



World Teachers Day

Upcoming Events

- **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
- **CHANGE**
- **Year 6 Starr Cup Touch Footy Day**
Thursday 3rd November
- **Kinder 2023 Transition #2**
Wednesday 16th November 9.15am
- **Year 5/6 Touch Footy Gala Day**
Friday 18th November
- **Year 5 Family Mass**
Sunday 20th November 9.00am
- **Kinder 2023 Transition #3**
Wednesday 23 November 9.15am
- **Advent Liturgy Week 1**
Thursday 24th November 1.50pm
- **Kinder 2023 Transition #4**
Wednesday 7th December 9.15am
- **Staff Development Day**
Monday 28th November

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

The art of teaching is a fulfilling, complicated, joyous, challenging and tremendously rewarding vocation. I truly love being in a classroom with a group of children who look up to you, try their best for you and want nothing more than to feel seen, challenged, supported and respected. The teachers we have in our school are remarkable. They come to work every single day with only one intention; to be the best teacher they can be for your child. Each day they plan thought-provoking lessons, celebrate successes with your child, support their friendship development and wellbeing, and tell them "I believe in you". Our teachers know your children so well and want nothing more than for them to be their best selves.

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers Day. While they never expect it, the day provides a wonderful opportunity to encourage your child to say thank you to their teacher. Whether it is a homemade card, a specially drawn picture, a heartfelt message or some flowers picked from your garden, please let our teachers know you appreciate them.

Kindergarten 2023

This morning, we welcomed the newest members of our school community. It is always a privilege to share in such a special moment with the nervous but excited group of pre-schoolers and their parents. Our next three transition sessions are 16th November, 23rd November and 7th December at 9.15am.

Classes 2023

Next year, our school will have 22 classes, an increase from our 21 classes this year. In 2023: Kinder and Year 1 will each have four classes, Years 2-5 will have three classes each and Year 6 will have two classes. We also have our ASPECT satellite class.

Year 3 and 5 Family Mass

This Sunday, all of our Year 3 students will be attending their 9am Family Mass with parents and classmates. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing you share your song. The final Family Mass will be with our Year 5 students on Sunday 20th November at 9.00am.

Cinema Under the Stars

Unfortunately, last week's Cinema Under the Stars was postponed due to the weather. A huge thank you to the parent team who organised the event. We look forward to rescheduling the

evening for March next year, date tbc.

K-2 Swimming Program

Our K-2 Swimming program begins next week. This is a wonderful initiative that helps the skill development of our students in the lead up to Summer.

Car Park Safety

It is shocking to hear, almost daily, the near misses and close calls that happen in our car park. Please remember that children as young as 5 independently walk across the two crossings in our carpark. With hundreds of cars entering the carpark each morning, please only drive at walking pace. Only park in sign-posted car spaces and do not pull up in the bus area to drop off your child. Together we can make our car park a safe place.

Parent Workshop - Technology

Some of our local Catholic Schools have come together to host a dynamic 90-minute parent session where psychologist, Jocelyn Brewer, will help parents and carers understand aspects of technology, app and video game design that prove to be so seductive to young people and their still developing brains. The evening will be hosted by St Peter's at Tuggerah on November 14th (6.15-7.45pm). Jocelyn's fear-free, practical approach will help parents build skills to communicate with their tweens and teens and implement boundaries and consequences for behaviours. Please RSVP by following the link on the flyer (available on Compass).

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Rongonui family in your thoughts and prayers. Nikita (6 Gold) and Eva's (2 Green) uncle passed away recently. May your treasured memories be a great strength to you during your time of loss.

Staff Development Day

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

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday 9.00am-2.00pm

Merit Awards

Ellie A
Cruz C
Evie W
Harrison G
James D
Darcy C
Addison F
Chloe B
Roy C
Louisa K
Anthony N
Ruby J
Kai M
Alyza W
Braith D
Indianna H
Kyden B
Archie W
Jonah R
Abigail H
Ashley V B
Jackson Q
Lachlan B
Mia M
Emily A
Charlie M
Cynthia A
Luke P C
Matthew G
Vinnie E
Oscar S
Milo C H
Kirrilee F
Myles S
Lola K
Phoenix W
Liliana C
Zachary W
Summer M
Nikita R
Halle B
Luca K

From Our REC

Indigenous Sacred Space

Tomorrow, Thursday 27th October our Indigenous students will be leading our community through a portion of the Aboriginal Rosary. This will be held in the church at 2pm if you would like to join us.

