



Mr Williams

Upcoming Events

- Crazy Sock Day**
Friday
14th October
- Sacrament of Confirmation** Saturday 15th October, 2.00pm
- Year 6 Graduation Meeting**
Wednesday 19th October, 3.30pm
- Cinema Under the Stars** Friday 21st October 6.30pm
- Kinder 2023 Transition #1** Wednesday 26th October, 9.15am
- World Teachers Day**
Friday 28th October
- Year 3 Family Mass**
Sunday 30th October 9.00am
- K-2 Swimming Programme** Monday 31st October—Friday 11th November
- All Saints Mass**
Tuesday 1st November, 10.00am
- Year 6 Starr Cup Touch Footy Day**
Friday 11th November
- Kinder 2023 Transition #2**
Wednesday 16th November, 9.15am
- Year 5/6 Touch Footy Gala Day**
Friday 18th November
- Staff Development Day**
Monday 28th November

Please Note
All relevant school notes and letters are posted on our website. Please click on *News and Events* and then *Letters, Notes, Timetables*.

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,
Welcome back to Term 4, for what is traditionally a busy and exciting term. We look forward to seeing our families at the many celebrations this term holds.

I congratulate the children for returning with a positive attitude and for being so calm and settled. The teachers have commented on the way the children have come back into class and their eagerness to learn. Well done, girls and boys!

Mr Williams

Alongside today's newsletter, is a letter from Mr Williams, reflecting on his time here at St Mary's. I invite all families to read this closely. Once we have confirmed a date to farewell Mr Williams (later this term), we will let you know.

Confirmation

A number of students in our school have been busy preparing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation. They make this commitment to their faith this Saturday at 2.00pm in our church with Bishop Anthony. Please join me in congratulating Zara B, Vincent B, Noah B, Marley B, Harrison B, Willow C, Jonas C, Cruz C, Sophie C, Madison C, Charlotte, Riley G, Billy H, Hunter H, Sienna H, Leo H, Mia H, Willow L, Jack L, Holly L, Amarli M, Charlie M, Lachlan M, Stephanie M, Rhys M, Hunter N, Mia N, Harry P, Alexandra T, Hayden T, Ashley V and Caspian W.

Socktober

This Friday we are holding Crazy Sock Day, as we raise money for Catholic Mission to 'Sock it to Poverty'. Remember your gold coin donation. The teachers will then verse Year 6 in a Sock-er Game on the Oval.

Year 3 and Year 5 Family Mass

Each grade attends Mass on a Sunday morning with their parents and classmates once a year. The next of these masses is for Year 3 on Sunday 30th October, followed by the Year 5 students on Sunday 20th November at 9.00am.

Term 4 Calendar

Our Term 4 Calendar was shared with you last term and is currently on our website (in the 'Parent Information' Tab on our school website). Please join us whenever you can.

World Teachers Day

We celebrate World Teachers Day on Friday 28th

October. Please see the attachment with details of how you can join our parent team as they prepare morning tea for our fantastic staff.

Maternity Leave

This Friday is Mrs Emily Duncan's final day with us for 2022 as she goes on Maternity Leave. Mrs Duncan has been an important part of the Year 1 team and has had a significant impact on the children she teaches. We wish Mrs Duncan all the best for the birth of her first child. From next week, we welcome Miss Jade Doyle to 1 Gold.

Cinema Under the Stars

Next Friday night we have our fantastic 'Cinema Under the Stars' on the oval. An invitation was sent home yesterday and tickets must be purchased through Qkr! A family ticket is \$10. Thank you to our PIP Team for organising the event.



K-2 Swimming Program

Our K-2 Swimming Program begins in Week 4. This is a 2 week long, daily intensive Swimming Program that has a huge impact on the children and their water confidence as we head into the warmer months. A note with details of this will come home to all K-2 parents on Monday.

Year 6 Graduation

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

Staff Development Day

This term we have our final Staff Development Day for the year, to be held on Monday 28th November.

Congratulations Seth

Seth T recently won the Australian Junior Motor-cross Championship on his 65cc (10-12 year olds) and placed 2nd on his 85cc (9-12 year olds). Seth is now ranked number 1 in Australia for his age division and 28th in the world. Wow!

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Josie M
Maddy J
Hunter R
Phoenix R
Heath W
Adeline C
Angus H
Oliver Y
Leura S
Andy C
Ruby J
Christian P
Jordan S
Airlei M
Harper B
Benji A
Harper J
Maddison H
Lola C
Zac B
Van B
Maci T
Ashley V B
Harrison B
Hunter P
Hayden T
Vincent B
Caspian W
Leo H
Lillian D
Henry H
Emery B
Andy B
Sosefo K
Willow F
Sophe B
Tayla McA
Lilly D -B
Liliana C
Ava G
Charli D
Dylan B



Uniform Shop News

Unfortunately there has been a delay in receiving our size 12 sports polos. This is an unexpected delay from our supplier which is out of our control. We apologize for the delay. We will notify the school community as soon as they arrive.

