



Swimming

Upcoming Events

- **Postponed: Year 6 Starr Cup Touch Footy Day**
- **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 #1**
Thursday 24th November
1.50pm
- **Staff Development Day**
Monday
28th November
- **Advent Liturgy #2**
Thursday 1st December
1.50pm
- **Kinder 2023 Transition #4**
Wednesday 7th December
9.15am
- **Advent Liturgy #3**
Thursday 8th December
1.50pm
- **K-2 Annual Class Awards**
Thursday 8th December
2.45pm-3.10pm
- **Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass**
Friday 9th December
9.15am
- **K-6 Award Ceremony**
Monday 12th December
- **Christmas Carols Night**
Wednesday 14th December
5.30pm

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

This week our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 children embarked on their 2 week intensive Swimming Program. The children have done an amazing job of calmly preparing themselves each morning, listening well to their instructors and showing a have-a-go attitude. Well done, children!

Thank you

A huge thank you to all parents who celebrated our teachers last week. The teachers were very spoilt with a delicious morning tea (which also became a delicious lunch) and really enjoyed reading your messages of appreciation. Thank you.

All Saints Mass

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us yesterday as we celebrated All Saints Day with a morning Mass. Our Year 4 students did a tremendous job running our Mass and spoke beautifully. Well done!

Classes 2023

Our teachers are currently finalising the makeup of the classes for 2023. Each year significant changes are made to class cohorts. The children learn of their 2023 class and teacher on Friday 9th December.

Year 5 Family Mass

On Sunday 20th November all of our Year 5 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.

CPR

This Friday our Year 5 and Year 6 students will all participate in CPR training with Central Coast First Aid. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn some important skills.

Car Park Safety

Once again, I'd like to remind all parents to focus on the safety of all children in the carpark. We have continued to have near misses and close calls in the mornings.

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 signposted car spaces and do not pull up in the bus area to drop off your child.**

Year 6 Graduation

Soon we will see a graduation class of 2022 enjoying their Graduation Night (Monday December 12th). The final Graduation meeting will be held on Wednesday the 16th Nov at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome, please meet at the school office.

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



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Merit Awards

Briella F
Caleb N
Addison R
Sanisia W
Lilah B
Bowie G
Angus H
Oliver Y
Samuel L M
Sophie A
Harper W
Andie N
Jacob K
Mia N
Asha G
Benny E
Neve R
Isaac B
Finley G
Malaki B
Max B
Gwyneth M
Holly L T
Harrison L
Yenna W
Phoebe N
Jack H
Henry H
Archie M
Rhani L
Edward C
Clive Z
Emmanuelle D
Isla C
Milla A
Tayla M
Marli C
Bailey C
Ruby K
Harry B
Charli D



From Our REC

Catholic Mission - Guessing Competition

Congratulations to the following students for guessing closest to the correct number of lollies in each container.
Kindergarten - Savannah and Zarli
Stage 1 - Grace L
Stage 2 - Luke PC
Stage 3 - Lincoln S
We raised over \$100 taking our total donation to Catholic Mission to over \$700. We thank our community for their generous donations.

Year 3 Sunday Mass

Thank you to all our families who joined us for mass on the weekend. Our Year 3 children led the mass beautifully and the members of the choir sang so well!

Year 5 Sunday Mass

On Sunday 20th November at 9am Year 5 will lead our Sunday Mass. We would like all our Year 5 students to attend. Our new kinder students for 2023 will be invited to join us. This is a great opportunity to show leadership as a grade and welcome our new kindergarten students and their families into our faith community.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Mr Hochkins and our choir are beginning to prepare for the "Lighting of the Christmas Tree." 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!

Christmas Eve Mass

We will be sending out a form in the next couple of weeks asking for students to volunteer to be involved in our Christmas Eve Mass. There will be a variety of roles from acting, liturgical movement and choir. Sr Jennifer and Sam Hanham will lead the reenactment, Sr. Josie the Choir and Naomi Hepplewhite the liturgical movements. We would also love the support of other parents to help us out. There will be practises during school time and another longer practise in the week leading up to Christmas.

Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgies will run from Week 7 through to Week 10. Please see below when our different grades will be leading the liturgies. All liturgies will be held in the church on Thursdays from 2pm. We look forward to sharing these with you.
Week 7 - First Week of Advent - Kinder and Year 4
Week 8 - Second Week of Advent - Year 3
Week 9 - Third Week of Advent - Year 1 and Year 2
Week 10 - Fourth Week of Advent - Year 5

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

Our swimming program for Years Kinder, 1 and 2 has gotten off to a great start with lots of excitement and positivity from the children. It is great to see how capable and resilient the kids are in managing getting ready by themselves, both before they leave for swimming and when they return to school. Children being given the opportunity and learning to do things for and by themselves really helps to build their confidence and self esteem. While they will be having plenty of fun and making lots of gains in their swimming, as time goes on you'll probably notice the fatigue starting with some changes in behaviour. It isn't uncommon for children to get a bit cranky, whiny and teary over the next two weeks as they begin to tire, but being aware of this and establishing a good routine with regular bedtime and morning habits and encouraging them to be positive about how much they are improving and the importance of participating every day can help them manage.

The mental health service, Emerging Minds, has launched a new website for families to help support children's wellbeing, development and mental health, as well as information on parenting when diagnosed with a mental health condition. The information is straightforward and practical and covers a wide range of topics such as supporting children with anxiety, helping children cope with natural disasters, becoming a new parent and the challenges that brings as well as information about the different types of professional support available, plus much more. You can access the website at <https://emergingminds.com.au/families/>

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer

A Spotlight on Year 4



4Gold exploring Capacity 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

From Our PE Teacher

Congratulations STM Cricket Runners Up in 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 MacKillop in the semi final. A tough game, but St Mary's won.

The final was against Tumbi, We were in bat first and scored 74.

Tumbi were strong batters and after St Mary's fielding frantically Tumbi overcame our score to win.

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

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

Star Awards

- Selkie R
- Cooper E
- Henry M
- Lucas G
- Oscar H
- Flynn H
- Carlos H
- Oliver C
- Lillian A
- Archie G
- Hailey G
- Oliver R
- Corben D
- Caspian W
- Billy H
- Charlie B
- Coco O C
- Summer G
- Lincoln S
- Euan B
- Ace A
- Ellie B
- Rose D



CCC Touch Football Gala Day - Friday 18th November, Compass Note Soon

Liz Bain
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