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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal...

Parental Engagement



St Mary's School has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks preparing for our upcoming "Family Fun Day" and organising the sausage sizzle for the "Makita Roadshow".

We have an extremely supportive P & F who dedicate their own time to achieve great things for our school. I have been absolutely amazed at the energy of our parents during all phases of planning for our upcoming community events.

Thank you to all parents and friends who were able to help out at the "Makita Roadshow". We certainly have some very talented Mum's who cooked the most delicious sweet treats for this event. Many of our parents arrived at 7am to set up and were there until the bitter end at 2pm. Well done everyone!!!!

In preparation for our "Family Fun Day", we have had an army of parents walking the streets to display posters, seeking donations from local businesses, stamping raffle booklets, making posters, ordering food and even sampling fairy floss!!!! Parents have also attended numerous meetings to plan for this massive event.

A school is only as good as the community surrounding it and at St Mary's we have a flourishing P & F. Thank you to all parents, family and friends who have invested many hours into preparing for our "Family Fun Day". I also would like to thank all parents who have volunteered their time to assist tomorrow during the event. I am sure that the "Family Fun Day" will be a MASSIVE success!!!!

Colette Williams
Principal





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Today our Prep class led us in prayer for a very special "Mother's Day Liturgy". During our Liturgy, we celebrated the fact that a mother doesn't have to be the person from whom you were born. A mother is a person who shows unconditional love towards you just like Mary did towards Jesus. Mary showed a love greater than we can imagine to her son Jesus.

Mums are very special people and Mother's Day is a day that we get to show our Mums how grateful we are that they are in our lives.

Mother's

Every time a child is born, so is a mother.

An eternal bond is formed.

As you grow, your mother is there for you.

There to tuck you in, to cheer you up,

There to teach,

There to send you off and to listen when you call.

There to encourage as you explore, create and dance the night away.

There to encourage you to build faith,

There by your side, when others have left you,

There in good times and hard times.

There in the details of daily life.

Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a Mother.

This mother's day thank the women who have loved, mentored and mothered you!

God Bless

Colette Williams

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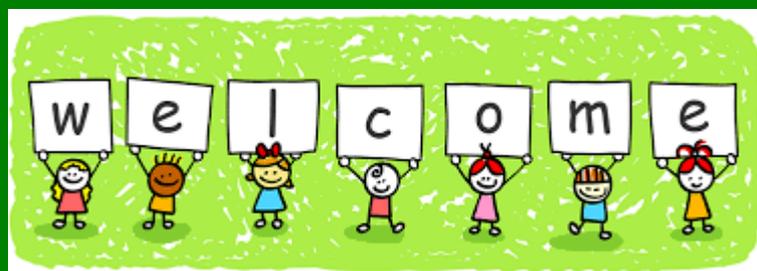


Goodbye and Good Luck Fr Amado

Our Parish Community was advised over the weekend of some very sad news. Fr Amado will be transferring to St Mary Mackillop Parish in Mundingburra, Townsville.

I have worked alongside Fr Amado for nearly 3 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed learning from the humble way in which he approaches all aspects of life. Fr Amado cares very deeply about all children and his face always lights up during our School and Family Masses. Fr Amado also cares very deeply about his Parishioners, always being there to listen to those in need. I have witnessed Fr Amado show genuine love and care for all those within his faith community and he will be dearly missed. We wish Fr Amado every success for the future in his new roles as Administrator of Mundingburra Parish.

Fr Thomas Madanu has been appointed the new Administrator of St Mary's Parish in Bowen and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Collinsville. I am sure you will all warmly welcome Fr Madanu on his arrival in early June.





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Term 2

17 April - 29 June

Week 4

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

Week 6

21 May SMB Under 8's Day

Week 7

28 May Sacramental Program Begins

29 May Cowboys Visit



News from our Chaplain...



Please remember in your prayers to pray for those who have died and those families who are struggling with grief. Our school community have lost parents of Mr Nathan Waters (our IT representative) and Mrs Catherine Antonio (our sports, music and drama teacher). God Bless You

Mini Vinnies – Brayden, Matilda, Marcos and Sarah visited the residents at Murroona Gardens on Wednesday. They are learning how to be volunteers of love and compassion.

Thank you for the wonderful donations of cups to support the mini vinnies ice-cream stall. They will keep us going for a while!

I pray that my love, compassion and following of you Lord, will lead me to radiate your presence to everyone encounter.

(Madonna magazine)

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



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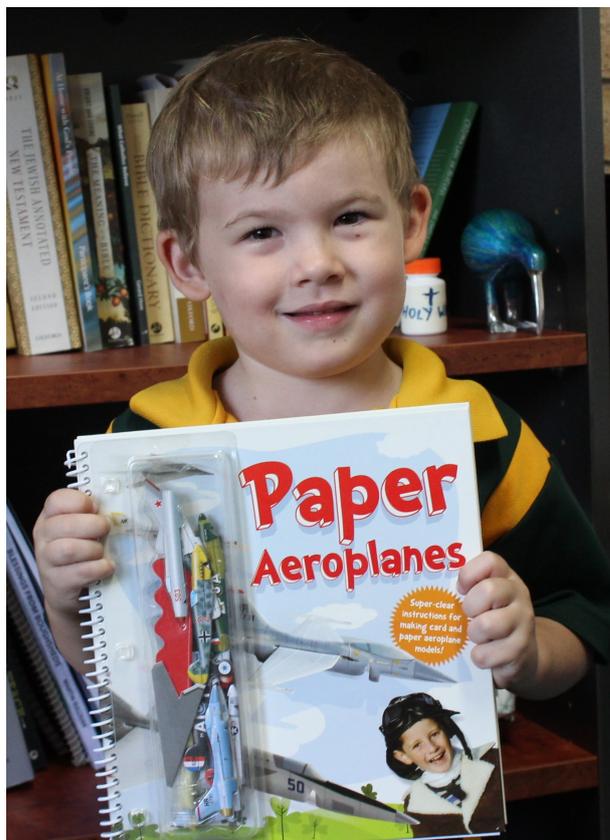


CDI Awards

Congratulations and well done to our Awardees for Term 2 Week 3.

L to R: Keeley Ninnes, Bethany Dowling and Persia Kirk.

R to L: Sophie Boyle and Nelson Eigenmann



Congratulations to our YCDI awardee for Week 3 , Benjamin Pilcher - Prep.

Well Done!



Please contact the school office for information to register with our **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.

WE STRONGLY ADVISE ALL PARENTS TO REGISTER

**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 Ninnes. 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.



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Prep Pamper Session

Mrs Land and the Prep Class treated all Prep Mummies to a very special morning of pampering. The Mum's all looked slightly worried at the beginning of the session as the Prep Class greeted them with handfuls of lipstick, blush and eyeshadow!!!

As you can see from the pictures, we have some very talented makeup artists amongst our Prep students.





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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.





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!**