



Term 1 Week 4

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DIARY DATES

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Wednesday Parents Meeting
22nd Feb Introduction to the Band
6:30pm

Friday Diocesan Swimming
24th Feb Carnival

Tuesday P&F Meeting
28th Feb 7:00pm in the Library

Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass
1st March 9:15am (Years 3-6)

Monday CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
6th March

Wednesday CSW Mass—9:15am
8th March Open Classrooms
10:00—10:50am

Friday Open Classrooms for
10th March Prospective Parents
9:15—10:45am

Tuesday Cross Country
14th March

Friday Year 2 Assembly
17th March 2:30pm in the Hall

Friday Commencement Party
24th March (Parents Only) 7:00pm

Mon/Tues Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
27/28 Mar

Friday Year 5 Assembly
31st March 2:30pm in the Hall

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

There are a number of important events in the life of the school in the coming weeks and we extend a warm invitation to our families to attend the following:

Opening School Mass – Thursday 16th February at 9.15am

The Opening School Mass is a time to come together as a community and with Father Peter ask for God's Blessing on our school year. This is a special celebration for our Kindergarten students as they are welcomed to our school community. We will also acknowledge new staff and our student leaders.

Parents and Friends Meeting – Tuesday 28th February at 7pm

Please note this is a change in date – all parents are welcome to come along and join the meeting.

Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 1st March with the Parish at 9.15am

Years 3-6 will attend mass with the Parish on this important day. Parents are welcome to attend also. (Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their own liturgy in their classrooms on the day).

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy – Monday 6th March at 9.15am

To commence CSW we will celebrate the life of our school at a special liturgy in the Church at 9.15am to be followed by Open Classrooms and a special Morning Tea for our current families.

Catholic Schools Week School Tours for New Families – Friday 10th March 9.15-10.45am

An Open Morning with tours of the school led by our leaders for new families seeking Kindergarten enrolment at our school in 2018 or for other grades for this year.

Fete Meeting - Advance notice of the next Fete meeting will be held in the School Library on Monday 6th March from 6pm.

I look forward to sharing these events with you in the coming weeks.

With Peace and Best Wishes,

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



BOOK CLUB**ORDERS FOR ISSUE 1 CLOSE 17.2.2017**

To order and pay for Book Club by credit card visit www.scholastic.com.au. Please order and pay via the website. No orders are to be sent to the school office. Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to students. Any questions, please contact Kris Muir—Book Club Coordinator.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday a group of children represented St Mary's at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. We have 3 relay teams moving forward as well as 8 children participating in individual events. We would like to congratulate the following children:

Joseph Nam - Jnr Runner Up

Jonah Watson - 11yrs Runner Up

Alannah Cantrill—Snr Girls Age Champion

Congratulations to all the children on their wonderful efforts and great sportsmanship. We wish them luck at the Diocesan Carnival next week.

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

February 20	Ciara Kuys
February 21	Marcus Pastrovic
February 22	Andre Ibanez-Yousefi Conrad Grant
February 23	Christian Boumalhab
February 26	Brian Lim
February 27	Gordon Boulous Aidan Williams
February 28	Hannah Peaty Ava Alim

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AS WE START THE YEAR...

Supervision at School Please remember that playground supervision at school commences at 8.20am and concludes at 3.30pm. For safety reasons, children should not be at school before or after these times.

School Starting Time School starts at 8.50am. Children need to be at school by ten to nine so they can have a play and socialise with their friends and go to the toilet before lessons start.

If your child is absent from school If your child/ren are away from school, please send an explanation note with your child when they return to school, absent notes can also be sent in via the skoolbag app. If no explanation is received then your child is marked as an unexplained absence.

If your child arrives late or leaves early If your child/ren arrive late for school, you need to bring them into the office and sign them in. If you need to collect your child early from school, you must visit the office and sign an early leave form. If you know in advance your child will be leaving early then please send a note to the teacher.

Afternoon Collection For those parents collecting children from under the COLA in the afternoons you are kindly asked not to sit on or allow toddlers to play on the prayer space near the office steps. Please wait in the area close to the building.

Holiday Exemption Forms If your child/ren will be away from school for 10 days or more, you are required to send a letter to Mr Blissenden requesting exemption prior to the leave date. We will then forward the appropriate paperwork to you to complete and return to school. Once approved we will send you the exemption form that you are required to carry with you whilst you are away.

DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

Enrolment forms can be collected from the church.

There will no late enrolments accepted after the enrolment dates.

A COPY of the child's Baptism Certificate must be attached to the Enrolment Form

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE—RECONCILIATION

For children in Year 3 and up.

Enrolment Weekend:

Saturday 29th April 2017. Vigil – 5.30 pm OR Sunday 30th April 2017 - 9.30 am Mass.

Parent Night

Tuesday 2nd May – 7.30 pm in the church.

Preparation Sessions: BOTH MUST be attended

Saturdays 6th and 13th May 2017 – from 3.30 pm to 5.15 pm – Then attend the Vigil Mass as a group. All children will sit together during the Mass. This is part of their preparation session, mass concludes at 6.30 pm.

Sacrament of Penance

Friday 19th May 2017 – 7.00 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For children Year 3 and up and have prepared for or have made their Reconciliation.

Enrolment Weekend:

Saturday 20th May 2017- Vigil – 5.30 pm. OR Sunday 21st May 2017 - 9.30 am Mass .

Parent Night

Tuesday 23rd May – 7.30 pm in church

Preparation Sessions: BOTH MUST be attended

Saturday 27th May – 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm - Then attend the Vigil Mass as a group. All children will sit together during the Mass. This is part of their preparation session, mass concludes at 6.30 pm.

Saturday 3rd June - 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm - Then attend the Vigil Mass as a group. All children will sit together during the Mass. This is part of their preparation session, mass concludes at 6.30 pm.

Mass for First Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June – 12 noon OR Sunday 25th June – 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION

For children Year 5 and up who have made their First Holy Communion.

Enrolment Weekend:

Saturday 16th September 2017 Vigil – 5.30 pm. OR

Sunday 17th September 2017 9.30 am Mass –

Parent Night

Tuesday 10th October – 7.30 pm in church

Preparation Sessions: BOTH MUST be attended

Saturday 14th October – 3.30 pm to 5.15 pm - Then attend the Vigil Mass as a group. All children will sit together during the Mass. This is part of their preparation session, mass concludes at 6.30 pm.

Saturday 28th October - 3.30 pm to 5.15 pm - Then attend the Vigil Mass as a group. All children will sit together during the Mass. This is part of their preparation session, mass concludes at 6.30 pm.

Practice for Confirmation

To be advised.

Date for Confirmation

Friday 3rd November – 7.30pm

LIBRARY NEWS...

A big congratulations goes to **Dominic James** in Year 3 for winning our **Extreme Reading Photo** competition we ran over the holidays.

He wins a \$50 gift voucher kindly donated by the Kid's Bookshop.

<http://www.thekidsbookshop.com.au>

If you have any idea who is reading in this amazing garden bathtub come and tell Mrs Radocchia and you will be in the running to win a book prize. These photo's can also be viewed in the library.

Happy Guessing Everyone and Happy Reading!

Mrs Radocchia
Teacher Librarian

*Dominic James
'Winning Photo'*



St. Mary's Winner!

Can you guess who this is?



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