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From the Principal....

Mulkadee . . .

On Sunday 22nd July, 2018 we farewelled 12 of our Year 5/6 students as the departed on a week long camp; "Mulkadee".

Mulkadee is a very unique experience, which is offered to all students (Year 5 to Year 12) across the 29 schools in our Diocese. The children who attend this performing arts camp were involved in week long workshops in the areas of choir, dance, drama, strings, band and guitar. The students of St Mary's Catholic School participated in choir, strings and guitar. The Townsville Catholic Education Office source specialists in their field from around the world to lead the workshops in each of the performing art fields.

Mrs Maltby, Mrs Ninnes and Mrs Poljakovic attended Mulkadee and by all accounts, the children along with our supervising staff / parents, have had the time of their lives!!! Mrs Ninnes was heavily involved with the strings section, whereas Mrs Maltby and Mrs Poljakovic assisted the choir students.

Each day, the children attended workshops at the Townsville Entertainment Centre. At the completion of the school day, they then were involved in lots of different extracurricular activities to include visiting Launch Zone, swimming at the rock pools along The Strand, visiting St Patrick's Catholic School and going on a tour at Reef HQ.

Tonight, the children who have attended Mulkadee will be performing at the Townsville Entertainment Centre and this event will be attended by over 5 000 people!!!!!

I would like to thank Mrs Maltby, Mrs Ninnes and Mrs Poljakovic for attending Mulkadee to support the children on this wonderful learning adventure. Mulkadee truly is "*The Catholic School Difference*".

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Upgrade Update

Jack Lowcock has been awarded the tender as Principal Contractor of our Prep and Admin upgrade. Jack and his associates have been very busy over the past two weeks coordinating the first initial stages of transforming these spaces in our school.

Over the course of the term, you will see many changes in our school. Please refer below to a brief overview of what to expect.

Scope of Works:

1. Demolition of the Parish Toilet Block (completed)
2. Safety fencing and bunting erected along the front and back of the Admin / Prep building
3. Internally clear the Prep and Admin spaces in preparation for building works to commence
4. Prep and Admin upgraded (floor coverings, ceilings, walls, acoustic panelling, cabinetry)
5. Data and electrical work to be conducted
6. New fencing to be erected along Gordon Street and along the Church boundary
7. Temporary fencing to be erected behind the Convent

We look forward to supporting Jack Lowcock and other local businesses as they embark on improving our school. A grand opening of these spaces will occur at the beginning of Term 4. Very exciting times ahead for St Mary's Catholic School!!!

Online Game

My role as the Principal of St Mary's is to keep all children safe and I take this role very seriously. I would like to alert you all to an online game called "Fortnight", which I have serious concerns about. This is a seemingly bright and colourful game, however, the game actually encourages the player to singly or collectively kill the opposition. This game can also operate in an online environment, which poses significant student protection implications.
I urge you all to research this game and to ensure that your child has no access to this online game. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Colette Williams
Principal

School Photos– Yr 6 Students

St Mary's Catholic School Bowen

ONLINE ORDER CODE: WGF AZ5 T6Q

Online Order link: https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=WGFAZ5T6Q

Dear Parents,

School co-curricular group photographs were taken recently. These groups may include sports teams / prefect groups, bands or other co-curricular groups and these group images are now available for purchase at the ***advancedlife*** St Mary's Catholic School Bowen Community Portal.

Simply follow the link above or click order now to go directly to your community portal.

Important Information:

- Co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online DO NOT return payment to school
- If your child's group or team has not yet been photographed and is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are ordered
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's ***advancedlife*** & your ***advancedyou*** photo sites (follow the link above)

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to St Mary's Catholic School Bowen for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your ***advancedlife*** experience please contact us at enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

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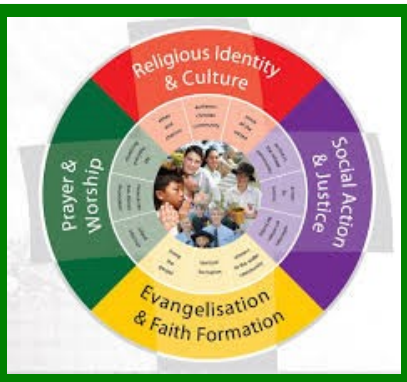

On Sunday the 22nd, we attended Mass to welcome two new members to our Parish Community. One of the infants who were baptised was our very own Maggie Romano.

Mrs Sarah Romano was our Prep Teacher last year and is currently on maternity leave. We were all thrilled to be invited to Maggie's Baptism.

Baptism is one sacraments that all Christian denominations share in common. In the Catholic Church, infants are baptised to welcome them into the Catholic faith and to free them from the original sin they were born with.

Fr Thomas, our Parish Priest anointed Maggie with oils and poured holy water over her head three times. The water symbolised the invocation of the Holy Trinity, as in "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".

A person being baptised in the Catholic Church is expected to dress in white to symbolise purity of faith and the cleansing power of Baptism. The white garment symbolises the white garments Jesus wore when he was placed in the tomb after his death on Good Friday. Every person who is baptised has a sponsor, traditionally called a godparent. The role of the Godparent is to provide those being baptised with a witness of being a good Christian role model and to provide regular support to the faith formation of the child.

We very warmly welcome little Maggie to our faith community.

