



Tell Them From Me

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Between now and September 16th, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Mary's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarys22

Book Week

Next week is Book Week! We can't wait to see what character you will come as on Monday! Parents, you are warmly invited to attend our Book Parade, held on Monday (29th) between 9.30am and 10.30am on the top playground. The Book Fair will be open each day, before school and after school. Please be patient as we will have a lot of children and parents visiting to buy a book.

Father's Day Stall and Breakfast

The Father's Day stall (1/9/22), liturgy and breakfast (2/9/22) are next week. Orders will close this week, so please make sure you have placed your order 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.

St Mary's Explosion of Colour

On Friday 9th September, St Mary's will be holding an *Explosion of Colour Fun Run* on our school oval. The cost will be \$5 per student to participate and students will be encouraged to wear a white t-shirt. Students will also receive an ice-block. To pay for your child, please sign into QKR! and add the Colour Explosion under each individual child's name. More information will be sent out this week.

Playgroup

Our final Playgroup for 2022 will be held soon, on Wednesday September 7th. We encourage all families with children starting Kinder next year to attend.

Year 2 Mass

Our next grade Mass will be held on Sunday 11th September. An invitation has been sent home to families. We look forward to seeing you there.

Uniform Shop Price Increase

Regrettably, we have had to increase the pricing of our school uniforms and other school items. This has not happened since 2014. The price change will be effective immediately. The new price list will be available on our school website, school office and uniform shop from tomorrow. Thank you for your understanding.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Blanchfield family in your thoughts and prayers. Ruby (2 Gold), Andy (4 Green) and Harry's (6 Gold) great grandmother passed away recently. May your treasured memories be a great strength to you during your time of loss.

End of Year Dates

Some dates for your diary: Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass Friday 9th December; Award Ceremony Monday 12th December; Year 6 Graduation Night Monday 12th December; Christmas Carols Evening Wednesday 14th December; Guard of Honour and last day for students Friday 16th December.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars - Principal

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Merit Awards

Emmett B

Ava B

Savannah S

Isabella W

Lilah B

Heath W

Hunter C

Addison F

Leo C

Charlotte A

Mackenzie O

Remi C

Oliver C

Aidan B

Oliver E

Indianna H

Archie G

Kyden B

Eli F

Cooper B

Harvey L

Sophia K

Oliver K

Eli Moon

Filippo C

Ayla B

Louis F

Addison W

Louis G

Jasmine C

Charlotte G

Chelsea B

Rylee F

Portia R

Mayah H

Hua Qiang P

Zara B

Lexie L

From Our REC

Father's Day

On Friday 2nd September we will be celebrating all the special father figures in our lives. Our liturgy will begin in the church at 9.15am. Our Year 3 students are leading the liturgy. Mrs Perell will be putting together a reflection video. Could you please send one photo of your children and their dad to be included in this. Please send the photograph to amanda.perell@dbb.catholic.edu.au only one image per family will be included. The cut off for the photos will be tomorrow, Thursday 25th August. There will be a special breakfast organised by our PIP team early in the morning. Following our liturgy, we will have our fathers versus Year 6 students netball game. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Religious Creative Arts Competition

Thank you to all our students who have completed their submission for the Diocesan Art Prize. Our staff judging panel will meet to finalise Stage and Category winners this week. All students who were involved will receive a participation certificate in the coming weeks. I look forward to sharing our finalists next week.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

An important part of school for children is developing friendships. Every child is unique and will approach things in different ways. Some are very confident and outgoing and seem to have no problems in approaching children and organising games while others tend to be more reserved and take a cautious "wait and see" approach to those around them.

No matter what personality your child has, being able to form positive friendships with their peers is important for them to feel connected and comfortable at school. For our younger students especially, it can take time to develop the skills they need to build friendships.

Raising Children Network have an upcoming free parent webinar focusing on Social Skills for children aged 3-11 years. Positive social skills help children get along with others and make friends, but children don't always know when or how to use social skills. If you

Year 2 Sunday Mass

This term Year 2 will have their 9am Sunday Mass on 11th September. Our Year 2 teachers will be handing out ministries in the next week. All children will be involved in a reflection song after communion. We look forward to celebrating with you.



Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

can recognise when your child needs help and give them the opportunity to practise their social skills, it can make a big difference. This webinar will explain why social skills are important, when your child might need help with social skills, how you can help your child develop positive social skills and where to go for extra help. You can register via the link ["here"](#).

To save any disappointment for children next week, please remember to put in your order for gifts from our Father's Day Stall via Qkr! before 3pm this Friday afternoon.

Storytime in the Library will be not be on next Thursday Sept 1 only, due to our Book Fair setting up in the Library. Parents and toddlers/ preschoolers are still very welcome to come along in the morning and have a look at what is available.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
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A Spotlight on Year 6



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.

Friday August 26th Lunch Special is Chicken & Sweet Corn.



Thank you
Donna & Lauren



Star Awards

Skye M
Leonardo C
Adeline C
Oliver Y
Leura S
Archie N
Jacob K
Lennox I
Eva W
Zac B
Charlotte C
Aila K
Arlie M
Ryan M
Bethany M
Penelope P



Fruit and Veg Month Canteen Promotion

Monday August 29 to Wednesday September 21

This years theme is all about building Fruit and Veg Communities. To encourage fruit and veg consumption at school we will be giving out stickers to children who buy/order food with fruit and veg from the canteen. The children then put their stickers on a poster in their class and in Week 10 the class with the most stickers will get a special afternoon tea, with lots of healthy (and delicious) fruit and veg snacks and treats.

There is also a competition for children to design a seed packet and a Family Fruit and Veg Challenge sheet coming home next week.

Father's Day Breakfast

The PIP Team are asking for 'just one thing!'

'Calling All Cooks!'

Our school community call upon a dedicated group of parents to help flip some eggs and sizzle some sausages for our annual Father's Day Breakfast BBQ on Friday, September 2nd.

It's an early start BUT, our Dad's are worth it!

Please use the 'sign up' link below to let us know if you can be there to help...

<https://signup.com/go/gMuRCJS>



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