



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 3  
5 May 2021

# Mother's Day

### Upcoming Events

- *Mother's Day Celebrations*  
From 7.15am  
Thursday  
6 May
- *MacKillop, St Peter's + St Brigid's High School Taster Day*  
Friday  
7 May
- *NAPLAN Begins*  
Tuesday  
11 May
- *Winter Uniform*  
Monday  
17 May
- *Soccer Gala Day Years 5 + 6*  
Friday  
21 May
- *200 years of Catholic Education and School Feast Day*  
Monday  
24 May
- *NSW Netball Newcastle*  
26 May
- *School Tours*  
9.30am  
Thursday  
27 May
- *Year 1 Excursion*  
Friday  
28 May

Dear St Mary's Catholic School Community,

On behalf of our school community I wish all mothers, grandmothers, nans, aunties, carers and mother figures a very happy Mother's Day for this coming Sunday. May your day be filled with fun, laughter, family and some time for yourself.

A great way to start your Mother's Day celebrations would be to join us on Thursday 6 May for one or all of our Mother's Day activities:

- From 7.15am—BBQ Breakfast (school grounds)
- 9.10am—Open Classrooms
- 9.45am—Mother's Day Liturgy (held in the assembly hall)
- 10.30am Enjoy Recess with your child(ren)
- 11.00am Year 6 vs Mums Netball match

The Mother's Day stall will be held after the netball and all children need to bring a bag to transport their gifts home. It should be a fun morning!

### Culture Survey

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) are conducting a survey, asking all parents in the Diocese to complete a survey around 'School Culture'. On Monday a Compass notification was sent, with a link attached to complete this survey. We are kindly asking our families to complete this survey by 14 May. Thank you in advance.

### Year 7 Taster Day

Year 6 students are invited to attend either MacKillop or St Brigid's this Friday 7 May for the Year 7 2022 Taster day. Parents are responsible for taking their child to and from the high schools. A teacher will be present at each of the schools. Please remember to log your child's attendance at these days in Compass.

### Use of Qkr

The use of Qkr to submit lunch orders to the Canteen has been popular. A hard copy of the set up instructions was sent home in Week 1 but you can also find it on the school website [here](#).

### Cinema under the Stars

Wow, what a turn out! Many thanks to our Parents in Partnership (PIP) Team for organising Friday night's *Cinema Under The Stars*.

Over 180 families attended the night, which was a great success. Congratulations to Year 2 who have won a pizza party for later in the week and the winners of the colouring in competition who will also join them: Oliver C (K Green), Katy-Leigh P (1 Gold), Marley B (2 Green), Willow F (4 Green) and Scarlett W (5 Green).

### First Eucharist Enrolments

First Eucharist is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Baptised children who are in Year 4 or who are older are invited to enrol for the First Eucharist preparation program. Enrolment sessions were last week. If you'd like any more information regarding the First Eucharist Program, you are welcome to call our Parish Office (4396 4455).

### School Feast Day & 200 Years of Catholic Education

On Monday 24 May we will be celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education and our Feast Day. Our mass will be celebrated at 10.30am to coincide with masses around the rest of Australia. Before mass the children will be engaged in some Religious activities around Mary.

After Mass the children will participate in some organised sport activities. We will finish the day with a BBQ lunch organised by the PIP team.

If you attended St Mary's in the 70's or 80's and have photos can you please email these to: [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au).

Kind regards,

*K Williams*

Kevin Williams  
Principal

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9.00am-2.00pm

### Merit Awards

- Ayla M
- Sage C
- Oliver C
- Christian P
- Harper W
- Ruby J
- Charlotte A
- Archie W
- Katy-Leigh P
- Billy L
- Lennox K
- Amena D
- Tianna O C
- Ruby P
- Lachlan B
- Madison C
- Tyde A
- Hunter N
- Taj R
- Luke P C
- Summer D
- Coco T
- Sosefo K
- Ryder A
- Eliette J
- Bella H
- Kingston K
- Rylee F
- Mitchell W
- Zara B
- Alexander D
- Oscar W
- Charlie T
- Tyson S
- Malaya M
- Jessica R C
- Lily T



## From Our REC

### Mother's Day Liturgy

Tomorrow, 6th May we will be holding our Mother's Day celebrations. We will begin the day with breakfast organised by the PIP Team. You are then invited into classrooms from 9.10 till 9.30am. We will be holding a Mother's Day Liturgy in the assembly hall at 9.45am. Year 1 will be leading the liturgy.

### Sacred Space

Thank you to Year 1 who shared their learning in Religious Education. They sang a lovely song about "Making a Little Difference." in our natural world.



## From Our Library

### What's happening in our Library!

**Kindy** are programming Colby Mouse Robots to locate the cheese. We are learning how to work together in small learning teams. We are discussing the problem that Miss Gray sets and taking turns to work it out.

