



Upcoming Events

- **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,

It's been a busy and fulfilling year at St Mary's. Our children have shown so much growth in their learning, emotional wellbeing and maturity, and fostered wonderful friendships along the way. We are grateful for your role in our home-school partnership. Thank you.

In the last few weeks, please know that you are very welcome to attend as many events as you can. Our final day for 2022 is next Friday 16th December.

Advent Liturgies

Advent is the Church Season of waiting and preparation. At 1.50pm tomorrow, Years 1 and 2 will lead our liturgy in the church. We invite you to join us. Next Thursday, Year 5 will lead the liturgy.

Reports

Your child's school report will be sent home via Compass on Friday afternoon (approximately 3.00pm). Please read this carefully and congratulate your child on their significant effort and learning gains. You child will also find out their new class for 2023 on Friday afternoon.

K-2 Awards Afternoon

Tomorrow afternoon (Thursday 8th) at 2.45pm, each of the children in K-2 will receive an award in their class *Awards Afternoon*. Parents are welcome to attend their child's classroom during this time. We will begin promptly at 2.45pm and the presentation will go for approximately 15 minutes. Parents are welcome to collect their children afterwards. It is a special time to celebrate your child's achievements in their class in 2022. If you have children in a number of K-2 classes, please talk to your child's teacher and they will make arrangements so you can hopefully see both of your children.

Award Ceremony

Next 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. Parents have already been contacted if your child will be receiving one of these awards in the church. This allows parents to arrange work schedules if required. If you have received a call, 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 the morning to all members of our school community.

Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass

This Friday morning, 9.15am, we celebrate Year 6 in our final whole school Mass of the year. Please join us as we say farewell to our wonderful leaders.

Christmas Carols

Next Wednesday night is our wonderful Christmas Carols. An invitation went home last week. All grades will perform two songs, plus our choir. We can't wait to see the whole school dressed in Christmas colours, singing their two songs to the school.

Graduation Night

We hope that Year 6 enjoy their special graduation evening on Monday night. It will be a wonderful celebration as you conclude your primary school journey.

Christmas Clothes Day

Next Wednesday we would like all of our children (and teachers) to wear Christmas clothes or Christmas colours to school, as we celebrate the conclusion of the school year.

Sports Captains

It is with great excitement that I can share with you the names of our Sports Captains for 2023. Please join me in congratulating Koby and Willow (Red), Brooklyn and Coco (Gold), Kingston and Chloe (Blue) and Seth and Kirrilee (Green).

Kinder 2023

This morning we welcomed our new Kinders for 2023 in a beautiful liturgy. We can't wait for you to join us in the new year. Welcome Benjamin, Bruno, Dominic F, Major, Hendrix, Harrison L, Arlo, Ace, Talon, Ella, Maya, Nina, Grace, Emma, Briana, Claire, Leonor, Alivia, Finn, Elsie, Liam, Dominic B, Donald, Lachlan, Eddie, Koby, Brody, Jude, Riley R, Zachery, Cooper, Macie, Frankie, Jasmine G, Matilda, Harper, Athena, Everly, Olivia, Riley F, Luey, Alby, Romeo, Xavier, Asher, Jarli, Darcie, Zeplin, Jack, Nathan, Jasmine B, Rivah, Isla H, Zarlle, Harriet L, Nala, Vivien, Stella, Harriet P, Allerah, Jonas, August, Fletcher, Lewis, Edward, Arthur, Cove, Rocco, Taj, Jack, Harrison, Valentina, Harper, Layla, Isla K, Kaia, Zoe, Sofia, Sienna and Iyla.

Kind Regards

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From Our REC

Mr Williams' Farewell Liturgy

Thank you to all those who attended and provided morning tea to celebrate and acknowledge the many years of service Mr Williams has given to our school. It was a great reflection of his time here at St Mary's.



Advent Liturgies

Our Advent Liturgies continue this week and next week. They begin at 2pm in the church. Please join us if you can.
Week 9 - Third Week of Advent - Year 1 and Year 2
Week 10 - Fourth Week of Advent - Year 5

Uniform Shop News

Lost Property

As the end of the year approaches, please ask your child to check the undercroft area for any missing items. There are a large number of lunch boxes and snack containers with no names on them which are yet to be claimed. There are also miscellaneous items of clothing from when the children have been allowed to wear mufti.

Tiffany Ballard

Thank you to Year 3 for leading our Second Week of Advent Liturgy last week.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all our families who were so generous with their donations. Our Mini Vinnies Team have collected them all and have taken them over to the Parish Centre for Bob and his team to distribute to those in need in our community. We welcome Mr Steele to our Advent Liturgy tomorrow.



Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Thank you to Mr Hochkins and all our choir members who attended the "Lighting of the Christmas Tree" last weekend. It was a beautiful celebration.

Cath Kyle
Religious Education Coordinator

From Our Family Liaison Officer

After 17 years working at St Mary's, the last 9 years as Family Liaison Officer, it's time for my last newsletter. St Mary's has been a part of my life since 1998 when my first child started Kindy here and I have witnessed many changes to the school and seen many staff members and families come and go in that time. Seeing so many former students I remember return to St Mary's as parents this year has really hit home about just how long I've been around. It's a bit scary actually. I don't know how the teachers deal with it.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know and work with so many families and children over the years, sharing both the wonderful and sometimes heartbreaking times with them and it has been a privilege to do so. When parents have invited me into their lives and families, in even the smallest of ways, for support, advice, referrals or just to talk things over with, it is a responsi-

bility that I have taken very seriously. Like all staff members at St Mary's I want the absolute best for your children and working in partnership with parents, supporting families when times are challenging and building relationships in our community is what I have strived to do to achieve the best outcomes for the kids.

I am very sorry to be leaving St Mary's, but when change is forced upon you the best you can do is rise to the challenge and make the best of things, so that is what I am trying to do. Like I do every school holiday break, I am sure I will run into parents and children out and about in the local area in the years ahead and look forward to catching up and hearing about what is happening at school. Farewell and thank you.

Donna Falzon
Family Liaison Officer
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A Spotlight on Year 6



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



Congratulations to Addison and Ava on receiving their Rotary Citizenship Award last week.



Canteen Volunteer forms for 2023 were sent home last week. 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 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.

It's story TIME

The last Storytime in The Library for 2022 will be tomorrow, December 8th. Please come along to listen to a story and join in making some Christmas craft.

An invitation to the St Mary's Christmas Carols Evening

Who: All students, parents and friends of St Mary's School

Where: Our school oval

When: Wednesday 14th December 2022

Time: Gates open at 5.00pm

6.00pm - Carols begin (Each grade will perform two items)

I'll be there at 5.30pm!

St Mary's School Choir

Whole School Spectacular



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