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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal...

Community Engagement

At St Mary's Catholic School, we maintain a very positive presence in the local community. This was certainly witnessed last week with the wonderful attendance at the community ANZAC Day Parade.

This year, I invited our School Leaders to join me for the Dawn Service. It was an early start, with many of the children sharing that they simply are not a "morning person". Regardless of this fact, many of our School Leaders joined me for a very memorable ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Mr Dale Last (Member for Burdekin)



provided a very moving speech at the opening of the service. The students all listened attentively and we all enjoyed watching the precision of the marching squad.

We had a larger gathering at the ANZAC Day Parade and I also would like to thank all of the parents who marched with our school. This outwardly projected how our parents are linked so closely with our school. The children all listened with reverence and the voices of the St Mary's students could be heard above the entire congregation as we recited the Lord's Prayer and proudly sang "Advance Australia Fair".



The community engagement has been buzzing in our school with the introduction of "Mary's Munchkins Playgroup". We were absolutely thrilled with the massive attendance from members of the Bowen Community. Our Playgroup will operate every Monday from 8:45am - 10:45am. Miss Robin is to be congratulated on the energy and love, which she has poured into creating the most amazing Playgroup space in our school. Each week, Miss Robin will be coordinating Playgroup and she has some really exciting activities planned for next week. Please tell all of your friends about our "Mary's Munchkins Playgroup".



Colette Williams
Principal



Religious Life of the School

This term, the Year 1/2 Class are undertaking a Religion Unit title 'Saying Yes to Jesus'. During the course of the term, the children will be able to describe some aspects of Jewish daily life at the time of Jesus. They will be learning about what food, clothing, housing, leisure activities and prayer was like in the time of Jesus. These learnings will occur by engaging with stories from the Bible in the New Testament.

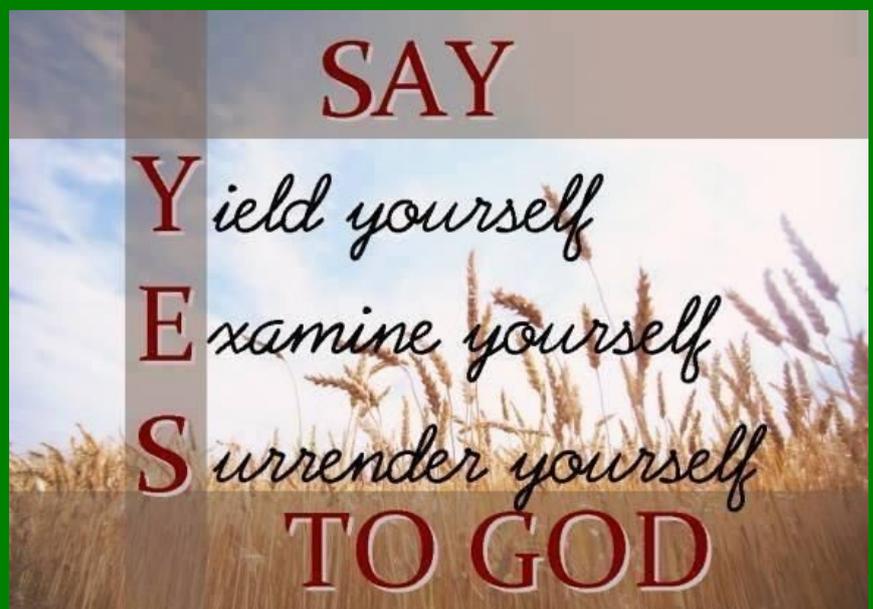
The students in Year 1/2 will also be learning about Mary, the mother of Jesus and the role she played in His life. They will be discovering how Mary said "Yes" to God and the children will also be exploring how Jesus was a teacher, storyteller, healer and friend.

How do you say "yes" to Jesus? If you are unsure, ask some of the students in Year 1/2 and they will be able to tell you how we do this each day.

God Bless

Colette Williams

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St Mary's Parish and St Mary's Catholic School have a very close working relationship, which we would like to see continue to grow from strength to strength in the coming years. This year we have continued to reinforce the connection between the school and Parish with the implementation of Daily Prayer, Sunday Family Masses, School Masses and to support one another with fundraising events.

At our recent Parish Council Meeting, conversations focused on the future of the St Mary's Convent. The building has reached the end of its economic life. We are currently exploring the option of removing the convent in order to utilise this space as a collaborative school and Parish site. The concept for this site is in the initial phases and we would like to gauge the thoughts and ideas of all members of our school and Parish communities.

We welcome all ideas and feedback and would be delighted if you could share these by either contacting the School Office or the Parish Secretary's Office. Our goal is to ensure both our Parish and school continue to grow and prosper well into the future.

Thank you.

