



Community Spirit

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

It's our community that makes us different. Parents, thank you for participating whenever you can, valuing the relationships we have, for being positive advocates for our school and supporting your children to be happy, well-rounded individuals. We appreciate you.

NAIDOC Week

On Monday, Tim from Girra Girra lead our school in a traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony. It was a wonderful experience for our children and I'm sure they came home to tell you all about it.

School Photos

Our class and individual school photos will be held tomorrow. Purchases of your child's photos must be done by tomorrow. The second day of photos, Tuesday 16th August, will be for individual photos (only if a child was absent on the first day), and for all sibling photos. A Compass update was sent out yesterday with further details.

Grandparent's Day

We are looking forward to Grandparent's Day next Friday. Grandparents are invited to bring a packed lunch for themselves and sit with their grandchildren during lunch. We then have our liturgy in the church at 1.30pm before grandparents are invited to enjoy some cake and coffee before visiting their grandchild's classroom.

Father's Day Stall and Breakfast

It will be time to celebrate Father's Day very soon. As usual, we will celebrate with a stall (1/9/22), school liturgy and breakfast (2/9/22). It is time to place your orders. Both must be done in advance and must be done via the Qkr! App. **Father's Day Stall:** please sign into QKR! and **under each individual child's name**, choose the number of \$5 gifts they will buy and pay the total amount. **Father's Day Breakfast:** Orders are also done through QKR! but are free, no money is due. **Order for all attendees under just ONE child's name.** Please ensure you also include the approximate time of arrival.

Parent Helpers

If you are available to help at any upcoming event please let us know! You can sign up for events by following the links on the following pages.

Parent Spelling Workshop

Next Wednesday 10th August at 9.15am is our Spelling Parent Workshop. We warmly invite parents to attend this 60 minute workshop where you can learn about how spelling is taught in the classroom

and how you can support this at home.

Year 6 Graduation Meeting

The next Year 6 graduation meeting will be held here at school next Wednesday afternoon (10th) at 3.30pm. Please come to the school office. All Year 6 parents are welcome to attend.

Close Contact Reminder

Thank you to the families in our community for following COVID Health Guidelines. Here are a few clarifications: *If you (an adult) are a close contact*, you must let the school know before entering the school and you must wear a mask. You can only do so if you are symptom free and have completed a RAT. *If your child is a close contact*, they can only attend if they are completely symptom free and RAT test for five school days in a row. Wearing a mask is optional for children under 12.

Mufti Day

Next Monday (8th August) we will be having a gold coin donation 'Mufti and Beanie' Day. Money raised will go to 'Mary Mac's Place'.

Congratulations Blake and Isla

Congratulations to Blake C and Isla C for their outstanding Polding Golf results. Blake now moves onto the NSW PSSA finals in September. Well done!

Playgroup

It was great to see so many excited faces at Playgroup yesterday. It won't be long until they are here as a St Mary's Kindergarten child! Our final Playgroup is Wednesday September 7th.

Assemblies

There are lots of grades sharing their learning this term at our Thursday assemblies, you are welcome to join us. Year 5: 18th August, Year 2: 25th August, Year 6: 1st September, Year 1: 8th September and Kinder: 22nd September.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Conor H
Caleb N
Harper P
Bowie G
Isaac Q
Aria C
Chloe B
Lucas G
Honey J
Roy C
Samuel R
Isabella B
Lillian A
Jarl M
Darcy P
Javier M C
Poppy G
Sofie N
Mila C
Lachlan M
Vincent B
Anika L
Archie M
Zoe S
Ezri D
lylah M
Addison P
Connor D
Piper E
Harry M
Chelsea F
Summer M
Charli D

From Our REC

NAIDOC Liturgy

On Monday, our children were able to participate in a very special Smoking Ceremony, run by Tim from Girra Girra. The children were so reverent and listened deeply to Tim's welcome, stories and songs. We were each then asked to join in the ceremony, walking through the smoke, cleansing us. It was a wonderful way to start our week. Tim then spent 45 minutes with each grade where he talked more extensively about culture and songs and showed many artefacts to the children.

