



What a term!

Upcoming Events

- **First Day of Term 3**
Monday 18th July
- **NSW Netball Gala Day**
Thursday 21st July
- **Year 3 Excursion**
Friday 29th July
- **NAIDOC Week**
1st-5th August
- **School Photos**
Thursday 4th August
- **Parent Workshop: Reading**
Wednesday 10th August
- **Grandparent's Day**
Friday 12th August
- **Assumption Mass**
Monday 15th August
- **CCC Athletics**
Friday 19th August
- **Book Week**
29th August- 2nd September
- **Book Parade**
Tuesday 30th August
- **Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy**
Friday 2nd September

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

With another big term of fun and learning behind us, I hope you are able to rest, replenish and enjoy some quality family time over the school holidays.

As we reflect on all that the last 10 weeks have held, is it any wonder the children are tired and ready for the school holiday break! Excursions, NAPLAN, School Disco, Martial Arts, Athletics Carnival and Feast Day Fun Day, Masses, Canberra... phew, it's been big!

Term 3 Calendar

Alongside the newsletter today is the Term 3 Calendar. As you can see, there are lots of wonderful events coming up for us to celebrate as a school community. The biggest event in Term 3 is always our Book Week Parade. Make sure you start thinking about your Book Week costume! We also welcome back our Book Stall throughout Week 7.

Industrial Action

There will be a full day of Industrial Action taken by teachers and support staff tomorrow. With many staff participating, we will be providing supervision only to students who are in attendance (no lessons). Supervision will be held in the library. The canteen will also be closed.

Wellbeing Week

This week is Wellbeing Week at school. We have had an environmental focus, with the children learning about the impact of rubbish on our environment, a rubbish free day at school (yesterday), fun activities in the Undercroft and a daytime disco. It has been a fun week. Thank you to the Wellbeing Team for organising the events!

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is during these school holidays. We will be holding a number of cultural activities and our NAIDOC Week Liturgy during Week 3 of next term. You are welcome to join us for these events.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be held August 12th (Week 3). We look forward to our students' Grandparents bringing a packed lunch to enjoy

with their grandchildren, joining in our liturgy and then enjoying some cake and coffee as they visit their grandchild's classroom. It is always a highly anticipated day that brings so much joy to everyone.

Miss Evans

A sincere thank you and good luck to Miss Demi Evans as she moves to another school for the rest of the year. Miss Evans, thank you for the genuine care, compassion and joy you have shared with the children in Year 2 this year. We will miss you!

First day back

Term 3 begins on Monday July 18th. We can't wait to see you back here!

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal



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Merit Awards

Madeleine J
Liam M
Evie W
Isaac P
Cruz C
Raven W
Oscar H
Leura S
Harrison D
Mackenzie O
Luke H
Airlei M
Bailey K
Ivy S
Nixon P
Kyden B
Zac Bs
Sienna H
Archer G
Jay K
Liam G
Rose M
Emeri B
Summer G
Addison W
Connor D
Lincoln S
Tayla G
Lara N
Beau T
Ella S



From Our REC

Winter Appeal

Thank you to all our families who contributed to our Winter Appeal. Bob Steel from St Vincent De Paul was amazed with our contributions and assured us they will go to some very needy people.

Sacred Heart Mass

Thank you to our Kinder students and Mini Vinnies team members for leading our Sacred Heart Mass. You did an amazing job! Thank you to our Kinder teachers for preparing our students so well. I know our parents loved seeing our Kinder students leading our mass.

Grandparent's Liturgy

Last week a facebook post was shared with our community to let you know of our upcoming Grandparents celebration. Save the Date - 12th August, 1.30pm



From Our Family Liaison Officer

This week we completed the Seasons for Growth programme for students and were able to have their family members join us for their celebration and presentation of their certificates yesterday. Thank you to those parents/ carers who allowed the children to join the programme and to the children themselves for their wonderful participation and openness each time we met as a group. Supporting children who have experienced grief and loss through big changes in their lives by helping them to understand how change affects us all, navigate ways to accept and manage their feelings, make positive choices and look forward to the future is work we are privileged to be able to do.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching programme we ran in recent weeks. One of the big features of this programme is the introd-

Parish Feast Day

On Sunday our Parish celebrated its Feast Day. Thank you to all our Year 5 and 6 students who created artworks for this celebration. Our Parish loved being able to have them on display. Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was selected by the Mission Council;

1st place - Lexie
2nd place - Koby
Equal 3rd place - Polly & Chelsea

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator



uction of Emotion Coaching to parents. It is a very effective way to help children recognize, calm and deal with their big emotions. Australian psychologist Karen Young has a great article on how parents can help children deal with big feelings. You can find it at the link ['here'](#)

Hopefully everyone gets the chance to rest up and for those who have been ill, recover, and enjoy the holidays. We are lucky that there are lots of great outdoor things for us to do on the coast as well as plenty of activities organized by local community centres and local libraries. Have a look on the council and neighbourhood centre websites to see what is available. Most are free or very low cost.

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A Spotlight on PE



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.

Gluten Free chicken tenders are now back in stock.

Thank you
Donna and Lauren

Star Awards

- Archer E
- Harrison G
- Eli C
- Logan R
- Charlotte A
- Sebastian S
- Imogen C
- Cruz W C
- Baylen M
- Ashley L
- Ashley V B
- Lillian D
- Beau B
- Grace B
- Mia H
- Tayla M

From our PE Teacher

CCC Athletics Trials

Thank you to the parents and children able to make our trials last Monday. We were able to complete our 200m, Long Jump and High Jump with the help of lots of parents.

Catholic Independent Cup - Rugby League

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls who competed in the Central Coast Catholic and Independent schools Rugby League Competition. Our amazing team coached by Greg Clarke (Cruz and Taj's dad) won all of their initial games to make the final against OLOR Terrigal. It was a stressful and close game with Terrigal winning 22 - 18.

We thank Greg for coming in Mondays and Fridays over Term 2 and preparing some very effective set plays and team play for St Mary's. Thanks Miss Dawson and Josh, Elijah's dad for managing the team.

NSW Netball

Could we please have all compass notes in by Thursday ready for our Gala Day in week 1. We also need to organise lifts for some children.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Kidzspace is back!

Children and families are welcome to come along and enjoy some school holiday fun with Toukley Neighbourhood Centre at 7 Summerside St, Toukley on Friday 8th & 15th July from 10am-11.30am Bookings required on 02 43961555

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