



# Teamwork

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The attributes of a team include communication, fairness and fun. In a school, teamwork comes in many forms. The teachers and support staff at our school rely on each other, daily, to build each other up. Our parents create supportive networks to help each other. Parents, teachers and parish work together as a team for the betterment of our students. Our kids use the skills of teamwork each day on the playground, in the classroom, during after-school sports.

Yesterday afternoon, the teamwork and team spirit in our school were high. Our new students learned what colour house they belong to (Red, Green, Blue or Gold) and the cheers that ensued were deafening. The teachers are also assigned a colour house and are very competitive with each other. Mrs Jones likes to remind students and staff that she "Bleeds Blue".

This Friday we expect to have our Athletics Carnival at Mingara. Tomorrow we will receive confirmation of if the grounds are dry enough for us to use. Some important things to note about our carnival are;

- Everyone attends and has a go.
- Everyone stays until the end of the carnival to support their team. No early leavers.
- Parents are welcome to attend the day but will only be able to cheer from the perimeter. The grass area inside the track where students complete 'fun' activities is crowded with our 500 students. This is a change from previous years.
- A schedule of events will be sent home for parents to know the approximate times various age groups will be competing.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help and to Mrs Bain for organising such a great carnival, where the children are active and having fun all day long.

## Leadership Team Learning

This week our school Leadership Team continued our journey of continuous improvement as we embarked on Professional Learning titled 'Leading Improvement'. Our Leadership Team will continue to deeply reflect on our school data and review areas for school-wide improvement. We are working alongside Linda Bendikson, a highly accomplished scholar from New Zealand, during the rest of 2022.

## Kinder Enrolments and Playgroup

Yesterday was another great morning at our Playgroup. Lots of children who are joining us for Kinder in 2023 came along to enjoy some play-based learning. Our next Playgroup is Wednesday 15th June, 9.15am in the hall.

If you know someone who is yet to return an application for Kinder 2023, we are still accepting enrolments. I encourage you to return these as soon as possible.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN has now finished for our Year 3 and Year 5, with only a few make-up sessions remaining tomorrow.

## School Feast Day

Next Friday 27th we celebrate our school Feast Day, *Our Lady Help of Christians*. We have a Mass organised which will be followed by fun activities throughout the day, a free sausage sandwich for the children (parents, please sign up to help with the BBQ through the sign up link on the last page) and the always competitive Teachers vs Year 6 netball game. It looks to be a great day, as long as the rain stays away!

## Disco

Our school disco will be on in just a few weeks time. There will be two sessions (K-2, 3-6) and it will be \$2 entry, paid at the door. Our DJ will be 'Bop Till You Drop' and our PIP Team have organised for glow sticks to be purchased on the night!

## Uniform

Students are now in our full school Winter Uniform. Thank you to parents for ensuring the kids look so fantastic.

## Families Week

This week is Families Week. We would like to recognise this by students telling us how their family is strong through a drawing or sentences. A sheet will come home tomorrow to be completed and returned next week.

## Final Day of Term 2

Our staff will participate in a Professional Learning Day, alongside the other 43 schools in our diocese, on Friday July 1st. This will be a pupil free day and an early start to the school holidays.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal



Playgroup yesterday

## Parish Details

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## Merit Awards

- Caleb N
- Elizabeth J
- Isaac P
- Cooper E
- Eli C
- Harley A
- Logan R
- Oliver L
- Owen M
- Charlotte A
- Ayla M
- Anthony N
- Xavier H
- Maci F
- Parker M
- Indianna H
- Lachlan F
- Baylen M
- Cooper B
- Amena D
- Ashley V B
- Isaac B
- Will M
- Nate F
- Lillian D
- Cynthia A
- Andy B
- Owen M
- Summer G
- Nikkita C
- Ivy D
- Louis G
- Ava G
- Rose D

## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

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

### 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.

### Winter Appeal

Next week we will begin our annual Winter Appeal. We will be collecting blankets and clothing for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. These need to be in good condition. If you have donations could you please bring them to school.



## National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

On Tuesday 31st May we will recognise and celebrate National Sorry Day (officially held on May 26th) and Reconciliation Week. Miss Poulton our Aboriginal Teacher will be preparing our students for this liturgy. It will be held at 2pm in the undercroft if you would like to join us.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator



## From our Family Liaison Officer



Attendance at school, on time, for the whole day is a fundamental indicator of a child's success at school. Children who attend school regularly are shown to achieve at higher levels than children who have regular absences. By being at school everyday children are better able to keep up with learning in class, build their confidence at school, have positive attitudes towards school and develop strong relationships with their peers.

This also applies to being on time in the morning and staying until the end of the school day. Being on time to school gives children a chance to settle well into the days learning tasks and decreases anxiety.

Good (or bad) habits start early and are harder to change the longer they go on. It is important to develop good attendance habits from Kinder to help children achieve their best at school. While they are so young it can be hard to see the years ahead, but positive attendance and punctuality will see children well into the future when they look to find part time jobs in high school or full time work at the completion of their education.

The 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching programme for parents/ carers will begin in Week 6, Tuesday May 31st. A flyer with permission slip was sent home with last week's newsletter and is also available on our school website. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me either in person or via phone on 4396 5100. I will have to order resources for those who attend so it is important to RSVP so I know how many to cater for.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer

## A Spotlight on Year 4



Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks



### 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.

Chicken and Vegetable Pies are currently out of stock. We will let you know when they become available.

Thank you  
Donna and Lauren

### Star Awards

Bentley G  
Sanisia W  
Molly W  
Oscar H  
Sage C  
Charlize A  
Aidan B  
Ruby B  
Archie G  
Finley G  
Max B  
Mia M  
Archie M  
Emeri B  
Byron H  
Elise C  
Charli D



## From our PE Teacher

### 2022 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REMINDERS

**We have had some great cheering today - and everyone is ready for a fun filled Friday!!!**

1. 8.30am start for 800m –Please be there at 8.15am
2. 9.30am start for all other events
3. Students may wear a plain house colour T shirt – safety pin for ribbons
4. Students should bring a bag with hat, recess, lunch, drinks, sunscreen and towel to sit on
5. Canteen only available to parents
6. HIGH JUMP at end of Carnival –2.30pm Parent supervision necessary 9yrs – 12yrs
7. Parents will receive a compass message with the order of events and parent jobs.
8. Parents will be watching from perimeter this year due to the high numbers of children we have at St Mary's now and the dampness of Mingara grass.

There is lots of room around the oval to spectate.

### NSW Netball

Thanks to those who have returned their compass permission. If everyone can have permission done by Thursday we can have our lifts sorted for those needing transportation to Newcastle.

This is a fun day with only 1 Yr 6 team recording scores.

Good Luck to Diocesan Athletes in Galston next Tuesday.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



### 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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