From Our REC



Socktober - Mission Month

For the next 3 weeks 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.

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 stage. Students will have a maximum of five guesses. Each guess will cost 20c. Last guesses will take place on Wednesday 26th October and winners will be announced at our Sacred Space on Thursday 27th October.

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the break and find some fun things to do, despite the weather.

Monday was 'World Mental Health Day' and October is Mental Health Month. This month you will see some posters up around the school promoting positive mental health and tips to 'stress less' and 'tune in'. It is an opportune time to have conversations with family and friends to help promote strategies for building positive mental health and reducing any stigma associated with mental illness. Mental health is something we all have and just like our physical health it can change over time. In Australia, one in five people experience some form of mental health issue each year and almost half of all Australians will experience mental ill-health in their lifetime—most commonly anxiety and/ or depression.

On Monday 17th October Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in an incursion run by Catholic Mission focusing on the "Haves and Have Nots."



Let's kick goals for good!

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 this Saturday 15th October at 2pm. We are still looking for another junior server to assist on the day. If your child has made their Communion and would like to help please contact us.

ICAS

Results are becoming available online. Certificates will be handed out at assemblies when they arrive at school. For those parents whose children took part in the assessments, the school access code is **XIQ785**. On the back of the certificate is a specific code to be able to access these results.

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

The primary school years are important in helping children develop mental fitness and resilience as early in life as possible. At St Mary's we like to teach and encourage positive thinking, resilience and support for all of our students.

Toukley Neighbourhood Centre will be here next Wed, Thurs and Friday afternoon from 2.30pm. Please be sure to say hello to Bronwyn and check out all of the programmes, activities and support they provide to our local community. You might be surprised by how much they have available.

Storytime in the Library will be on again this term each Thursday morning, directly after morning assembly.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
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A Spotlight on Year 1



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

4 Green was the winning class in our 'Fruit and Veg Month' competition last term. They will be enjoying their special, healthy afternoon tea today. It was great to see so many students enjoying the healthy, fresh fruit and veg items on our canteen menu. From the looks of this weeks canteen orders it appears the healthy habits are continuing this term, which is fantastic.

Thank you
Donna & Lauren



Star Awards

Conor H
Isabella W
Molly W
Stella C
Ivy J
Harper W
Adam D
Letty M
Zac B
Elise I
Hunter N
Gwyneth McM
Evalata M
Taj R
Yenna W
Evie Z
Phoebe-Rene F
Edward C
Sienna G
Ava S
Seth T
Marcella R
Eddie A

From our PE Teacher

2022 Australian Motorcross Championships

Seth T recently won the Australian Junior Motorcross Championship on his 65cc in the 10-12 year old division. He finished in 2nd place on his 85cc in the 9-12 years. Seth is now a ranked number 1 in Australia for his age division and ranked 28th in the world! What an achievement!

We at St Mary's are very proud of his hard work and determination this year and can't wait to see what the future holds.

2022 Waratah Shield Cricket - Friday 21st October

St Mary's is playing East Gosford at Harry Moore Oval.

Could all parents involved please complete the Compass permission so any lifts needed can be organised.

We will be having training in the nets at Harry Moore this Friday Morning 14th October 7.30 – 8.30am. Caine Barnes has kindly offered to coach the team.

'World Teachers Day' Thank You Morning Tea!

Our PIP Team is asking for "Just One Thing"...

To celebrate and show gratitude to our wonderful and dedicated St Mary's Staff, our PIP Team are requiring a team of helpers to set up and cater for a special morning tea on Friday, October 28th.

We require a team from mid morning to help set up and also helpers to supply a small plate of food to cater the event. If you are able to support in any way please use the 'sign up' links below to express your commitment.

Plates of food can be dropped to the front office the morning of the 28th of October. We ask that serves are individual, nut free and that plates are labelled with your child's name and class.

We would also like to pass on special messages of gratitude on this day. If you would like to share a special message of thanks, we ask that you please add to the following message board via the link or QR code below:

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/ZJ1XNLj3>



SIGN UP LINKS

I can help set up on the day - LINK: <https://signup.com/go/EpTotiz>

I can help supply a plate of food - LINK: <https://signup.com/go/MybhKAK>

Thank you for your time and support,
PIP Team Leaders

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