



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8  
15 June 2022

## Celebrating your child's achievements

### Upcoming Events

- Athletics Fun Day**  
Friday  
June 17
- Semester One Reports**  
Friday  
June 17
- Year 4 Mass + First Eucharist**  
Sunday  
June 19
- Parent Teacher Interview Week**  
Monday-Thursday  
June 20-23
- Year 5/6 Soccer Gala Day**  
Wednesday  
June 29
- Last Day Of Term 2**  
Thursday  
June 30
- Pupil Free Day**  
Friday  
July 1
- First Day of Term 3**  
Monday  
July 18

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

This Friday afternoon, your child's Semester 1 School Report will be posted on Compass. Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held next week to discuss your child's achievements. Please use the reports and meeting as an opportunity to provide feedback to your child (e.g. affirm them for tremendous efforts and achievements and challenge them with a way to improve). When you read and discuss with your child their progress and then participate in the Parent-Teacher meeting, it is clearly giving them the message that "School is important" and "Learning is important."

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Bookings for Parent-Teacher Meetings have closed online. If you still would like to make a booking, please call the office and they can assist you. Parent-Teacher Meetings occur next week, June 20-23.

### First Eucharist

First Eucharist (or First Communion) is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Catholic's life. It means that a person has received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. The word 'communion' means to be united with and we believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ. Over the coming weekend, many students in Years 4-6 receive their First Communion. As they celebrate this very special sacrament, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

All Year 4 students also have their Year 4 Grade Mass this Sunday 19th at 9am. We look forward to seeing you all attend to celebrate as a grade.

### Canberra

Last week our Year 6 children enjoyed an adventure-filled 3 days in our nation's capital. The students were inquisitive, happy but exhausted by our return on Friday evening. Well done on being such tremendous role models, girls and boys.

### Athletics Fun Day

This 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, relays, 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.

### 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 just a week to go. 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.

### Toukley Pop-Up

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be holding a Pop-Up on our top playground tomorrow afternoon from 2.30pm. Come along and see what they can offer!

### Excursions

Year 1 had a wonderful time last Friday at their Wetlands excursion. Thanks for being such great representatives for our school.

### ICAS

Last 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.

### 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.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Donn family in your thoughts and prayers. Amelia (2 Green) and Lillian's (4 Gold) godfather passed away recently. May your treasured memories be a great strength to you during your time of loss.

Kind regards

Emma Sellars  
Principal

### Parish Details

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9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

Selkie R  
Eden S  
Savannah S  
Kelly B  
Kobe C  
Isabel F  
Rose T  
Tilly C  
Saige D  
Avery W  
Luisa K  
Sebastian S  
Andie N  
Aarush A  
Ollie B  
Eadie M  
Braith D  
Harper J  
Remmi W  
Malaki B  
Lola C  
Gwyneth M  
Amarli M  
Willow L  
Jack H  
Henry H  
Ayla C  
Darcy M  
Ben G  
Eliette J  
Lily D B



## From Our REC

### First Eucharist

Many students in Years 4-6 will be celebrating their First Eucharist this Saturday and Sunday. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their celebrations.

### Year 4 Sunday Parish Mass

This Sunday at 9am all Year 4 students are asked to attend our Sunday Family Mass. Ministeries have been handed out. 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

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. We will be collecting till Wednesday 22nd June. The items will be given to Bob Steele from St Vincent De Paul at our Sacred Heart Mass next Friday at 9.15am.

### Sacred Heart Mass

Kindergarten and our Mini Vinnies Team will be leading our Sacred Heart Mass next Friday 24th June at 9.15am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us for this celebration.

### 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.

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

It has been almost two years since we have been able to welcome the Toukley Neighbourhood Centre Pop-Up onsite at school, but I'm pleased to say that Bronwyn from TNC will be here on the top playground tomorrow, Thursday June 16 and next Wednesday June 22, from 2.30pm-3.30pm. TNC provide many great services and programmes within our local community so please be sure to say hello, welcome Bronwyn back to St Mary's and find out about all the ways they can help support our community members.

Have you heard about the Go4Fun programme that runs during school terms. It is a FREE healthy lifestyle programme for children 7 to 13 years old and their families. For more information and to register for next term please phone 1800 780 900 or use the link [Go4Fun](#).

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>

School Access Code: **XIQ785**

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

It was another great day at Playgroup today. The great weather provided the perfect opportunity for next years Kinder students to get outside on the oval and have some fun with the Year 5 helpers. A big thank you to Mrs Bain for setting up all of the fun activities for the children.

Our last 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching parent evening is on next Tuesday evening, June 21 from 6.30pm-8pm. Thank you to those parents who have been able to attend each week. I have heard from a few parents who haven't been able to attend this term and I wanted to let everyone know that we will run the programme again, early next year.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer  
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## A Spotlight on Aspect

Aspect love being a part of the St Mary's Community



### 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.

This Friday June 17th Soup Lunch Special is Chicken Noodle and Vegetable.



Thank you  
Donna and Lauren

### Star Awards

Remi B  
Zahli S  
Heath W  
Ocea V  
Sophie A  
Mackenzie O  
Missy D  
Heidi W  
Eva W  
Sofie N  
Hunter N  
Ella T  
Oliver K  
Olivia D  
Bailey C



## From our PE Teacher

### Polding Cross Country - Eastern Creek

Sasha R, Ruby B, Ellie B, Dominic W, Flynn B and Chloe S. Congratulations to St Mary's children who were amazing, each finishing in the top 15 against the best Catholic School Runners. Chloe S and Ellie B's Broken Bay team won overall 1<sup>st</sup> place in their respective age groups.

### Polding Rugby League

Congratulations Koby D on representing Polding in the 11yrs Rugby League. Koby got to play 5 games as centre for the Polding Team in the NSW competition. The team won 3 out of their 5 games. St Mary's is very proud of your efforts in the freezing conditions at Parkes last week. New experience playing league on frosted grounds!!!!

### CCC Athletics Trials

We completed our 100m and 800m at school yesterday. 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 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. A compass note will follow. 2 children per event will qualify for CCC. This will be parent transportation and 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.

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

#### All Year 5/6 will attend

A compass note has been published

### Catholic Independent Rugby League - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June selected Yr 5 & 6

A compass note has been published.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



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