



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5
25 May 2022

Families Week

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

This week our school is celebrating the importance of our families, in *Families Week*. We know how important the partnership between home and school is for the success of each child in our care. We know that, while each family is unique, our St Mary's families are caring, compassionate and supportive. This is always worth celebrating! Last week students received a worksheet they could complete at home, answering the question "My family is strong because...". Many responses are being shared each morning at our assembly. It has been wonderful to listen to the children as they read about their special family and to hear how proud they are as they share with the school.

Industrial Action

There will be a full day of Industrial Action taken by teachers and support staff this Friday. The majority of our staff will participate in the Industrial Action so we can only provide minimal supervision to students who are in attendance. Supervision will be held in the library. The canteen will also be closed.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Friday June 17 your child's Report will be forwarded to you via Compass. From today, you are able to book a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss both the Report and their progress. You can do this through Compass by going through the 'Conferences' tab. Parent-Teacher meetings occur in Week 9, June 20-23.

Feast Day

Yesterday, May 24, was our school's Feast Day, 'Mary Help of Christians'. Our liturgy to celebrate this day will be held tomorrow at 11.30am in the church. You are invited to join us.

Reconciliation Week

Next week Miss Poulton (Aboriginal Education Teacher) will be working with students to lead our school in our Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day Liturgy. This will be held next Tuesday 31st at 1.50pm in the Quad. Please join us.

COVID Reminders

A friendly reminder that we still require parents to call us and let us know if your child is away due to COVID. We are only able to inform the community when we are made aware. All adults who are on site while being a close contact are required to wear a mask.

Student Attendance

We are noticing a pattern occurring with the attendance of our students. Whilst the vast majority of students are doing the right thing, there is a significant (and increasing) portion of children who are having days off for reasons other than illness. This is having a noticeable impact on the learning outcomes of these children. While illness is certainly a reason to stay home (thank you for doing so), children must attend for all school days if they are well.

Year 6 Grad Meeting

Next Wednesday 1st June, all Year 6 parents are invited to the next Graduation Committee Meeting. Please come to the school office at 3.15pm.

First Eucharist

Please keep the children who are currently preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist. The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th June. The Year 4 Grade Mass is also Sunday 19th June at 9am.

Sacred Space

Kinder Green and Kinder Gold both have their Sacred Space coming up this term. Year 6 have their Grade Assembly this term. The class teachers will let you know the details closer to time.

Disco

Our school disco is next week so get your dancing shoes ready and your disco outfit sorted... Our school is preparing to 'Bop Till You Drop!'. There will be two sessions in our hall; K-2 5.30-6.45pm, 3-6 7.00-8.30pm. Admission is \$2 (cash only) and glow sticks will also be available for purchase (also \$2).

Uniform

Students are now in full school Winter Uniform. Alongside our newsletter today is an outline of the Winter and Sport Uniform. Please ensure your child is in their full correct uniform each day.

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.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Finlay T
Isabella D
Kai D
Aria C
Piper W
Bowie G
Jordan G
Addison F
Louis K
James C
Remi C
Lewis Z
Frankie B
Isabella B
Harper B
Katy-Leigh P
Millie J
Grace L
Madison C
Harvey L
Mya C
Corben D
Phoenix W
Luke P C
Vinnie E
Thomas M
Harlow R
Ryan M
Indiana M
Sosefo K
Olivia D
Lola K
Lily D B
Eden L T
Marcella R
Elijah P S
Lexie L
Noah T

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.

Mary, Help of Christians Liturgy

Tomorrow at 11.30am we will be holding a liturgy in the church to celebrate our school's patron saint, Mary Help of Christians. Students in Years 3 to 6 will lead us in the different ministries. If you are able to join us, we would love to see you.

Winter Appeal

Our Winter Appeal has begun. 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

Next 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 1.50pm in the quadrangle if you would like to join us. Miss Poulton has also organised a range of activities for students to be involved in during Reconciliation Week.

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

From our Librarian

*It started with a seed.
And that seed was me.*

This week our entire school celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annu-



ally by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read by students and teachers, fostering a sense of community and excitement around reading. It's the perfect way to get kids excited about books and learning!

This year we are reading the text **Family Tree** by Josh Pyke and Ronajoy Ghosh. By the end of this week all classes will have enjoyed this beautiful story.

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

We are becoming more familiar with the letters on a keyboard and being encouraged to use more than one finger to type words when we locate the letters

Year 2 are investigating the chores children did during the olden days and how they spent their afternoons after school. There was certainly no time for i-pads back then!!!!

Year 3 are investigating that not all websites give accurate information. Some websites contain inaccurate information, and we need to be critical of what we search for on the internet.

Years 4 and 5 are discovering that plagiarism is not some strange microbe. To avoid plagiarism the students are learning about the importance of gathering information, identifying the key idea, and then putting it into our own words. It is important that every project is presented in our own words and that we are synthesizing the information that we are reading.

Year 6 are visiting The War Memorial without even leaving the library. Do you know who originally came up with the concept of creating such a memorial in our country?

Happy reading everyone
Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on Year 5



Year 5 have been inspired by the Ned Kelly series by artist Sidney Nolan. They have written a descriptive narrative on his most famous artwork titled Ned Kelly and have created their own interpretation of the piece.



Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly

By Brooklyn Chambers

Ned Kelly, guilty, brutal, fatal. From the cold night, Ned is to wake up to the sound of birds chirping, the man who is guilty jumps on his horse and swiftly rides into the thick and heavy bush. He rides with the fear in his eye for he is emotionally scarred from the blood and gore caused by one man and one gun.



Canteen News

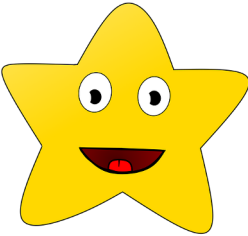
Lunch orders are via the Qkr! app. Cut off time for orders is 9am. You can order up to 2 weeks in advance.

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

- Emmett B
- Evie Wi
- Adeline C
- Stella C
- Ara W
- Jeremy R
- Jordan S
- Talan C
- Maddison H
- Van B
- Anika L
- Oliver K
- Filippo C
- Edward C
- Clive Z
- Max W
- Jasmine C
- Lukas C
- Summer M
- Addison L



From our PE Teacher

Club Connect Rugby League this Friday is cancelled due to the Teacher's Strike. Diocesan Cross Country will take place next week if the grounds have recovered.

Thank you
Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Students studying Italian this term at St Mary's have had an opportunity to participate in an Art Competition where they are required to submit a piece of work representing the culture they are learning about. They needed to include two focus phrases written in Italian.

The contest was open to all students studying languages in Primary School and prizes include a hamper of mixed cultural items representing all the languages taught in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Finalists have been chosen and the winners will be announced soon. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Signora Di Donato
Italian Teacher



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 was sent home recently 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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