



NAIDOC Week

Upcoming Events

- **Year 3 Excursion**
Friday 29th July
- **NAIDOC Week**
1st-5th August
- **School Photos**
Thursday
4th August
- **CCC Athletics**
Friday
5th August
- **Parent Workshop: Spelling**
Wednesday
10th August
- **Grandparent's Day**
Friday
12th August
- **Assumption Mass**
Monday
15th August
- **Year 5 + 6 Soccer Gala Day**
Friday
19th August
- **Book Week**
29th August-
2nd September
- **Book Parade**
Tuesday
30th August
- **Father's Day Stall**
Thursday
1st September
- **Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy**
Friday
2nd September

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Next week will be our celebration of NAIDOC Week (which is held early in July in the school holidays).

On Monday morning, to begin NAIDOC Week, a Aboriginal Elder, Tim, will perform a Smoking Ceremony and Acknowledgement of Country for all of the students in our school. This will be at 9.00am and parents are very welcome to watch. Tim will then run 45 minute cultural groups for each grade during the day. During these groups, students will be shown different tools and artefacts, and hear Dreaming stories and songs.

In the afternoon we will then have a whole school NAIDOC liturgy at 1.50pm. A big thank you to our Aboriginal Education Teacher, Mrs Poulton, for organising these activities.

Sickness

We recognise the added stress and pressures on families that come with the increased illnesses that are currently in our community. While ever children are well, they are expected to be at school. However, once children are sick or have cold-like symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, headache or cough), even if they are negative to COVID, please keep your children home to stop the spread of germs. Our sick bay has become a highway, particularly first thing of a morning, with children who are sick but were sent to school. Thank you for your understanding.

School Photos

Our class and individual school photos will be held next Thursday 4th August. If you haven't yet done so, please go into your child's Compass Portal and purchase their photos. We have now secured a second day of photos, Tuesday 16th August. This day will be for individual photos (only if a child was absent on the first day), and for all sibling photos. No sibling photos will be taken on Thursday 4th August. Please note the cut off times for ordering.

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.

Parent Spelling Workshop

On Wednesday 10th August at 9.15am, we will be holding a Parent Workshop on the topic of Spelling. We warmly invite parents to attend this 60 minute workshop. An invitation with more information will come out this week.

PIP Newsletter

Today, our wonderful PIP (Parents In Partnership) Team have their termly newsletter alongside the school newsletter. We always need parents to volunteer to help on days such as Grandparents' Day and Father's Day. Please read their newsletter and sign up where you can help.

Coffee Van

This Friday a coffee van will be here at school from 8.00am. As you arrive to drop off your child, please feel welcome to help yourself to a complimentary coffee and enjoy the sun as you chat with other parents.

Year 3 Assembly

We look forward to seeing our Year 3 students lead our assembly tomorrow. Parents, please join us in the hall at 1.50pm.

Something We've Noticed

Our children have come back to school in a very calm and settled manner. They are engaged in the learning and having fun with their friends during breaks.

Safety

There are a number of cars now using the bus bay to drop off children in the morning. This area is for buses only and cars moving in and out of this area, particularly as it is as a pedestrian crossing, is quite dangerous for our young children. Please park in a parking spot when dropping off children.

Dogs are not allowed on our school premises. We ask for all dogs, even on a leash, to stay outside our gates during pick up and drop off.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars Principal

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday

9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Finlay T
Koa C
Charlie C M
Willow M
Zarli R
Tom T
Tariq M
Emma H
Avery W
Kai M
Alyza W
Ollie T
Kohi B
Malaki B
Amena D
Jack L
Oliver R
Phoenix W
Oliver G
Cochella C
Beau B
Mia S
Clive Z
Ryder A
Zali R
Ella S
Brooklyn C

Star Awards

Elizabeth J
James W
Elizabeth L
Angus H
Owen M
Levi C
Mila C
Harrison P
Sophie C
Eva S
Vincent E
Ellie C
Phoebe E
Bella H

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



Alpha is coming!

