



# Welcome Back

## Upcoming Events

- **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,

Welcome back! It was great to see our students return on Monday with many stories of their holiday adventures. The teachers and I heard all about trips on planes, movie recommendations, trips to the beach, meeting up with friends, shows and pyjama days. It sounds like everyone had a wonderful break. We now look forward to a term of learning, fun and friendships.

We also welcome the Wilkins family, the Houston family and the Atkinson family to our St Mary's community.

## 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.

## NAIDOC Week

As NAIDOC Week was in the school holidays, our students will experience a number of activities during Week 3. On Monday 1st August, Tim Selwyn from Girri Girra will come and perform a Smoking Ceremony and Acknowledge of Country with all students. He will also run cultural groups for each grade throughout the day. During these groups, he will show and explain different tools and artefacts, tell Dreaming stories and sing to the students. The Smoking Ceremony will begin at 9.00am, please join us. In the afternoon we will then have a whole school NAIDOC liturgy at 2.00pm.

## School Photos

Our school photos will be held on Thursday 4th August (Week 3). Once again our photos will be through the company 'MSP'. This year, we will be utilising their online ordering system (through Compass). All orders and payments will be facilitated through the Compass App. An email was sent to parents yesterday (please look for it in your email, it will come directly from MSP, not the school). This will include ordering instructions. Alternatively, log into your child's Compass profile to order. Please note the cut off times for ordering.

## COVID Update

If you return a positive COVID result, you are required to self-isolate for 7 days (5 full school days). Close contact isolation has eased; this will enable students and staff who are close contacts and have **no symptoms** to continue to attend school if they follow guidelines agreed with NSW Health; Families must notify the school if they intend their child to return as a close contact.

They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days. Wearing a mask is optional for primary students. Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a **mask indoors at all times.**

## Grandparent's Day

Grandparent's Day will be held in a few weeks (Friday August 12th, Week 4). 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.

## ICAS

Last term you received information on the ICAS tests that are held throughout this term. If you would like your child to participate, registrations and payments close next week. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## Conferences

Over the school holidays I was fortunate enough to join our Literacy Coaches Mrs Burns, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Hartge at the 3 day ALEA National Conference. It looked at the expanding landscapes of literacy, language and literature and how educators are tasked with adapting and contextualising teaching and learning to connect with the diverse minds and hearts of our learners. It was inspiring and thought-provoking and we have come away with many ideas that will continue to support the needs of our children.

## Seth

Congratulation to Seth T who has been selected to represent Australia at the Motocross Junior World Championships in Finland on the 26th -28th August. What an achievement!

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

## Parish Details

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## 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 unavailable until further notice.

This week's soup lunch special on Friday July 22 is Chicken and Sweet Corn.



Thank you  
Donna & Lauren

## Uniform Shop News

The children all look amazing in their winter uniforms.

Our winter Parka's are on back order but unfortunately will not be here until early August.

Thank you  
Tiffany Ballard  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## From Our REC

### Grandparent's Liturgy

Last term 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 Librarian

Welcome back to our exciting Term 3 in the Library. I hope everyone is well rested and survived the extreme weather we experienced during the break. Rainy days are always great days to read a book.

This term we celebrate everything we love about reading and books...not that we don't appreciate this all the time. Each week we will focus on a picture book from the Australian Children's Book Week competition and respond to these in lots of different ways.

### Stellarphant by James Foley

This week we are reading Stellarphant by James Foley. Many animals and people have travelled into space but would you do if an elephant wanted to become an astronaut? We are creating many more animal astronauts for Stellaphant's training program in celebration of this delightful picture book.

### Have you started thinking about your Book Parade Costume?

Part of our celebration this term is our annual Book Parade Day. This will be on Tuesday 30th August.

## Confirmation

### Enrolment and Parent Information Sessions:

St Mary's Parish Centre, Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 3.30pm or 7.00pm.  
St Brendan's Mass Centre, Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 3.30pm.  
Parents are required to attend one of these three enrolment sessions.

### Student Preparation Sessions:

Parents and children must attend all 4 preparation sessions, commencing the week of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August (Week 6). You are also encouraged to attend Mass during the preparation program.

**Practice Session for Toukley, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm.**  
**Celebration of the Sacrament, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at St Mary's Toukley, 2.00pm.**

Catherine Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

Everybody looks forward to dressing up in their favourite character costume...even the teachers!

You might want to start delving into your costume wardrobe. Recycling an old favourite is a great idea. And because it is a day of fun we ask that children do not wear any scary costumes or characters that are related to adult themes.

### Scholastic Book Fair

It has been a while but as part of our Book Week Celebrations this year we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the library. For one week only the library will become a 'book shop' where everyone has the opportunity to buy a book. I know the children in Years 3-6 are excited and that for our Kinders, Ones and Twos this will be their first Book Fair experience.

Watch this space for more Book Week Celebration updates.

Happy reading everyone

Miss Gray  
Librarian

### Changed Library Days

LIBRARY TIMES TERM 3			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Kinder Gold	Kinder Blue	1 Blue	Story Time with Mrs Falzon.
Kinder Green	Kinder White	2 Blue	1 Gold
1 Green	2 Green	2 Gold	4 Blue
6 Gold	4 Gold	3 Blue	4 Green
6 Green	5 Gold	3 Gold	5 Blue
		3 Green	5 Green



# A Spotlight on Year 1



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