



Upcoming Events

- **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,

Next year, we will once again have 12 members of our Student Parliament, ten from Year 6 and two from Year 5. It is with great pleasure that I can announce our Student Parliament for 2023 is Milla A, Elizabeth C, Elise C, Olivia D, Tayla G, Sonny I, Oscar L, Darcy M, Vanessa M, Addison P, Beau T and Noah W.

The Year 6 2023 Student Parliament candidates will present their speeches to the school next Monday 5th at 10am. During this time, we will be able to hear about the reasons why each child will make a tremendous School Captain. From this, two girls and two boys will be named as our captains for 2023 at our Award Ceremony.

Mr Williams

On Friday, we celebrate together in a 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.

Award Ceremony

On Monday 12th December at 10am, we will hold our annual Award Ceremony. The morning is held in the church. This is a time for our school to recognise the outstanding effort and achievements of students from each class in the school, as well as formally thank and recognise our current student leaders and introduce our future student leaders to the school. 6-7 children from each class will receive an award on the morning.

If your child will be receiving one of these awards in the church, parents will be contacted this week, before Friday afternoon. This allows parents to arrange work schedules if required. We ask that you please keep this information confidential, so that the students can be excited and surprised when they hear their name called. Of course, we still extend the invitation to attend to all members of our school community.

The K-2 children each receive a special award in their classroom. This is held on Thursday 8th December at 2.45pm.

Christmas Carols

Our much awaited evening is here! An invitation will go home today inviting you to our Christmas

Carols spectacular on Wednesday 14th December. We can't wait to see the whole school dressed in Christmas colours, singing their two songs to the school.

Canteen 'Expression of Interest'

We currently have a vacant, temporary part-time (6 hour) position in our school canteen for 2023. This position is being advertised as an 'Expression of Interest' to our school community. Attached with our newsletter is the *Expression of Interest* with all necessary information of how to apply, the successful applicant will work alongside our canteen coordinator, Lauren Zahra. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. It closes on Wednesday 7th December.

Canteen Helpers

As always, we rely on parent helpers to assist us with running many aspects of our school, including the canteen. Soon a note will go home for you to nominate days you may be able to assist us next year. If you can please send the note back with your availability as soon as possible, so that Lauren can begin organising the schedule for Term 1. In 2023, we will only be able to open our canteen on three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday (currently four days).

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 3 will lead our liturgy, we invite you to join us.

Kinder 2023

Next 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 has gone home with this information.

Kind regards,

Emma Sellars
Principal

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Merit Awards

Archer E
Remi B
Isaac P
Addison R
Addison F
Jordan G
Emma L
Parker L
Benji A
Cruz W C
Malaki B
Billy L
Harvey L
Hayden T
Taj R
Hunter P
Nate F
Abel N
Harry P
Nikkita C
Sunie T
Matilda S
Elijah P S
Zahra D



Book Club

All orders for Book Club need to be finalised by this Friday 2nd December.

Thank you

From Our REC

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Mr Hochkins and our choir have been preparing for the "Lighting of the Christmas Tree." It will be held this Saturday 3rd December in Toukley. If you are not busy on Saturday night please join us to celebrate. Christmas is coming.

Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgies begun last week. They commence at 2pm in the church. Please join us if you can.

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
Thank you to Kindergarten and Year 4 for leading our First Week of Advent Liturgy last week.



From Our Family Liaison Officer

This Friday is the Farewell Liturgy to celebrate the vast contribution Mr Williams has made to St Mary's. I know that parents are very appreciative of the hard work, commitment and vision for our school and students that Kevin has shown over many years. The liturgy and following morning tea will be an opportunity for everyone to express that to him directly. Hope to see you there.

There are lots of events at school coming up over the next couple of weeks so please keep checking the newsletter and any Compass notifications to make sure you don't miss anything.

Our Christmas Carols night on December 14 is a fun night for the whole family and it's always great to see everyone dressed up in their Christmas themed clothes and enjoying some down time as a family and catching up with friends. Coming together as a whole school community has been a

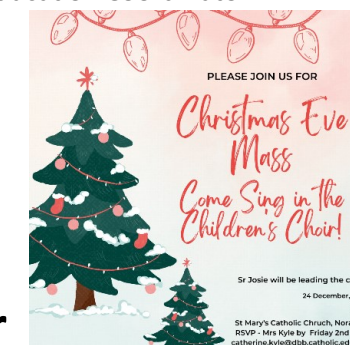
Choir – Christmas Eve Mass

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 2nd December by emailing catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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 our third week of Advent, 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



rarity over the past couple of years so I encourage everyone to come along to celebrate. No promises, but we'll try to keep Mr Whiteford's sad dad jokes to a minimum.

Tinsel Time In Toukley is on this Saturday, Dec 3. Santa will be there for you to take your own photos with him, as well as face painting, a petting zoo, a station to write letters to Santa and entertainment provided by the local dance schools, community groups and schools. It would be great to have lots of our St Mary's families coming along to enjoy the evening and to support our school choir. You can bring along a picnic to enjoy with your family or support one of the many restaurants providing take away options. Please see the back page of this newsletter for details.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
donna.falzon@dbb.catholic.edu.au

A Spotlight on Aspect

In Week 6, 9 Aspect schools and over 500 students from around Australia, met at Sydney Olympic Park for The Aspect Combined Sports Carnival. Aspect Central Coast were the winners, bringing home the coveted trophy! It was a great day!



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

Koa C
Savannah S
Tilly C
Theo S
Christian P
Abigail R
Lola C
Lillian M
Lachlan M
Hunter N
Riley G
Ruby P
Ayla B
Harry B
Louis F
Emilia R
Harry B

From our PE Teacher

Well Done Blake C - PSSA Golf Achievements

Blake and a team of 8 boys and 4 girls all made their way to Canberra to play against QLD, SA, VIC and ACT in the final for the PSSA golf for 2022.

They played over 3 rounds at Gold Creek Golf Course and Federal Golf Course and were taken on an excursion to Questacon as well.

Blake and his team of 4 NSW boys won the first day team Ambrose event.

Over the next 2 rounds the whole team combined to determine the results of the tournament:

NSW Boys Nett results – 2nd

NSW Girls Nett results – 1st

NSW Team – all players – Combined Team Championship – NSW was crowned National champions winning the Craig Parry Trophy.



Canteen Volunteer forms for 2023 have been sent home today. If you can help out in canteen next year, just once a month, for as little as two hours, could you please complete the form and return to school by next Friday, December 9.

The canteen relies on parents and grandparents commitment and generosity in giving of their time to enable the canteen to function effectively. If you currently volunteer and wish to continue next year I ask that you still complete the form and return it to school.

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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