



# Book Parade Excitement

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Wasn't Monday a tremendous day! I was so impressed by the fun-natured dress-ups that our children and staff participated in. Children, you all looked fantastic! Our Year 6 children then read their favourite picture book to small groups of children on the oval and a 'mystery teacher' read their favourite book to each class in the school. Parents, it was great to see so many of you able to join us for the morning of fun. A huge thank you must go to our team of teachers, led by Miss Gray, who organised the day.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair is back! There have already been so many children enjoying what has been referred to by some as *Miss Gray's Book Shop*. The fair is open each morning from 8.15am and each afternoon from 2.45pm. The Book Fair closes for another year on Friday morning at 9.00am, so get in quick!

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

We invite parents 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 will be open until September 16th. We ask for as many parents as possible to participate. It is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please use the link: [www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarys22](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarys22)

## Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall is held tomorrow. Thank you to the parent helpers who have organised this terrific stall.

## Father's Day Breakfast

We look forward to seeing the many dads and male figures in the lives of our children attend breakfast on Friday. Breakfast begins from 6.30am. Thank you to the helpers who are cooking the delicious food, please arrive from 5.30am to set up. Please note, if heavy rain is predicted for the morning, the breakfast will be cancelled. Unfortunately we have no space available to hold the breakfast in such weather. If this happens, families will be notified through Compass.

Our liturgy will be held in the church at 9.15am, led by Year 3. This will be followed at 10.15am by our Year 6 vs Dads Netball Game.

## St Mary's Explosion of Colour

Our *Explosion of Colour Fun Run* is getting close! It will take place next Friday afternoon, 9th September, on our school oval from 2pm. The cost will be \$5 (paid on Qkr!). Children will be provided with sunglasses and a headband and should wear a white t-shirt to school.

## Safeguarding Month

September is Safeguarding Month. It is an opportunity to celebrate the important role families play in keeping children safe and creating a sense of belonging. We will have a drawing competition and other activities during September.

## Summer Uniform

We are beginning to see glimpses of Spring weather. From Week 9, Monday 12th September, your child may choose to wear their summer or winter uniform. Summer uniform is compulsory for all students from Term 4.

## Playgroup

Our final Playgroup for 2022 will be held next Wednesday September 7th. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Year 2 Mass

Our next grade Mass will be held on Sunday 11th September, led by Year 2. An invitation has been sent home to families. Please join us.

## Year 6 Graduation

The next Year 6 graduation meeting is on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm here at school. Everyone welcome.

## Staff Development Day

The final day of Term 3 for students is Thursday 22nd September. Friday 23rd September is a Staff Spirituality Day and no students will be on premises.

For Sunday, we wish a Happy Father's Day to all dads and male role models!

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

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## Merit Awards

Isla P  
Isabella D  
Zahli S  
Harrison G  
Piper W  
Elizabeth L  
Oliver L  
Ocea V  
Charlotte O  
Jacob M  
Jace B  
Billy S D  
Xavier H  
William N  
Ivy S  
Cruz W C  
Grace L  
Kohi B  
Amena D  
Hailey G  
Van B  
Zane B  
Tessa G  
Eva S  
Thomas M  
Owen M  
Baylee G  
John M  
Timmy S  
Brody C  
Ava S  
Marli C  
Ruby K  
Oscar L  
Elijah P S  
Dylan B

## From Our REC

### Father's Day

On Friday 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. 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.

### Year 2 Sunday Mass

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

### Religious Creative Arts Competition

Congratulations to our Stage Finalists. Teachers will choose an artwork and reflection from each stage to be entered into the Diocesan Creative Arts Prize.

Congratulations Summer and Charli who put together a short movie. When we can share this with our school community we look forward to sharing with you. They are one of our school finalists.

## From Our Librarian

### BOOK WEEK HAS COME AND ALMOST GONE!!!!!!

A week like this does not happen without a team of people working hard behind the scenes in the week leading up to the Big Day. And the only word I can say is **THANK YOU**.

**Thank you** to the Book Week Team: Mrs Roach, Mrs Cousins, Mrs Jones, Miss Dawson, Mrs Perry, Mrs Mobbs, Mrs Malley, and Mrs Marlin.

**Thank you** to all of our St Mary's Staff for your enthusiasm and willingness to always enter into the spirit of our Book Week Parade. You looked fabulous!

**Thank you** to Mrs Miao our Library Assistant who decorated this year's theme Dreaming With Eyes Open on our Magical Big Book.

**Thank you** to our amazing kids. You are always a joy to us whenever we celebrate here at St Mary's.

### Stage 1

1 Green Mackenzie	2 Green Ollie	2 Green Grace

### Stage 2

4 Blue Ellie	3 Green Mya	3 Green Mia	3 Blue Yenna

### Stage 3

5 Gold Phoebe	5 Blue Chloe	6 Green Polly	6 Gold Marcella

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

**Thank you** to our parents and grandparents. After the last two years of Covid restrictions it was great to have everyone back and celebrating with us. Thank you for your involvement in getting your kids dressed up and organized for the big day.

**Thank you** to our amazing Year 6. Reading On The Oval is one of my favourite times of the year where the whole school gathers to enjoy a good book. You did a brilliant job!

**Thank you** to everyone who has supported our Book Fair. It will be open each morning and afternoon but the very last opportunity will be Friday morning. Please be assured that we are able to reorder any books that are sold out and they will arrive just like Book Club. Hopefully mums and dads are enjoying a few quiet evenings with kids reading their latest books.

**Thank you** everyone and happy reading!

Miss Gray  
Librarian

# A Spotlight on Kinder



Kindergarten are learning about day and night in Science, building words, exploring rhyme, playing friends of 10 snap, exploring giving clear directions to draw a picture for oral language skills and making, recognising and representing numbers to 20.



## 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 2nd September  
Lunch Special is Pumpkin Soup



Thank you  
Donna & Lauren

## Star Awards

Leo T  
Lara H  
James D  
Tori M  
Andy C  
Hannah B  
Imogen C  
Eadie M  
Isaac B  
Mia T  
Jackson Q  
Jay K  
Andy B  
Harlow R  
Isla C  
Phoenix W  
Bailey C  
Harry B  
Rose D



## From our PE Teacher

Yesterday I had the pleasure of travelling to Narrabeen and working at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

The best athletes from Broken Bay came together to compete and qualify for the Polding Carnival in a few weeks.

Due to being on High Jump all day I am not sure of final results as yet.

I would like to congratulate all children who attended, you were great representatives of our school.

Major thanks to Dave Fletcher - Grandfather of Archer who has been coming in and coaching our relay teams.

Congratulations on your efforts:

Ellie B, Halle B, Koby D, Emmanuelle D, Archer G, Sonny I, Abel T, John M, Tayla M, Tayla G, Arlie M, Mia S, Archie W and Addison W.

## CCC Netball Gala Day Years 5 and 6

A compass note has been sent home.

Could it please be completed this week

**DATE:** Friday 16th September (Week 9, Term 3)

**VENUE:** Baker Park, Wyong

**TIME:** 10:00am Games begin; conclude approx 1:30pm

Games will take place every 15 minutes – (14 minutes of game time, no half time)

**COST:** \$5 event entry plus \$5 bus fare

Thank you  
Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator

### SAFEGUARDING MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2022

This month we celebrate the important role families play in keeping children safe when they have a strong sense of belonging and connection to family. We invite you to share with us the exciting ways you spend time together.

### BUILD MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- Bake together
- Make a family tree
- Bushwalking together
- Play board games

Scan to enter

Scan for activity ideas



## 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.



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