Year 3 Sunday Mass

We invite all Year 3 families to mass on Sunday 30th October at 9am. Our students will be leading the ministries and sharing a Thanksgiving song with our community. Sr. Josie is organising the music this weekend and has already planned and shared some contemporary songs to play at mass. Year 3 teachers will be giving out readings and other jobs this week. We look forward to celebrating mass with you all.



From Our Family Liaison Officer

Community Programmes This Term

Sound Steps Playgroup- provides activities to stimulate children's language development, sensory activities to support self-regulation, strategies for parents to implement at home to enhance their child's speech development and support to navigate early childhood services. The Entrance, Wednesdays 10-11.30am. Ph. 0409 048 870

Uniting Supported Playgroups—different playgroups such as Bright Sparks, multicultural, indigenous, at various locations – Toukley, Gorokan, San Remo, Bluehaven, Hamlyn Terrace. Find more info about times and locations [‘here’](#).

Sing A Rainbow Playgroup—explores feelings and emotions through puppetry, rhythm through movement, songs, stories and dramatic play. Hamlyn Terrace, Thursdays 10-11am Ph. 0409 048 870 for more details.

My Time Parent Support Group -MyTime is a support group for parents and carers of

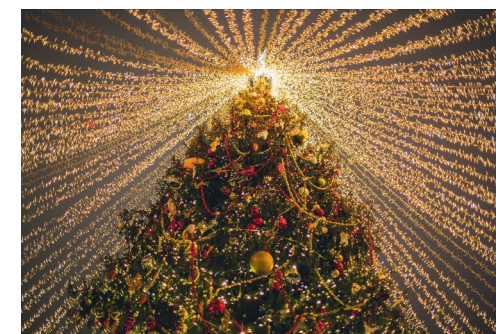
All Saints Mass

On Tuesday 1st November at 10am Years 3-6 will be celebrating All Saints mass. Year 4 will be leading this mass. If you would like to join us we would love to see you there.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Mr Hochkins and our choir are beginning to prepare for the "Lighting of the Christmas Tree" at Toukley Village Green. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to participate in this event. It will be held on Saturday 3rd December. If you have a child in choir, save the date!

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator



children with a disability, development delay or chronic medical condition. More than a playgroup - it's a support group for you and your child. The Entrance, Thursdays 9.30-11am. Ph 4340 1111 for more details.

CHIME, Mental Health and Triple P Group—This course is specific to parents who experience mental ill-health that impacts their parenting. The MHPPP group will give parents a chance to connect with other parents who have had similar mental health challenges, and to gain knowledge, skills and confidence to promote their children's development. Wyong, Wednesdays 12pm-2pm. Ph 4340 1585 for more details.

Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Peer Support Group— is running on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of the month during school terms. For grandparents who have the fulltime care of their grandchildren and are living on the Central Coast. Wyong, 10am-12pm. Ph 4340 1585 for more details.

A Spotlight on Year 3



3 Blue enjoyed exploring shapes and symmetry in Maths

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.

Thank you
Donna & Lauren

Star Awards

- Emmett B
- Isaac P
- Vivian B
- Willis B
- Owen M
- Billy S D
- Ollie B
- Oliver E
- Lennox K
- Manaya M P
- Sophia K
- Anika L
- Tyde A
- Daniel B
- Addison P
- Nikkita C
- Willow F
- Jasmine C
- Eden L T
- Harry M
- Kitty G



From Our PE Teacher

Our STM Cricket Team plays the Waratah Shield

Congratulations Tiernan, Will, Zara, Brody, Euan, Zac, Darcy, Eddie, Willow, Bailey, Harry and Evie.

Thankyou for representing our school with such enthusiasm, ability and sportsmanship.

The boys and girls played east Gosford first. St Mary's scored 63 runs and won by 1 run.

The next game was against Lake Munmorah. The team had gained confidence and worked together to score 116 runs and bowled St Brendan's out for 30 .

Thankyou to Jeff Dawson for umpiring and Donna Cannon for scoring.

Special thanks to Miss Dawson for coaching the team on the day, we are so lucky to have your expertise in all aspects of cricket.

The team now has made the semi finals this Friday - Good Luck St Mary's against MacKillop.

Liz Bain
Sports Coordinator



'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

