



# Canberra

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

I have the privilege of joining Year 6 this week on their excursion to warm, sunny Canberra. We left school just before 6am this morning, eagerly anticipating the trip to our capital. It is an exciting time for our students; an excursion that supports their learning of Government, but just as importantly, a chance for the students to bond and have fun in a unique way, while also supporting each child to feel a new sense of independence. As we visit many places including Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, AEC and AIS, I feel confident that our leaders will continue to be wonderful ambassadors for our school. I hope you all enjoy the excursion.

## Disco

Our school disco was so much fun! Everyone who attended had an amazing time and we are very appreciative to the PIP Team for their organisational efforts. We also thank mum Leanne 'The Party Mamma' and 'Spectacular Balloons' for supplying our entrance.

## Athletics Fun Day

Next Friday 17th June, we will hold the fun events that were missed from our postponed Athletics Carnival and School Feast Day. The events will include activities such as running races, novelty throwing and catching events, hurdles, karate, dance, netball and much more. Ribbons will be handed out to competitors and 15 St Brigid's students will attend to support the smooth running of the day. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have parents attend as the entire school will be moving between events on the oval. It will be normal recess and lunch. After lunch, we hope to hold our annual Teachers vs Year 6 game. Children are encouraged to wear a t-shirt representing their colour house along with their usual sports uniform.

## CCC Athletics Trials

In addition to our Athletics Fun Day, we will be requiring children to race competitively for selection for CCC Athletics. Next Tuesday, 14th June, the children who were nominated on the Athletics Carnival permission note to race in the 100m and 800m, will compete in these events at school. All of these children should wear their sports uniform next Tuesday. There will be no ribbons for these events, it is just the selection trials for the CCC. The 200m, long jump and high jump CCC trials will need to be held at Mingara. We are awaiting confirmation of an afternoon twilight date (eg 3.00pm-4.30pm) for our 10, 11 and 12 year old age groups later this term.

## Footy Colour Day

On Thursday 23rd June students will be encouraged to wear their favourite team's footy jersey or team colours to school.

## Winter Appeal

Our Winter Appeal has begun! Each year, Mini Vinnies students ask our families to donate any used (but in good condition) clothes and blankets that can be distributed to families in need in our local community. If you can help, your donation would be appreciated.

## Pandora Gate Access

As our new fencing project nears completion, the gates that go through to Pandora Parade will be closed during the day, roughly 9.30am-2.30pm. If you are coming onto the school site during these hours, you will need to use the access via the main carpark.

## Playgroup

Next Wednesday, June 15th, is our next Playgroup. It will be held in the hall from 9.15am. Parents of children who will begin Kindergarten with us in 2023 are encouraged to come along. Younger siblings are also welcome.

## 1, 2, 3 Magic

It is wonderful to see so many parents currently attending the 1, 2, 3 Magic course. Thank you to Donna Falzon, our Family Liaison Officer, for ensuring these courses are available to our families.

## Excursions

Year 2 had a wonderful time last Friday at their Total Homestead excursion. Thanks for being such great representatives for our school. This Friday Year 1 will travel to Hunter Wetlands. Have a wonderful time!

## ICAS

Earlier this week you would have received information on the ICAS tests that will be held next term. These are optional tests on a variety of subjects. If you require further information, please contact the school.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week is the final week parents can book a Parent-Teacher meeting to discuss your child's Report and progress. You can do this through Compass by going through the 'Conferences' tab. Parent-Teacher meetings occur in Week 9, June 20-23.

## Final Day of Term 2

Our staff will participate in a Professional Learning Day on Friday July 1st. This will be a pupil free day. Term 3 begins on Monday July 18th.

Kind regards, Emma Sellars - Principal

## 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 this week. 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.



### Parish Details

Ph. 4396 4455  
Email. toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au  
Office Hours. Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

- Leo T
- Skye M
- Ava B
- Ruby K
- Nixon D
- James D
- Willis B
- Natas B
- Ondine R
- Morgan P
- Charlize A
- Ruby J
- Mia N
- Levi C
- Ivy C
- Lennox I
- Isaac B
- Eva R
- Harry C
- Harrison P
- Charlotte C
- Lachlan M
- Eva M
- Harrison L
- Daniel B
- Matthew W
- Rose M
- Matthew G
- Emmanuelle D
- Grace B
- Milla A
- Willow F
- Zahra D
- Connor V B



### 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.

### Plenary Council Placemats

Thank you to all our Year 4 students who had a go at designing a placemat for the Plenary Council dinner. The task was to draw a picture that shows how we can live Jesus' way or how you know God loves you. We had to select some entries which were sent down to our head office last week. Congratulations to the following students whose placemat was sent down; Harlow, Lylah, Sunnie, Phoenix and Arlie.



### ICAS

We are delighted to inform you that St Mary's will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments™ this year. These are **optional** tests that you might choose for your child to participate in. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments Parent Payment System (PPS) for all assessments. Through this system parents pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register and pay for your child no later than Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. A permission note will be sent when we have identified all participants. This needs to be completed before students sit their ICAS Assessments.

