



Leadership

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

At school, we consistently talk about our high expectations of Year 5 and Year 6 students' behaviour. These girls and boys, each of them, are leaders in our school. They model the behaviour that is expected of all children. They show all students how to respond with resilience, follow our school rules, play fairly, wear their uniform correctly and to act respectfully. I would like to take an opportunity to congratulate our Year 5 and 6 students for displaying these leadership qualities. As we near Term 4, we also now move our attention to our Year 4 students as they prepare to become our Year 5 leaders in 2023.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

The survey is closing Friday and I urge you, if you haven't yet completed the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* survey, to complete the survey as soon as possible. We would greatly appreciate it. 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. It is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please use the link: www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarys22

Wellbeing Week

This week is Wellbeing Week at school, and the theme this term is 'Kindness'. This will be discussed in class and there are classroom activities around this theme. There are also lunchtime activities each day for children to join in, the 'Daytime Disco' yesterday was a fun success. Thank you to our staff Wellbeing Team for organising the week.

Uniform

Some students are not in their correct uniform. Parents, please check that your child is dressed in the correct uniform every school day. This means students are wearing the correct socks, shoes and hat. Hair that is shoulder length or longer (girls and boys) must be tied back. There are also a number of 'smart' watches and necklaces being worn. Any watch with phone/message capabilities is not allowed to be worn at school, nor are necklaces, bracelets and coloured nail polish. I appreciate your help. Summer uniform can now be worn.

If required, our uniform shop is open each week day 8.15am-9.45am.

St Mary's Explosion of Colour

Wasn't our Explosion of Colour a fun afternoon?! The children all had a wonderful time becoming messy and colourful on our oval. A huge thank you to our team of parent helpers, coordinated by Tenille. We appreciate your organisation and sense of fun.

First Eucharist

On Sunday, Clive Z and Summer G both made the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It was a very special occasion for them both. Congratulations!

Year 5/6 Gala Day

The Year 5 and 6 students are looking forward to a fun Netball Gala Day this Friday. As always, we look forward to hearing about your fantastic attitude and inclusive behaviour. The bus leaves school at 8.30am.

Sacred Space and Assembly

Tomorrow, Year 3 share their Sacred Space with us at 1.50pm. Kinder Assembly has had a change of date (due to the public holiday) to Tuesday 20th September.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Baker family in your thoughts and prayers. Noah (3 Blue) and Jace's (1 Green) grandfather passed away last week. May your treasured memories be a great strength to you during your time of loss.

Year 6 Graduation

The next Year 6 graduation meeting will be held this afternoon at 3.30pm here at school. Everyone is welcome.

Public Holiday and Staff Development Day

The final day of Term 3 for students is Wednesday 21st September. Thursday 22nd is now a public holiday and Friday 23rd September is a Staff Spirituality Day and no students will be on premises.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars - Principal

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Merit Awards

Liam M
Noah M
Amari R
Addison R
Vivian B
Adeline C
Lexi B
Raven W
Owen M
Flynn H
Sophie A
Sebastian S
Charlize A
Aarush A
Bailey K
Ruby B
Parker M
Penelope R
Adalita S
Anne T
Manaya M P
Jackson Q
Zara B
Ella T
Stephanie M
Alexandra T
Charlie B
Luke P C
Liam G
Vincent E
Oscar S
Nikkita C
Sosefo K
Isabella C
Alina L
Isabella H
Chloe S
Lukas F
Summer M
Joshua Y
Kitty G
Mitchell W
Lachlan M
Mya C
Harrison B
Jazz B
Willow C
Brody C
Kirrilee F
Olivia D
Euan B
Oscar L
Matilda S

From Our REC

Year 2 Sunday Mass

Thank you to all our Year 2 families who joined us for mass on Sunday. The children read so well and performed the ministries with great reverence. Our parishioners loved hearing the children sing and dance the Thanksgiving Hymn.

Next term Year 3 and Year 5 will have their Sunday 9am Parish Mass. we look forward to celebrating with them.

We Congratulations Summer and Clive for celebrating your First Eucharist. Year 2 were very blessed to be able to share this with you.



From Our Librarian

Now that Term 3 is drawing to a close it is important that all of our library books and readers are returned.

