Tyler B
Benjamin S
Abigail H
Malaki B
Cruz C
Sophie C
Evie Z
Zoe S
Edward C
Phoebe-Rene F
Baylee G
Piper E
Mia H
Ryder A
Kingston K
Sophie B
Bailey C
Zac W
Lukas F
Liliana C
Harry M
Mayah H

Athlete's Foot

This morning, the Athlete's Foot presented a cheque for \$500 to our school. This is from the 'Back to School' Promotion held earlier in the year. Thank you!

From Our REC

Mother's Day Liturgy

Thank you to all who attended our Mother's Day Liturgy. We loved being able to celebrate with you all and your children were so excited. A special thank you to Year 1 teachers and students who lead our liturgy, you did an amazing job! If you missed our Mother's Day iMovie head over to our Facebook page and have a look. Get your tissues ready!



First Eucharist

Many students in Years 4-6 are preparing for their First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.



From our Librarian

What's happening in our Library

Kindy and **Year 1** are using the iPads to identify letters on the keypad and practice their typing skills.

Year 2 are investigating what life was like in the olden days. We are highlighting and recording the key ideas in the text. Frozen peas may not be our favourite veggie but it sure beats having to shell them!!!

Year 3 are using the iPads to search the internet. We are examining the results and learning how to narrow our search with key words

Year 4 are investigating convict life. We are using the internet to search for information and selecting websites that are reliable. We are looking at the appearance of a website and whether it is cluttered with pop up ads. We are checking the privacy policy that is usually in small print to see what the site does when we visit it. We are also checking the credentials and expertise of the website creator. Anyone can make a website but we need to decide which can be relied on for our research and assignments.

Year 4 Sunday Parish Mass

Please keep Sunday June 19th free for those families with Year 4 children. We will be attending mass at 9am. Teachers will be handing out ministries soon. We are aware many students will be making their First Eucharist, this will be a lovely way to celebrate and support the other Year 4 students.



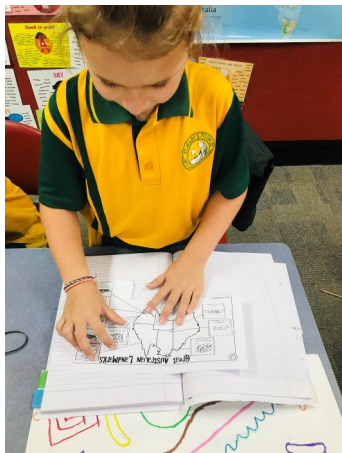
Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

Year 5 are working on different aspects of colonial life and its impact on the development and expansion of early settlements. This week we are reviewing how to refine our search on Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth. We are learning how to choose a reliable website using set criteria. .org, .gov and .edu will always be reliable sites but it is also important that we can read and understand the information they contain.

...AND Year 6 are exploring the different places they will visit in Canberra. This week we are investigating the origin of Canberra and the planning that was involved in creating our Capital City. Did you know that the Australian Government hosted a competition to find a design for our nation's capital? There were 137 entries from all over the world, including Mexico, Sweden, South Africa, Paraguay, France and India! The award went to American architect Walter Burley Griffin. His wife Marion actually did all the drawings of the design that won the competition!!!!

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on Year 3



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 13 is Chicken Noodle & Vegetable..

Thank you
Donna and Lauren

Star Awards

Ellie A
Amari R
Airlie C
Molly W
Cruz C
Vienna B
Sage C
Sebastian S
Ivie T
Max A
Archie W
Eli F
Sophia K
Cooper S
Addison P
Mia S
Zali R
Isabella H
Ruby K
Zoe D
Ellie B
Hua Q P

Uniform Shop News

We are currently out of stock in our girls winter tunics and size 6 boys grey pants. This is a supplier issue and unfortunately this is out of our control. We are hoping to have the grey pants this week, however the tunics may not be here until next week. If your child has not got the correct winter uniform next week we ask that they wear **FULL** summer uniform, and we will notify the school community via Compass when the stock arrives. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

From our PE Teacher

CCC Cross Country

Well, what a wet, wet, wet day we had at Adcock Park. I am so proud of all our St Mary's students for the positive way they approached the difficult weather and conditions. It will be a story they can tell everyone in the years to come! Due to 2 weeks of Naplan and the continued ground closures, this was the only option to complete this event before the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 24th May. St Mary's was 3rd of the 11 Central Coast Schools – Congratulations on your wonderful efforts!

8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs
Amena D 2 nd	Sasha R 1 st	Addison W 5 th	Chloe S 5 th	Ellie B 5 th
Amelia D 4 th	Phoebe N 3 rd	Dominic W 5 th	Kirrilee F 13 th	Summer M 18 th
Ruby B 5 th	Emmanuelle D 7 th	John M 8 th	Tayla M 14 th	Zahra D 20 th
Remi W 13 th	Lachlan B 7 th	Andy B 11 th	Seth T 19 th	Anton W 4 th
Mia T 14 th	Flynn B 8 th	Archer G 14 th	Kingston K 18 th	Harry B 8 th
Willow C 15 th	Isaac B 15 th		Koby D 20 th	Tiernan B 14 th
Baylen M 7 th	Lachlan M 20 th			Bailey N 20 th
Lennox K 8 th				
Rawson B 11 th				

St Mary's Feast Day Celebrations

The PIP Team are asking for 'just one thing'.... We are asking for a team of helpers to volunteer some time to support our awesome parent team leader, Sharmaine Gormley, in cooking up a storm. Our student community will celebrate St Mary's Feast Day on Friday, May 27th and we will require helpers to cook a sausage sizzle BBQ from 10am-1pm (or any time you can manage in between). If you are able to assist, please use the 'sign up' link below.

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



123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Programme

123 Magic and Emotion Coaching is a 3 session programme for parents to develop a better understanding of children's emotions and behaviour, to help build emotional intelligence and self regulation in their children and assist in managing challenging behaviour.

A note has been sent home today with details of our upcoming 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Programme, starting Week 6. If you are interested in attending please complete the slip at the bottom of the page and return to school by Friday May 27. If you would like more information about the programme please feel free to contact our Family Liaison Officer, Donna Falzon on 4396 5100.

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