



### Upcoming Events

- 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
- Northlakes Rotary Awards**  
Wednesday 30th November 6pm
- Advent Liturgy #2**  
Thursday 1st December 1.50pm
- Mr Williams' Farewell Liturgy**  
Friday 2nd December 9.15am
- 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
- Advent Liturgy #4**  
Thursday 15th December 1.50pm
- Year 6 Guard of Honour**  
Friday 16th December 2.45pm

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

Something that I hope you have come to notice this year is the high (but achievable) expectations that our staff have of your children. High expectations for their learning and high expectations of their behaviour. Your children thrive when they are given clear expectations and the conditions to try their best. Our teachers are very skilled at getting the best out of you children.

I have been speaking to our Year 5 and Year 4 students this term about leadership, about setting an example for others and the importance of the two upper grades being tremendous role models for our school community. Please pray for our Year 5 and 4 students who are currently finalising their leadership speeches that they will present to their class and grade over the coming weeks. Our school expects all Year 5 and Year 6 students to be a leader for others. We will present our Student Parliament and Sports Captains for 2023 to the school community at our Award Ceremony.

### Busy Weeks Ahead

Please note all of the various upcoming events we have in the left-hand column. We will continue to update these in the newsletter each week, so please keep checking. Later this week, I will send out an update regarding the details of what some of these events will look like in 2022 - it's been a number of years since we have been able to hold these in their complete format.

### Gates

Both of our walk-in gates have finished having their intercom buttons installed. This means, in the near future, you will need to 'buzz in' from the gate when you need to come onto school grounds (between 9.15am and 2.30pm only) and the gate will be automatically opened from the office. As of yet, this automatic part of the gate has not been installed to lock the gates in this way. While the buzzer is there, you do not need to use this yet, please just open the gate as usual.

### Cultural Dance

This term, a number of Year 4-6 girls are learning an **Indigenous Gathering Dance** which they will present at our Award Ceremony. **Thank you Mrs Elizabeth Bailey** for teaching the girls and Miss Poulton for assisting. Well done Summer G, Zoe S, Rhani L, Addison P, Ma-Nayah J, Ava S, Rose D, Mayah H, Havi M, Marcella R, Kitty G and Halle B for participating.

### 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.

### Congratulations

We congratulate Mrs Megan Laing on the safe arrival of Macy Mae Laing, born on the 26th October, a little sister for Sadie.

We congratulate Mrs Emily Duncan on the safe arrival of her first child, Oliver Scott Duncan, born yesterday.

### Safety

There are a number of cars still using the bus bay to drop off children in the morning. This area is for buses only. It is quite dangerous for our young children when cars are moving in and out of this area, particularly as it is a pedestrian crossing.

### Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on our school premises at any time. We ask for all dogs, even on a leash, to stay outside our gates during pick up and drop off.

### Year 6 Graduation

The final Graduation meeting will be held next Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the Condon and Lomas families in your thoughts and prayers. Andy (1 Gold), Lucas (5 Blue) and Rhani's (4 Green) great grandmother recently passed away. May your treasured memories be a great strength to you during your time of loss.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars  
Principal

### Parish Details

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Office Hours. Monday-Friday  
9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

Isabella D  
Leo T  
Kalira W  
Zahli S  
Eli C  
Evan C  
Lexi B  
Tom T  
Charlotte O  
Leo C  
Hannah B  
Luke H  
Sage M  
Kamryn M  
Eadie M  
Letty M  
Penelope R  
Adalita S  
Lennox K  
Van H  
Lola C  
Charlotte C  
Ashley L  
Zara B  
Sophie C  
Sasha R  
Noah B  
Jazz B  
Zoe S  
Eva S  
Phoebe-Rene F  
Arlie M  
Addison W  
Ryan M  
Marcus S  
Tayla G  
Ivy D  
Isabella H  
Eliette J  
Chloe S  
Connor V B  
Harry B

## From Our REC

### 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

Yesterday a form was sent out via compass for children wanting to participate 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. The link to the form is included here: <https://forms.office.com/r/jepWQ8LyD1>

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

**Tinsel Time in Toukley**

**SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER 5 TO 9PM**

VILLAGE GREEN, CANTON BEACH RD

Free Entertainment & Activities  
Visit From Santa Animal Farm Face Painting  
Roving Roundabout Circus & More!

BRING A BLANKET AND A PICNIC  
OR VISIT OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND CAFES.

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### 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

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Next week we will begin collecting food for the St. Vincent De Paul Hampers. Each year all classes are asked to create a food hamper for families doing it tough. Your child/ren will receive a star asking them to contribute a food item to add to the class Christmas Hamper. Hampers will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at an Advent Liturgy. We thank you for your support in helping those in need.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

### Save the date, December 3

After a Covid induced absence over the previous two years it's great to see that the annual Toukley Christmas event is on again.

Many of our local schools, pre-schools, dance schools and others join in with Toukley Neighbourhood Centre to bring entertainment to our families. Santa will be there for you to take your own photos with him, as well as the traditional lighting of the Christmas lights on the tree.

St Mary's choir will be performing and it would be great to see lots of our families there on the night.

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer  
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## A Spotlight on Year 5



5Blue Leadership Wall & CPR Training



Book Club in 5Green



### 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

Ruby K  
Albie T  
Rex N  
Houston A  
Natas B  
Andy C  
Remi C  
Aidan B  
Benny E  
Lucas B  
Elise I  
Sienna H  
Eva M  
Jase B  
Levi M  
Abel N  
Mia S  
Ma'Niyah J  
Louis G  
Oscar L  
Zahra D  
Ava G

## Parish Secretary vacancy – Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish

### Permanent, part-time

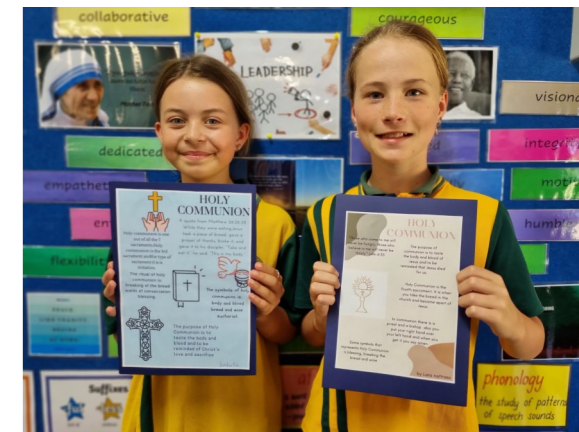
Could you see yourself as the face of the Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish, providing high level administrative support and a warm and inviting welcome to visitors?

The Catholic Parish of Toukley-Lake Munmorah is seeking to recruit a new permanent part-time Parish Secretary, Mondays to Fridays, 9:00am to 2:00pm. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to

[recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)

Applications close Friday 25 November 2022.

## Spotlight on Year 5 continued



5 Gold have created amazing posters about the 7 Sacraments.

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