Children will be allowed to borrow for the holidays if all of their books are back. Unfortunately, we still have missing library books from our previous school holidays so it is important they are kept in a safe place and not move around. We want our library books read and loved but we recommend that they are automatically kept in library bags, in school bags. Then they are sure to return to school in Term 4.

If you are not a member of our local council library network, then it might be an idea to join. There are many valuable online resources, books to borrow and holiday activities to enjoy. Why not check out their website.

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries>

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.

Staff Spirituality Day

Next Friday 23rd September 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.

Purpose of the Charter

"The charter is an articulation of who we are, our way of being in the light of the Gospel within a complex and socially diverse society. It invites our students, their families and our people to accompany us as we seek to grow in relationship with Jesus and to understand and shape our world."



Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

Another great holiday adventure is a visit to the State Library in Sydney. Check out their website for the school holiday program.

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/learning/kids-and-families/school-holiday-activities>

And if you love history why not visit the Australian Museum while in Sydney. <https://australian.museum/visit/whats-on/?dateRange=next-30-days&audience=kids-families>

There is always something special going on. Or for something closer to home Newcastle Museum is a great day out. <https://www.newcastlemuseum.com.au/home>

Term 3 has certainly been a busy one. Our Book Week celebrations were amazing. I thank everyone in our school community for joining in the fun and also supporting our Book Fair. Thanks especially to our amazing kids who make my job in the library a wonderful privilege!!!!

Thank you everyone and happy reading!
Miss Gray
Librarian

A Spotlight on ASPECT



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 16th September Lunch Special is Minestrone



Thank you
Donna & Lauren

Uniform Shop News

Boys Summer Polo Sale

There is a small quantity of the older style boys summer polo shirts which are now available for sale. These polo shirts are a heavier weight material. These are brand new and are \$30.00 each. Please note there is no exchange available on these polos.

Star Awards

Matilda R
Kelly B
Cruz C
Logan R
Honey J
Anthony N
Samuel R
James B
Ollie T
Van H
Zane B
Ruby P
Lawson O
Oliver G
Filippo C
Piper E
Kirrilee F
Ella S
Thomas R F
Eden LT
Chelsea B
Chelsea F
Emily T

From our PE Teacher

Polding Golf

Blake represented St Marys primary Toukley in the NSWCPSS golf Tournament winning the event with a score off 78 scratch at Blackheath golf club.

From that event Blake was selected to represent the Polding team at Brighton Lakes and Barden Ridge golf clubs in the NSWPSA golf Championships over 2 days. Blake had rounds of 76 and 79 to come second in the overall boys and was selected in the NSW representative team to compete in Canberra against ACT,QLD,VIC and SA.

Outside of the School event Blake has also qualified in number 1 position for the 2022 JNIG Fayde Junior Matchplay series at Magenta Shores country Club. Blake Qualified by having the best Average score over the past 12 month in his age division Australia wide and will compete over 2 days against the best junior golfers in his age division from across Australia.

Congratulations Blake! We wish you luck in the NSW All Schools Golf Championships.

Polding Athletics Carnival

Last Friday Emmanuelle, Addison and Halle competed in Newcastle against Northern NSW Catholic Schools.

We are still awaiting final results, but we at St Mary's are very proud of all 3 girls.

CCC Netball Gala Day

Buses are now leaving at 8.30am - All children catching the bus need to be at school by 8.20am please.

Thank you to all parents for your offers of assistance - You are wonderful!

Have a wonderful day Year 5 & 6.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator

Lost Property

Lost property is overflowing with fleece jumpers, sports jackets and parkas. There are a large number of plastic lunchboxes, snack containers and drink bottles sitting in the undercroft area unclaimed. Please ask your child to check this area for any property that may be theirs.

Explosion Of Gratitude!

A big thank you to the parents who came to help and support our 'St. Mary's Explosion of Colour Fun Run' last Friday.

We had many enthusiastic parents who donned colourful outfits and were ready to squirt colour, refill and squirt more colour on our smiling, happy St. Mary's students.

We really appreciated your energy and 'can do' attitude. A perfect example of parents working in partnership with our school community for the benefit of making special memories for our students.

The PIP Leadership Team



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.

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