Our afternoon was spent in a reflective liturgy, which involved many of our Indigenous students. It was a most enjoyable day for everyone involved. Thank you to Miss Poulton (Aboriginal Education Teacher) for organising such a wonderful day and the many parents who were able to join us.

Confirmation Enrolment

If your child is in Year 3 or older and has been baptised, Confirmation is the next sacrament in your child's sacramental journey. Next Thursday 11th August our Parish will hold a Confirmation enrolment and information session at 3.30pm or 7.30pm. It is important for parents to attend this session as there are a couple of changes to the program. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office, 02 4396 4455. The Confirmation ceremony will take place next term on Saturday 15th October at 2pm.

Grandparent's Liturgy

Next Friday we will celebrate our Grandparents and the amazing role they play in our children's lives. Our liturgy will begin at 1.30pm in the church followed by open

From Our Librarian

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

This week we are reading *The Colours of Australia* by Bronwyn Bancroft. Bronwyn describes and illustrates the colours of country from sunrise to sunset. In response to this text children are using a set group of colours to use on a small piece of our mural. Together we are all interconnected to our country.

Last week we read *Jetty Jumping* by Andrea Rowe. Years 5, 6, and myself as well, shared some of the things of which we are afraid. We cut out silhouettes of jumping characters and wrote our fears on the back. We also read *Grumble Boats* by Susannah McFarlane. Kinder and Year 1 scribbled their grumbles onto boat shapes while Years 2, 3 and 4 tried their hand at origami and folded boats. Altogether we have made another wonderful display in our Library.

classrooms till 3pm. We look forward to seeing them and sharing the learning of our students.

Assumption Mass

On Monday 15th August, Year 5 will lead the school for our Assumption Mass. Mass will begin at 11.30am in the church. We would love you to join us for this special celebration.

Grade Masses

This year we reintroduced Sunday Grade Masses. This has been a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and celebrate Sunday mass and build community. Thank you to our Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 families who have embraced this. It has been wonderful to see so many celebrating together. This term Year 2 will have their 9am Sunday Mass on 11th September. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Mufti and Beanie Day - Monday 8th August

Next Monday all Catholic Schools in our Diocese will be holding a gold coin mufti day to support Mary Mac's Place, Woy Woy. Mary Mac's supplies lunch daily and is a place to shower and wash clothes. They offer friendly support and companionship plus access to outreach services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services, emergency relief and health assistance. Mary Mac's Place embodies Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter Priority #6 'justice and mercy place the poor at the heart of the church.'

Cath Kyle Religious Education Coordinator

Have you got your Book Week costume ready yet? Start thinking. We ask that costumes are age appropriate for the kids and not something related to adult themes or scary movies. An old favourite with a few alterations can be just as incredible as a brand new one. I encourage everybody to recycle something they have worn in the past. I know I am planning to go through my Book Week costume wardrobe for an oldie but a goodie to wear on the day!!!!

Happy Reading Everyone

Miss Gray
Librarian



A Spotlight on Year 3



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 August 5 is chicken noodle & vegetable



Thank you
Donna & Lauren

Star Awards

- Ellie A
- Lara H
- Kallira W
- Harley A
- Saige D
- Taj C
- Missy D
- Harper B
- Eva R
- Noah C
- Ashlee S
- Cruz C
- Levi R
- Tessa G
- Liam G
- Ruby R
- Ellie B
- Joshua Y

From our PE Teacher

Polding Golf

Congratulations Blake and Isla.

Blake and Isla competed in the Polding Golf Trials in freezing snow like conditions at Blackheath on Monday.

Blake competed in the 18 hole competition scoring 78, 6 shots clear of his nearest competitor. He won the competition against the best Catholic School Golfers in NSW. Blake is now into the NSW PSSA final at Bardon Ridge in September.

We wish you the best of luck at NSW titles Blake!!

Isla competed in the 9 hole competition in her first ever formal round of golf. She won the 9 hole competition and we now eagerly await her playing 18 holes next year.

Well Done Isla!!

CCC Athletics

Good Luck to all of our Athletes travelling to Mingara competing against the Central Coast Catholic Schools. Have Fun everyone!

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.



Father's Day Breakfast and Stall.

From this afternoon both the Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall will be open for ordering on the Qkr! app (the same that we use for lunch orders), as we did for Mother's Day.

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