*Fr Amado
Parish Priest
St Mary's Catholic Church*

*Colette Williams
Principal
St Mary's Catholic School*



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Term 2

17 April - 29 June

Week 4

7 May Labor Day holiday

8 May Compass Parent Mtg 2.30pm

9 May Compass Parent Mtg 8am

9 May Bowen Sub District Touch trials

9 May Triple P Parenting Program

11 May School Mass 9am

12 May Family Fun Day

Week 5

13 May Mother's Day

14 May Eisteddfod—Choir

15 May Eisteddfod—String Ensemble

15—17 May NAPLAN

18 May Walk to School Day

18 May Triple PPP program



News from our Chaplain...



In place of meditation this month, being Mary's month, the classes will come together weekly to pray the rosary in her honour. We remember those who are sick, especially those who are close to us.

Mini Vinnies – Ivan, Henry, Robert and Cody went to see the residents at Murroona Gardens on Wednesday. They helped the elderly to play bingo as well as visiting others.

Thank you for the donations of cups and spoons to support the Mini Vinnies ice-cream stall. Still more are needed!

**Our potential is God's gift to us,
what we do with our potential is
our gift to God.**

(Catholic Leader)

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I am available each Wednesday and Friday if you wish to have a chat.



YCDI Awards

Congratulations and well done to our Awardees for Term 2 Week 1 and Week 2

Week 1 (Left)

L to R: Violette Windridge, Sharujan Selvakumar, Chloe Gordon and Annalicia Schultz.

Week 2 (Below)

L to R: Beau Roach, Jayden Sablik, Elizabeth Menzies, Ivan Poljakovic and Ines del Solar.



Congratulations and well done to our YCDI awardee for Week 2, Sharujan Year 5/6.





Sports News ...



Last week Karlee, Rorie, Aki and Matilda attended the Bowen Sub District Softball trials at the High School. They demonstrated great confidence and persistence, particularly in light of the fact that the girls are new to the sport of softball. Well done to Matilda for being selected for the Bowen team. We wish her all the best at the Whitsunday trials.

Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding a Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase gifts for Mums and Grandmas.

Items for sale will range from \$1 to \$6

Items will be on display in the Library

From Tuesday 8th May

Gifts for sale include drink bottles, travel mugs, weekly planners, pens, Candles, Shopping Lists!!





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St. Mary's will be hosting the *Triple P* parenting program **free** to all parents and friends of the school community. There will be four (4) weekly sessions on the following dates: 9th May; 18th May; 23rd May and 30th May at the GoodStart Early Learning Centre, Leichhardt Street. Starting time will be 9am. The program will be run by a trained *Triple P* facilitator. For more information on the program, please see below. To register your interest or for further information, please contact the school office.

There is no one right way to be a parent; but *Triple P* offers information, support and practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Triple P promotes good communication and strong positive parent/child relationships. It provides a positive approach to parenting and helps parents promote their children's development and manage their behaviour in a constructive and caring way. It helps parents recognise causes of common behaviour problems and to encourage desirable behaviour in their children.

Triple P offers suggestions and ideas to help parents to:
build positive relationships with their children

- set rules and give instructions their children will follow
- respond to misbehaviour immediately, consistently and decisively
- praise and encourage behaviour they like
- use discipline strategies that work
- teach children new skills
- take care of themselves as parents.

The program is based on the following five key principles of positive parenting:
ensuring a safe, interesting environment where children can explore, experiment and develop their skills

- * creating a positive learning environment by being available when children need help, care or attention
- * using assertive discipline by being consistent and acting quickly when children misbehave
- * having realistic expectations for children and for yourself as a parent
- * taking care of yourself as a parent and ensuring your needs are met

The PPP Program is for Parents of children aged 2-8 years. The four weeks involve 2 hours a week of group activities followed by up to four weekly 10-15 minute follow up/support phone calls with the group facilitator.



Please call the school office on 07 4786 1203 and register your interest.





St Mary's Catholic Debutante Ball

Saturday 30th June 2018

To support St Mary's Catholic Parish we will be organising a table for parents and staff at the annual Debutante Ball. If you would like to attend the Debutante Ball on Saturday 30th June, 2018, please contact the school office or Mrs Alicia Nannes. Our school will also be supporting this event by selling drinks from the "Bar". Parents, if you are able to help, please contact the school office with your name and contact details. Thank you for your support.



Join us for our

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 12TH MAY

11AM - 3PM



LUCKY DIPS

SHOW BAGS



FREE RIDES + ACTIVITIES



On Tuesday 8th May, Mrs Norena Mendiolea from the Townsville Catholic Education Office will visit our school to offer all parents information about the **Parent Portal for Compass**.

Compass is an exciting new management system and offers parents the opportunity to keep in touch with your child's progress and attendance at St Mary's.

ALL parents are welcome to attend either session on Tuesday 8th at 2.30pm—3.30pm or Wednesday 9th 8am—9.30am in the school Library.



Under 8's Day!



Join us for a range of fun activities to celebrate Under 8's Week. The theme this year is "Children Learning Through Language and Culture".

Monday 21st May 9:00am - 12.00pm

Children are asked to bring a hat and drink bottle. The canteen will be open on the day to purchase items (snacks, drinks and sausages on bread)

**We look forward to seeing you at
St Mary's Catholic School, Bowen!**