



### Upcoming Events

- **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,  
The Rotary Citizenship Awards are presented annually to Year 6 students in the local Wyong/Toukley district by the Northlakes Toukley Rotary Club. The awards were started in 1999 and now see 20 local schools participate. The Rotary Awards are an important way of acknowledging two students from each school who consistently demonstrate fairness, compassion, understanding, hope and joy, and who go above and beyond what is asked of them, striving to make our world a better place.

This year, once again, we will have two Year 6 recipients of these special awards. Please join me in congratulating Ava G and Addison L. Next Wednesday night Ava and Addie will receive their award at a presentation with their family.

### Mr Williams

Next Friday is our liturgy for Mr Williams. We invite parents to join us for the liturgy (in the church at 9.15am) and to then share morning tea afterwards (approximately 10.00am). Attached to the newsletter today is information about how you can help with the morning tea and how you can write a small message of gratitude to Kevin for his years of service to our school.

### Advent Liturgies

Advent is the Church Season of waiting and preparation. Over the next four Thursdays, at 1.50pm, each grade will lead an Advent Liturgy in the church. This will be in lieu of our traditional Thursday assembly. This Thursday, Year 4 and Kindergarten will lead our liturgy, we invite you to join us.

### Parent Helpers

Thank you to all of the wonderful parents who were so willing to help us cover books last week, either here at school, or at home. With our recent purchase of a few thousand new decodable readers for our K-2 classrooms, we need your help in preparing them for use. We will have more books ready to cover later this week.

Books and contact are all supplied and bundled ready for you to take home. If you can help in any way, please see the office.

### Correct Uniform

As the end of the year approaches, it is important that our high expectations of uniform remain. We have started to notice more children wearing nail polish, bringing a different hat to school and wearing incorrect shoes and socks. All children must be wearing their uniform correctly each day. Please talk with your child and ensure that they are in the correct uniform, daily.

### Attendance

There are a number of students who are starting to have an increase in absences. When a child is sick, being home until they are well is appropriate and encouraged. Unfortunately we are seeing more children away from school for unimportant reasons, eg. "it is a nice beach day", "I just don't want to go today" etc. Attendance is compulsory and crucial for your child, even as we near the end of 2022.

### Kinder 2023

This morning we held our third Kinder 2023 Transition morning. The children have made an exceptional start to their school journey. On Wednesday 7th December we will hold our Welcome Liturgy (run by Year 6 2023) followed by a morning tea for these Kinder 2023 parents. Traditionally, our current Kinder families are asked to please provide a small plate for the morning tea. A note will go home to our Kinder families this week with the details.

### Staff Development Day

Next Monday 28th November is our final Staff Development Day for the year. 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

Conor H  
Matilda R  
Kelly B  
Isabella W  
Heath W  
Nixon D  
Airlie C  
Willis B  
Chloe B  
Ivie T  
Kai M  
Isla M  
Reef C  
Ivy S  
Ivy C  
Roman M  
Zac B  
Millie J  
Jackson M  
Poppy G  
Sophie C  
Mia N  
Harrison B  
Flynn B  
Corben D  
Charlie B  
Oliver K  
Ezri D  
Coco O C  
Beau B  
Iylah M  
Piper E  
Clive Z  
Ryder A  
Zali R  
Brooklyn C  
Sophie B  
Zoe D  
Noah W  
Koby D  
Lily D B  
Hua Qiang P  
Eddie A

Go4Fun is a free 10 week healthy lifestyle program for NSW children aged 7-13 and their families. Run by health professionals, it is an opportunity to learn about eating well, staying active, instilling healthy habits at home and living a healthy lifestyle. It will run in Term 1 next year at Lake Haven Recreation Centre on Thursdays, 4pm-6pm. If you would like to register or find out more information please use the following link— [Go4Fun](#)

## From Our REC

### Year 5 Sunday Mass

Thank you to all the families both current and future who joined us for mass on Sunday. It was wonderful to hear our students speak the Word of God and have our future Kinder students come as kings to celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

### 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

Thank you to all our students who have volunteered to participate in our Christmas Eve Mass. We only have small numbers so if you are still thinking of attending, we would love you to join us. An updated note will come home today outlining rehearsal times. The link to the form is included here: <https://forms.office.com/r/jepWQ8LyD1>

### Choir - Christmas Eve Mass

Our choir members have been invited to participate in our Parish's Christmas Eve Mass. It begins at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Sr Josie will prepare our students for this. If your child would like to join us for this celebration, please RSVP to Mrs Kyle by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December by emailing

## From Our Family Liaison Officer

As we are more than half way through Term 4 and closing in on the end of the school year, it is nice to reflect back on the progress made and the changes in the children since January. As well as the physical changes, all students have grown in their abilities and independence, socially and emotionally. This is particularly true of our youngest students.

Starting 'big school' is a huge transition for them with lots of learning and expectations. They have shown great improvement in doing things for themselves, learning the routines and rules of school, managing their own social and emotional needs and they have become much more independent and resilient. These changes don't happen without the support and guidance of their teachers and most importantly parents. Sometimes as parents we continue to see our children as totally dependant on us and needing us to make sure everything is perfect for them, but

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### Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgies begin this week. They begin at 1.50pm in the church. Please join us if you can.

**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

We are continuing to collect 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 should have received 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. Thank you to those families who have already contributed.

Cath Kyle  
Religious Education Coordinator

when we give children the 'gift of independence' it lets them know that we value and believe in them and they grow up with a strong sense of self belief and that they are capable kids, able to do anything they put their mind to. Think about how well they manage their hours at school each day. They have shown that they can do so much.

This is very true for our oldest students as well. Heading off to high school next year they will need to be more independent, organised, resilient and just as parents support children starting Kinder, students transitioning to high school need their parents support just as much – albeit in different ways. You can find out more from Headspace about how to help make your child's transition to high school successful by using the [link here](#).

Donna Falzon  
Family Liaison Officer  
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## A Spotlight on Kinder



### 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

Maddy J  
Hunter R  
Piper W  
Hunter C  
Ollie B  
Sebastian S  
Jarl M  
Maddison H  
Lillian M  
Amena D  
Zane B  
Cruz C  
Ella T  
Jay K  
Thomas M  
Owen M  
Byron H  
Elizabeth C  
Indiana M  
Alina L  
Lucas C  
Rose D



## Photos from Year 5 Sunday Mass



### 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.

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