Subject	School Years	Official Sitting Dates Term 3 8 <sup>th</sup> August - 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Participation Price (optional) (incl. GST)
Digital Technologies	3-6	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 2pm	\$19.25
Writing	3-6	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 8am	\$23.65
English	2-6	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 8am	\$19.25
Science	2-6	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2022 2pm	\$19.25
Spelling Bee	2-6	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 8am	\$19.25
Mathematics	2-6	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 8am	\$19.25

Link: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

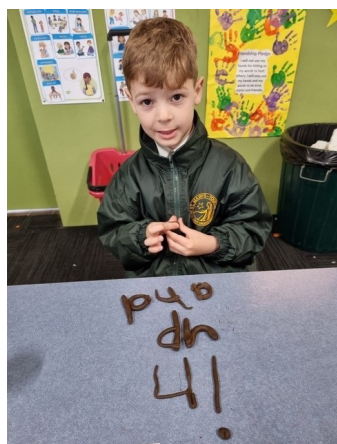
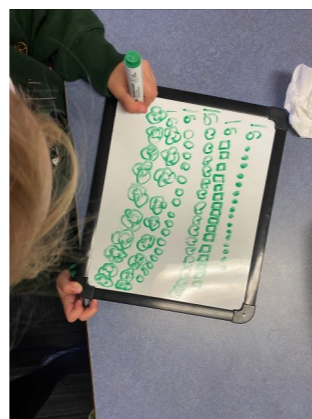
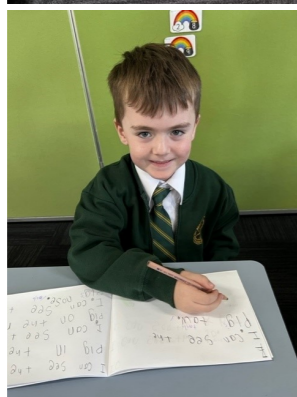
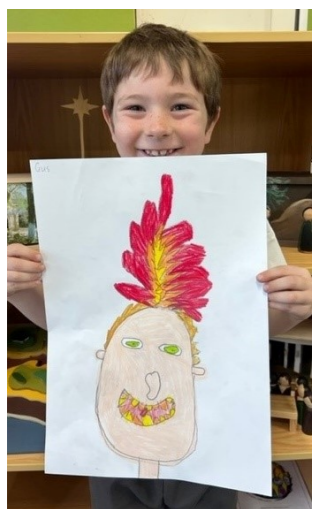
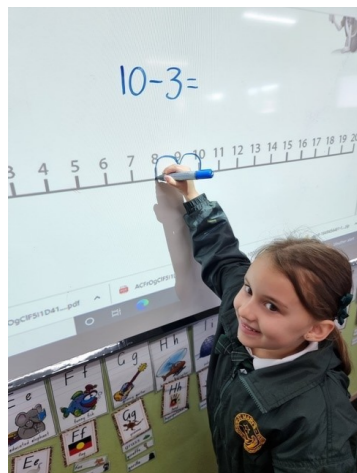
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These assessments will take place at varying times from 8<sup>th</sup> August until the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please see the timetable for when the assessments will take place. Some will be before school.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator



## A Spotlight on Kinder



Kindergarten learning about subtraction, being part of our Religious presentations, identifying the beginning, middle and end sounds in CVC words and making high frequency words with playdough.

### 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 now back in stock and available to order via Qkr!.

This Friday June 10th Soup Lunch Special is Pumpkin.



Thank you  
Donna and Lauren

### Star Awards

Isla P  
Briella F  
Adeline C  
Jordan G  
Charlotte O  
Reef C  
Jacob K  
Rawson B  
Zac B  
Oliver A  
Oliver R  
Harrison B  
Evie Z  
Harry B  
Sonny I  
Myles S  
Charlotte G  
Scarlett W  
Indi M  
Jonah M  
Will M  
Eden L T



## From our PE Teacher

### Polding Cross Country - Eastern Creek

Sasha R, Ruby B, Ellie B, Dominic W, Flynn B and Chloe S. Congratulations to all of our children who made the trek to Eastern Creek yesterday to compete against the best cross country runners from Northern NSW Catholic Schools. I am awaiting final results and will include them next week.

### CCC Athletics Trials

Due to the long term wet weather we have been unable to secure a date at Mingara until late September.

We have decided to do the 100m and 800m at school next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Any children who nominated for CCC 100m in 8yrs - 12yrs will get to race and be timed next Tuesday. The best 4 times will qualify for CCC.

Any children in 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs who wish to trial for 200m, Long Jump and High Jump will need to be transported to Mingara for a 3pm - 4.30pm trial.

2 children per event will qualify for CCC.

This will be parent transportation. I am finalising a date for the end of this term.

I will need parent assistance so we can make this work - Thankyou

### Athletics Funday and Feast Day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June we are going to have a fabulous fun day at school. Everyone will take part in races, hurdles, relays and many fun games and activities.

All children will receive ribbons and certificates just like our regular carnival.

Children should wear their sports uniform, house colour T Shirt and a safety pin for ribbons.

It will be a super day!

### Year 5/6 Soccer Gala Day - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June week 10

#### All Year 5/6 will attend

A compass note will be sent out next week

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator

### Oh what a night!

What a fantastic turn out to our St Mary's School Disco! The kids razzled and dazzled with their funky disco outfits and dance moves! Such fun was had by all, especially when the Macarena had all the kids dancing in unison. Who knew a 90's classic could still be so popular!

Thank you to the teachers who came to support the night. A massive shout-out to our wonderful parent helpers and Leanne from 'Party Mamma' in conjunction with 'Spectacular Balloons' who supplied us with a fabulous photo wall backdrop on the night. The happy snaps taken in front of the backdrop will become treasured memories.

Thank you,  
PIP Team

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lexie L (6 Green) who won first place in the Italian section of the recent Diocesan Art Competition. Lexie submitted a stunning drawing of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Well done!



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