**Year 1** different types of weather. Thunderstorms are not so bad when you are making one out of shapes!

**Year 2** are investigating what life was like in the olden days. We are highlighting and recording the key ideas in the text. Frozen peas may not be our favourite veggie but it sure beats having to shell them!!!

**Year 3** are using coordinates to locate places on a map. They are using the i-pads and helping Pirate Pete find his treasure.

**Year 4** are learning to argue! You probably think they are pretty good at that already!!! We are investigating the life of convicts to build our knowledge base to support our arguments.

**Year 5** are working on different aspects of colonial life and its impact on the development and expansion of early settlements. Last week we examined the impact made

## First Eucharist Enrolment and Parent Session

Students in Year 4 and students who have made reconciliation in Year 5 and 6 are invited to the Parish First Eucharist enrolment. Classes begin Monday 10th May. If you haven't already enrolled please go to the Parish Office to do this. Children will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday 12th and 13th June.

## 200 Years of Catholic Education

This year we celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. The national event coincides with our Feast Day on May 24th. Like in previous years we will have a Mass and fun filled day including a game of teachers versus Year 6 soccer. If you went to school here at St Mary's or know people who did and have photographs that you would like to share please email them to [catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:catherine.kyle@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Cath Kyle  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator



by Governor Lachlan Macquarie and this week we are looking at John Macarthur.

**AND Year 6** have been exploring the different places they will visit in Canberra. This week we are learning some of the trivia around our Parliament House. Do you know how many clocks are in this building?

**URGENT:** There are a significant number of library books that were borrowed in Term 1 that are now well overdue. We are also checking the shelves in case they have slipped past the computer system so please don't panic. **PLEASE** check at home for any books that have a St Mary's bar code on the front. Kindergarten, particularly, borrow a book each week but this needs to be returned the following week. Some of our little people have three and four library books needing to be returned. I encourage all children to keep library books in their library bags once they have been read so they do not get misplaced at home.

Happy reading everyone  
Miss Gray  
Librarian



## A Spotlight on Year 3

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, Year 3 read stories and discussed the significance of ANZAC Day. We read, 'My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day' and created a drawing of an ANZAC Soldier. We also read 'ANZAC Ted' and then we created our very own ANZAC Ted using The Ode for our background, which we stained with coffee for an 'olden day' effect. After listening to the last post, we created a sunset silhouette of a soldier.



### Canteen News

Online ordering for lunch orders is now available via the Qkr! app. Please see the Qkr! Guide on the school website under Letters, Notes & Timetables or use the link "[here](#)". Soup of the day this Friday May 7 is Chicken & Sweet Corn.



**REMINDER**—Canteen is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

Donna & Janet



### Star Awards

Ondine R  
Leo C  
Archie N  
Lillian M  
Amelia D  
Asha G  
Sienna H  
Josi C  
Mya C  
Connor D  
Tayla M  
Willow F  
Emilia R  
Chelsea B  
Addison L  
Linsey A  
Matilda S  
Owen W

## From our PE Teacher

### Central Coast Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country

Last Friday we had a very keen team of runners take part in the CCC Cross Country. The children took on a new course at Hylton Moore at East Gosford. The children all gave their best and had a go at the long and winding course through the soccer, AFL and league fields.

A huge thankyou to the teachers Mrs Jones and Mrs Hughes for accompanying the runners to CCC. Special thanks to St Mary's volunteers for offering to be our parent helpers out on the course. It was fabulous having you out on the course keeping our kids encouraged, safe and in the right direction.

We have a large number of amazing runners through to Diocesan Cross Country at Fagan Park in a few weeks.

We congratulate Sasha R and Addison W who were both 1<sup>st</sup> in the 8yrs and 9yrs girls events respectively. Chloe S was also 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 10yrs event. This is an outstanding achievement from our young girls.

Huge Congratulations to the following children who will be running in the Diocesan Cross Country.

Flynn B 7<sup>th</sup>, Lachlan M 10<sup>th</sup>, Arlie M 4<sup>th</sup>, John M 7<sup>th</sup>, Archer G 14<sup>th</sup>, Rose D 8<sup>th</sup>, Layla C 13<sup>th</sup>, Kirrilee F 11<sup>th</sup>, Koby D 8<sup>th</sup>, Ellie B 13<sup>th</sup>, Zahra D 15<sup>th</sup>, Bailey N 7<sup>th</sup>, Harry B 10<sup>th</sup>, Mia M 16<sup>th</sup>, Adelle S 17<sup>th</sup> and Owen W 20<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Bain  
Sports Coordinator



### School Banking is a great way to practice regular savings.

**Remember, Monday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.**

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit [www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo](http://www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo)

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Marys. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



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