Come and See what Alpha is all about on Saturday 13 August, 10:30am-1pm at St Mary's Parish Centre. Call the Parish Office on 4396 4455 to reserve your place. Places are limited! Want to know more? See the Parish Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Term 3 is full of lots of great opportunities for our community to come together to share fun, learn and celebrate. While being mindful of the current health situation and what future precautions may be put in place, after two years of cancellation of events and restrictions on participation we are hopeful these events will see a return to the wonderful community celebrations we love to share with families. From Grandparent's Day, our Parent Workshop focused on Spelling, Book Week Parade and Book Fair, Father's Day Breakfast, Liturgies, Col-our Explosion fun day, gala days for the kids, Playgroups and Storytime, there is something for everyone.

I would highly recommend our upcoming Spelling Workshop on Wednesday August 10 for all parents/ carers. Presented by our Literacy Co-Ordinators sharing their wealth of knowledge and experience, it will be highly informative and relatable for parents/ carers. You can learn what are the foundations and basics of children learning to spell, how children develop skills and progress in

Confirmation

Enrolment and Parent Information Sessions:

St Mary's Parish Centre, Thursday August 11th, 3.30pm or 7.00pm.
St Brendan's Mass Centre, Wednesday August 10th, 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 22nd August (Week 6). You are also encouraged to attend Mass during the preparation program.

Practice Session for Toukley, Thursday 13th October, 3.30pm.

Celebration of the Sacrament, Saturday 15th October 2022 at St Mary's Toukley, 2.00pm.

Catherine Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

spelling, what spelling lessons look like in the classroom and simple ways parents/ carers can help their children practice and improve their spelling skills.

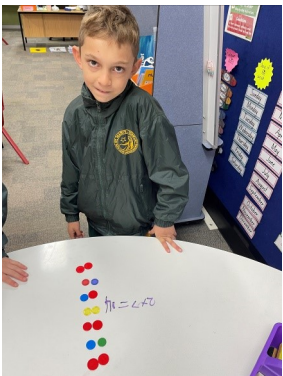
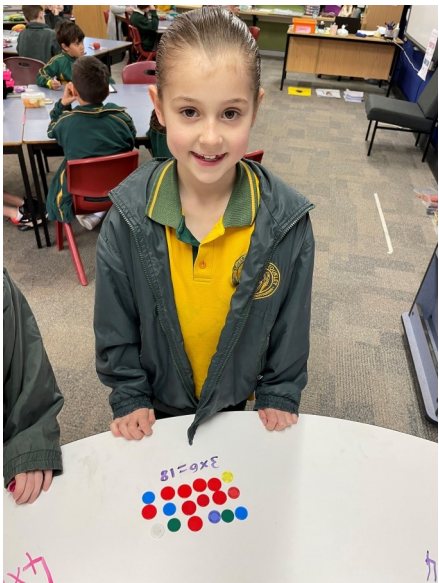
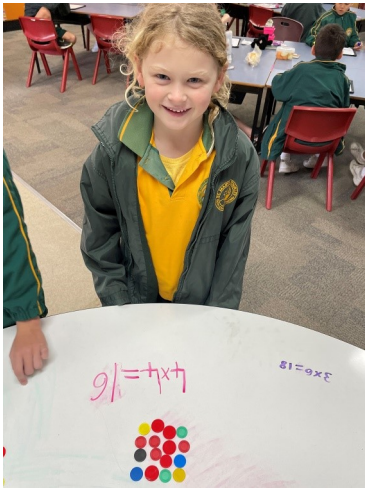
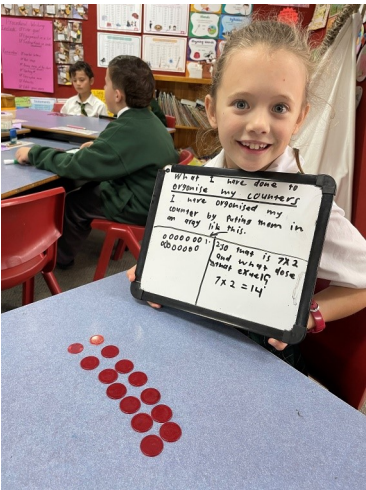
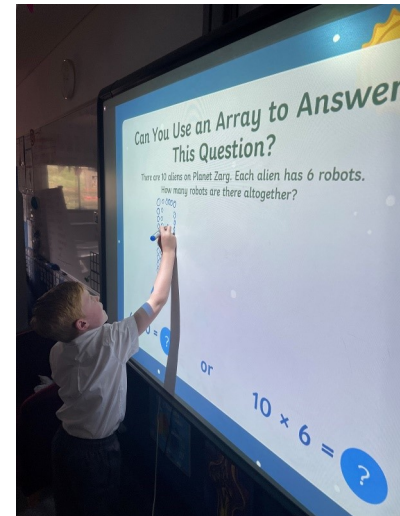
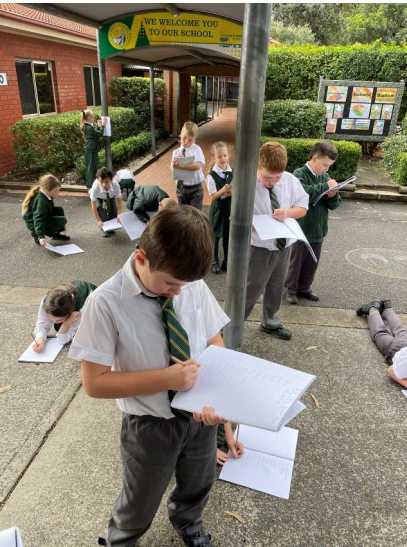
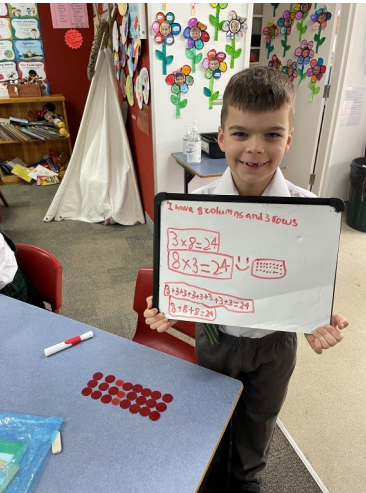
Our first Playgroup for Term 3 is on next Tuesday August 2nd, 9.15-10.30am in The Hall. Children who are starting Kinder in 2023 and their parents/ carers are invited to come along and join in the fun.

