



# Mr Williams

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

This week, Mr Kevin Williams has made the difficult decision to step permanently into his role as *'Deputy Lead, Capability and Enablement of Our People'* at Catholic Schools Broken Bay. This means that he will not be returning to his role as Principal of St Mary's.

Kevin has been the Principal of our school since 2005. During his time here, the school has grown to become the amazing community that we are all part of today. What were 14 classes became 21 classes. Many children who were taught by Kevin now return as parents themselves.

The values of trust, service, respect and faith are an integral part of who Kevin is, as a person and a leader. Kevin's passion for learning and focus on improving the results of all students has helped define our school as a Professional Learning Community. Kevin is a well respected, humble and student-focused person who has poured his heart into his work, daily. He will be sorely missed at St Mary's (as will his clinkers).

Please join me in congratulating Kevin in his new permanent role leading our diocese. Our diocese is lucky to have someone such as Kevin to guide us.

Kevin will write to our parent community early next term.

## Term 4 Calendar

Shortly, our Term 4 Calendar will be shared with you. Please closely look at the dates for Term 4, it will be another busy term ahead. There are lots of Liturgies, Masses, gala days and seasonal events such as Christmas Carols that we hope you can join us for.

## Maternity Leave

Today is Mrs Megan Laing's final day with us for 2022 as she goes on Maternity Leave. Mrs Laing has been an important part of the Year 2 team. We wish Mrs Laing all the best for the birth of her second child. From next term, we welcome Mrs Prue Nelson into 2 Green for half of the week, teaching alongside Mrs Burns.

## Cinema Under the Stars

It's back! Last year we had a wonderful evening on the oval with our *'Cinema Under the Stars'*. Our PIP Team look forward to hosting this event again next term. The invitation will be alongside today's newsletter. You can purchase a family ticket for \$10 through the Qkr! App.

## K-2 Swimming Program

The very successful K-2 Swimming Program is returning next term. The Swimming Program will be held during Weeks 4-5 and is a valuable program for all children to attend as we prepare for the warmer months. Attendance is compulsory. The program will be held at 5 Star Swim School, Tuggerah. A note has been sent home to all families.

## Year 6 Graduation

Money for tickets is now due. If you are yet to buy your tickets, please call the office to arrange their purchase.

The next Year 6 graduation meeting will be held on Wednesday the 19th October at 3.30pm here at school. Everyone is welcome.

## SOLD Sign Competition

We have a finalist! Of all of the entries into the Wiseberry Sold Sign Competition, Polly in Year 6 is one of the Top 6 Finalists! Voting closes this Sunday, so follow the link if you'd like to vote for her entry. <https://heritagemedia.com.au/sold-for-schools-design-competition/>

Today is the final day of Term 3 for students. Tomorrow we have the public holiday and Friday 23rd September is a Staff Spirituality Day and no students will be on premises. I hope you all have a wonderful break from the routines of school and can enjoy some warm weather and family time. We will see everyone back on Monday 10th October.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

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## Merit Awards

Archer E

Ava B

Remi B

Isla P

Braxton C

Rose T

Molly W

Evan C

Tom T

Stella C

Natas B

Saige D

Ara W

Morgan P

Lewis Z

Theo S

Isla M

Missy D

Frankie B

Ivy C

James B

Lucas B

Mila C

Amarli G

Siaosi M

Cruz C

Levi R

Will M

Ayla C

Matthew W

Rose M

Summer-Rose D F

Elizabeth C

Kirilee F

Ben G

Bethany M

Havana G

Lucas C

Rose D

Connor V B

Ellie B

James M

Emily T



## From Our REC

### Confirmation

Please keep our Year 3 students and any other students in Years 4-6 who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers. Our students will be confirmed on Saturday 15th October.

### Staff Spirituality Day

On Friday our staff will be involved in a Staff Spirituality Day. We will be breaking open the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Charter and engaging in deep reflection on the foundational pillars.

### Socktober - Mission Month

Next term from Weeks 1 to 3 we will be celebrating Mission Month and the fabulous work Catholic Mission is doing around the world. Their focus this year is Ethiopia. Although it is a beautiful and deeply historic place, Ethiopia's challenges, including conflict, poverty and famine, have troubled its people for centuries. The growing influence of climate change will only serve to exacerbate these issues, and we are called to act now to work with local communities to support children and families in need, to preserve their dignity and to safeguard their future.

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

With school holidays just about to start most parents are looking forward to a sleep in with no rush to make lunches, get kids ready and out the door on time each day, but what parents may not be looking forward to is the familiar "I'm bored" from the kids.

It's important to remember that boredom won't harm children and is in fact extremely beneficial to their growth and development. By letting children have unstructured time to themselves and importantly, time off devices, they are developing many social skills and character strengths. Children need time to themselves – to switch off from the bombardment of the outside world, to daydream, pursue their own thoughts and occupations, and discover personal interests and gifts. There is a great article, ["How kids can benefit from boredom"](#), which has some wonderful information for parents, including this great quote "Most parents would agree that they want to raise self-reliant individuals who can take initiatives and think for themselves. But filling a child's time for them teaches nothing but dependence on external stimulus, whether material possessions or entertainment. Providing nurturing conditions and trusting a child's

Our Mini Vinnies team will launch the initiative with a Sacred Space on Thursday 13th October at 1.50pm. Everyone is invited to wear crazy socks on Friday 14th October and bring in a gold coin donation to support the wonderful work occurring around the world. Provided the weather is good, our Year 6 students will play a soccer game against the teachers. During Week 2 and 3 we will have a lolly guessing competition across the stages.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator



Let's kick goals  
for good!



natural inclination to engage their minds is far more likely to produce independent, competent children, full of ideas."

If you do need some structured activities for the kids during the holidays the following provide either free or low cost activities for them to enjoy.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be running their Artspace for kids 3-12 years old on Friday 30/9 at the Uniting Church Hall, Toukley. Places are limited so please call 4396 155 to book your spot.

Central Coast Council have a range of free or low cost activities ranging from craft, Sphero Robot coding, watercolour painting, Lego play, making tie dye coasters or bee/ insect hotels for kids over the holidays. You can find out more and book via the link ["here"](#).

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison  
Officer

Enjoy  
the  
Holidays



# A Spotlight on Mini Vinnies



## 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.

### Term 4 Price Increases

Our ice cream supplier has increased our prices for the following items, which will come into effect in Term 4.  
Billabong now \$1.80  
Lemonade Icy Pole now \$1.40

The Term 4 Canteen Volunteer Roster will be available on the school website this afternoon.

Thank you  
Donna & Lauren

## Star Awards

- Koa C
- Finlay T
- Lilah B
- Zarli R
- Vienna B
- Lucas G
- Avery W
- Martial G
- Kai M
- Vincent N
- Kohi B
- Harry C
- Sophie C
- Jack L
- Mya C
- Yenna W
- Rhys M
- Luke P C
- Ezri D
- Harry P
- Lincoln S
- Beau T
- Emilia R
- Nikita R
- Kyah R



# Explosion of Colour



Please keep the following organisations in mind if you and/ or family are in need of support, particularly over the school holiday period.

Lakes Food Care, 199 Main Rd, Toukley—reduced cost groceries. Free bread available each day.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre, Ph 4396 1555. Emergency support with frozen meals, help with electricity bill payment, referrals to counselling, financial counselling services.



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