

Beautiful Weather

Upcoming Events

- **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,

I hope, in these busy times, you're able to enjoy the beautiful dry weather we've been blessed with at the moment.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you parents, for making the time to come in and meet with your child's teacher this week. It is a great opportunity for you to discuss the behaviour and learning gains of your child, and for your child to see the value you place on their education.

First Eucharist

Well done to the children in Years 4-6 who, on the weekend, made their First Eucharist. It was a special day for you and your families! Congratulations on this special occasion. We hope the community enjoyed looking at the photos on our school Facebook Page.

Footy Colour Day

Tomorrow, students will be encouraged to wear their favourite team's footy jersey, shirt, beanie, scarf or team colours to school with their sports uniform.

Athletics Fun Day

Our Athletics Fun Day last week was a huge success. Everyone had an amazing time completing so many activities.

A big thank you to a number of providers/parent helpers who came along for our children to enjoy:

Cathy Makin Dance
Carol Karam (Yoga)
BBMA Martial Arts
Cricket NSW
Netball NSW
Ruby Walker and Stephanie Kyle (netball)
Lloyd Boulton and John Howieson (soccer)
St Brigid's student helpers.

CCC Athletics Trials, Mingara

Next Monday afternoon, 27th June, the **200m, Long Jump and High Jump** events will take place at Mingara between 3.00pm - 4.30pm. This is an optional event and **only children interested in making CCC Athletics should attend.**

Parental transport and supervision is required. Parental assistance would be appreciated to efficiently run the events.

Sacred Heart Mass

You are invited to join us in the church this Friday at 9.15am for our Sacred Heart Mass. Our Kinder students and Mini Vinnies members will be leading the Mass.

Industrial Action

Next Thursday 30th June there is full day of proposed Industrial Action for teachers and support staff. More details will be sent out when they are known.

Grandparent's Day

Grandparents Day will be held early next term. A flyer will be sent home this week (and on our school Facebook page to share) explaining the activities we have, including sharing a packed lunch, joining in our liturgy and visiting students in their classrooms. We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents back to St Mary's!

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



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9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Josie M
Matilda R
Kobe C
Hunter R
Darcy C
Evan C
Tori M
Lexi B
Leo C
Andy C
Jace B
Archie N
Oliver C
William N
Letty M
Roman M
Amelia D
Adalita S
Jackson M
Mia T
Levi M
Eli M
Harry B
Abel N
Ellie C
Oscar S
Zali R
Ryder A
Euan B
Thomas R F
Summer M
Bailey N
Kyah R
Emily T



Some Mini Vinnies kids with part of the Winter Appeal donations. Donations close this Friday morning

From Our REC

First Eucharist

Congratulations to all our students who celebrated their First Eucharist over the weekend. Both services were beautiful and it was wonderful to see the children so involved in the mass. Thank you to our parents and Parish for preparing the children so well.



Winter Appeal

Our Winter Appeal is coming to an end. We are 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.

From Our Librarian

With only one week to go we ask that all readers and library books are returned. I know many children have been unwell and may have library books still at home. It is important that children keep their borrowed books in library bags that are waterproof. It is tempting to enjoy a snack while we are reading our school readers or library books, but a few have been returned with food and drink damage. Pages stuck together and food squashed into a book makes it irreparable and costly to replace

As Term 3 approaches we look forward to a number of events here in the library. Each week we focus on a shortlisted book for the Australian Book Week Competition and create a display in the library. This week we have started creating the focus of this year's Book Week theme: Dreaming With Eyes Open.

Sacred Heart Mass

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

Grandparent's Liturgy

Save the Date - 12th August, 1.30pm



Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

Another celebration we look forward to is our annual Book Parade Day. Many children have told me that they have already started thinking about their character costume. I am encouraging children to re-use a costume that still fits or one that can re-purposed. I know I will be wearing one of my old favourite costumes this year.

With the holidays ahead I hope everyone has a few good books in mind to enjoy reading during the break.

Happy reading everyone

Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on our Library



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 24th Soup Lunch Special is Minestrone



Thank you
Donna and Lauren

Star Awards

- Noah M
- Phoenix R
- Houston A
- Oliver L
- Roy C
- Emma L
- Adam D
- Jarl M
- Isaac B
- Anne T
- Henry H
- Ezri D
- Louis F
- Ma'Niyah J
- Alina L
- Nikita R
- Sam F
- Zali M
- Mitchell W

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. We would like to thank the Australian Government for this donation.

From our PE Teacher

CCC Athletics Trials at Mingara Athletics Track

The purpose of these trials is to choose CCC competitors for the CCC Athletics Carnival early in Term 3.

These events are only for 10years, 11years and 12years.

Only the 200m, Long Jump and High Jump events will take place at Mingara.

Date/Time/Venue: Monday, 27 June 2022 (3:00 PM to 4:30 PM), Mingara Athletics Centre

Dress Code: School Sports Uniform

Transport: Parental Transport is required to Mingara Athletics track

Due to the continued wet weather in Term 2 we were unable to secure a date for a back up Athletics Carnival at Mingara.

We have completed 100m, Shotput, Discus and 800m at school for all interested children.

200m, Long Jump and High Jump cannot be completed at school.

These events will only be taking top 2 children per event to CCC Athletics.

Parental assistance would be appreciated to efficiently run the events.

This is an **optional** event and only children interested in making CCC Athletics should attend.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

Canberra

On the 8th of June my grade and I went to Canberra. I had to wake up at 4:30am and pack the final things in my bag and get changed. After I had breakfast we went to school at 5:30am and met my friends there. We waited until 6:00am and said goodbye to our parents and we hopped on the bus and started heading to Canberra.

When we finally got to Canberra after our 4 ½ hour drive there, the first place we went to was Mt Ainslie. Mt Ainslie was cool because you could see the whole of Canberra from up there, but it was very cold. After Mt Ainslie we went to the National Capital Exhibition. We learned who designed Canberra, where it was made and when it was made. Then we went to the Old Parliament House and we got to go into the House of Representatives. The last thing that we did that day was the Embassy drive where we saw most of the countries' embassies while the other class was in the Electoral Commission. We then all got on the bus and headed to Gold Creek Motel where we stayed for our time in Canberra. We got to find out what rooms we were in while we were on the bus too. I was in with Charlotte, Portia, Rylee, Mayah and Kitty.

On day 2 we had breakfast and got ready for the day. That day we had to wear our school winter uniform because we were going to Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. When we arrived at Parliament House we got to go into the senate and the House of Representatives. We also got to do a role play and see all of the prime ministers' portraits. After Parliament House we went to Geoscience and got to see lots of cool things and we made our own earthquake by jumping and stomping around. Then we went to the National Arboretum and played in a great park there. After that we went to Questacon and had dinner there. When we got to go and play at Questacon it was a lot of fun because we got to go into the earthquake room and feel what an earthquake would feel like, see a massive lighting strike, see lots of explosions and play heaps of fun scientific games. We then went back to our hotel rooms, got ready for bed and went to sleep.

On the last day, day 3 we were all so tired but we had to get up, get dressed into our warm clothes and pack our bags, then we went over to breakfast. We then loaded our bags on the bus and headed to the Royal Australian Mint. It was so cool because we got to see one of the robots in action and learn how and why money was made. Finally we headed to McDonald's on our trip home. When we got to Maccas we all lined up with our \$15 and ordered our food. Eventually we got back on the bus and started heading back to school. When we got back to school all of our parents were there to pick us up, we said goodbye to our teachers and friends and went back home.

By Nova B - 6Green