Storytime in The Library is on every Thursday morning 9.00-9.30am for parents/ carers to bring along their toddlers and pre-schoolers to listen to a story, borrow a book and do some craft activities.

Both Playgroup and Storytime are gentle introductions to 'big school' for our younger children and a great way to get to know other children and families and become familiar with our school and staff.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
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A Spotlight on Year 2



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 29 is Pumpkin.



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

Piano Tuition

There are currently vacancies for piano tuition during school hours. Please contact Chris Hochkins for further details.
Ph. 0414 186 044



From our PE Teacher

NSW Netball Netball

Last week we had over 60 children travel to Newcastle to play against netballers from the Central Coast and Newcastle region. We sent 1 competitive team and 6 non comp teams. The rain amazingly stayed away for a great day of netball and meeting new kids in a fun environment. Our competitive team came 7th out of 17 schools which is an outstanding result, we are so proud of how they and all teams conducted themselves over the day. Thank you to Kellie Walker and Emma Dawson who organised the teams and the umpires. Thank you girls from MacKillop who umpired for us all day. Thank you to our amazing parents who drove their own and other children to Newcastle and who managed, as well as coached teams on the day. We appreciate you!

CCC Athletics

CCC Athletics Carnival is Friday 5th August Week 3 at Mingara. All children involved have received a compass note and program of their events.

CCC Soccer Gala Day

The CCC Soccer Gala Day has been rescheduled to Friday 19th August with a change of venue to the new Central Coast Regional Sporting Complex at Tuggerah. Permission from the last note will cover this change of date and I have sent a reminder to a few people who have forgotten to pay bus fare.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



Grandparent's Day Helpers Needed

Our PIP Team are asking for 'just one thing'...

Please help us shower our wonderful, supportive Grandparents with love by serving them with a delicious afternoon tea. This will be provided in the afternoon (from 1.50pm) following the Grandparent's Day Liturgy at 1:30pm on August 12th. We are asking for any available parents/carers to help set up and pack away this afternoon tea. Helpers will be required from 12:30-3pm. Please use the 'sign up' link to register your availability to help with this task (<https://signup.com/go/dHhZArs>).

The PIP Team thank you for your ongoing support.

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