God Bless

Colette Williams

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UPcoming EVENTS

Term 3

16 July - 21 Sept

Week 2

23—27 July Mulkadee

Week 3

30 July Sacramental Program

31 July Catholic Education

Week Mass

2 Aug P and F Meeting

3 Aug NAIDOC Celebrations

Week 4

7 Aug Year 6 Transition St Cath's

10 Aug PREP OPEN DAY

First Day

Prep Prep Transition

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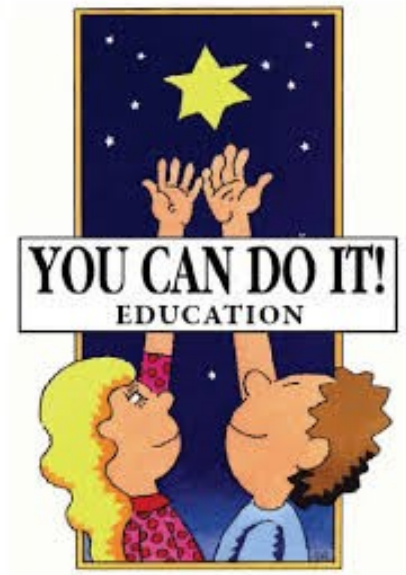
YCDI Awards



Congratulations and well done to our Awardees for Term 3 Week 1.

L to R: Scarlette Bear, Cody Williams, Charlotte Refalo and Imogen Stevens.

L to R: Jordan Saffell and Javier Mezieres.

27 July Blake Williams

Congratulations to our YCDI awardee Imogen Stevens Yr 3/4 for Week 1 , Well Done!

Newsletter

"Learning, Laughing and Growing Together".

Lunch times are so much fun at St Mary's School. Big smiles on all our faces and we laugh, play and learn together.

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P & F Assn News

Week 2 Term 3

So far this year the P & F Assn have been working hard organising some wonderful community events. We are working towards upgrading our Library and also to contribute funds to the Year 5/6 Camp. Assisting with the school camp is one area our P & F has supported for many years.

Planning for the Trivia Night is well under way and we thank the team of parents who have volunteered their time towards this event so far. The Trivia Night will be held on the 1st September, 2018. We have published a Trivia Night Flyer which has been promoted via social media and we would appreciate your support in sharing this flyer. We have also distributed the flyer to many businesses in the Bowen Community. We are seeking the support of parent helpers on the night. Please contact the school office if you are able to lend a helping hand. All tickets are available from "Hickmotts Newsagents".

The "Silver Wars"

Each class will have a tin and the teachers will also have a tin. The class (or teachers) with the most amount of money at the end of Term 3 will win!!! All funds raised will contribute directly to the Year 5/6 Camp.

The students have already raised $124 !!!

So don't forget to send some loose change to school with the kids

RULES

- You can not take anything from your class's tin or any other tins
- You can sabotage other classes by putting gold coins or notes in their boxes as these coins and notes will be minused from the total of silver coins
- Only silver coins will give you an advantage

The next P&F meeting is to be held on Thursday 2nd August at 5:30pm (Staffroom).

We would love to see you there.

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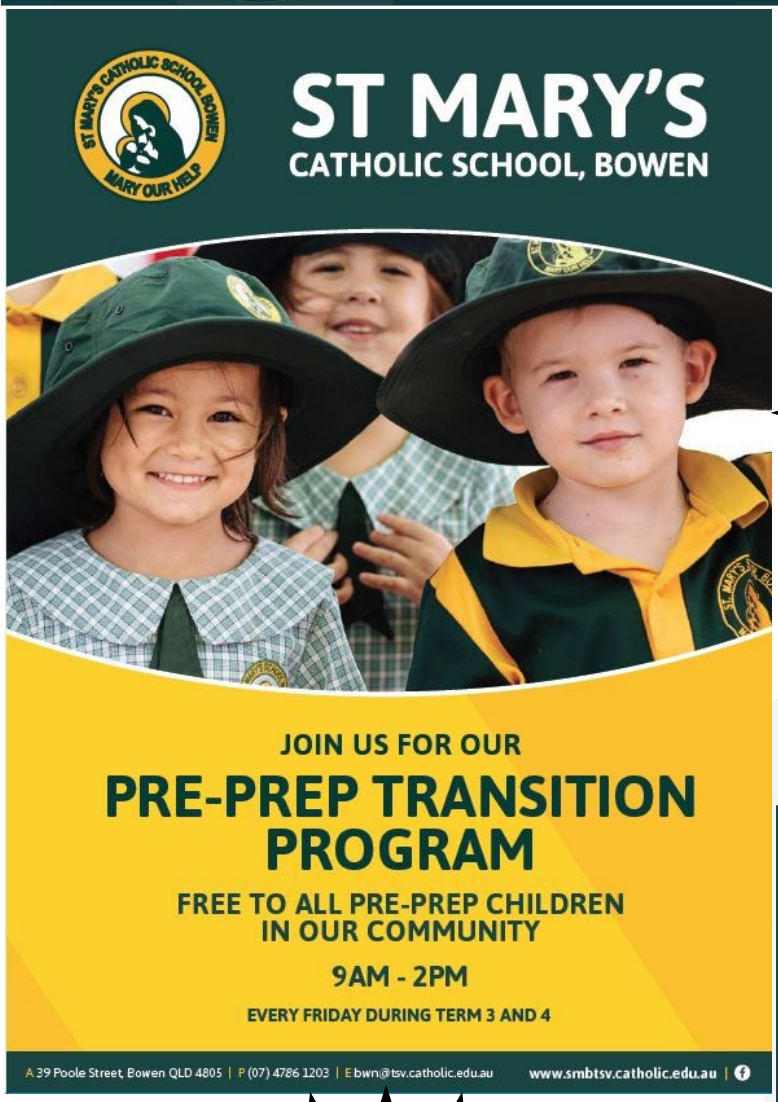
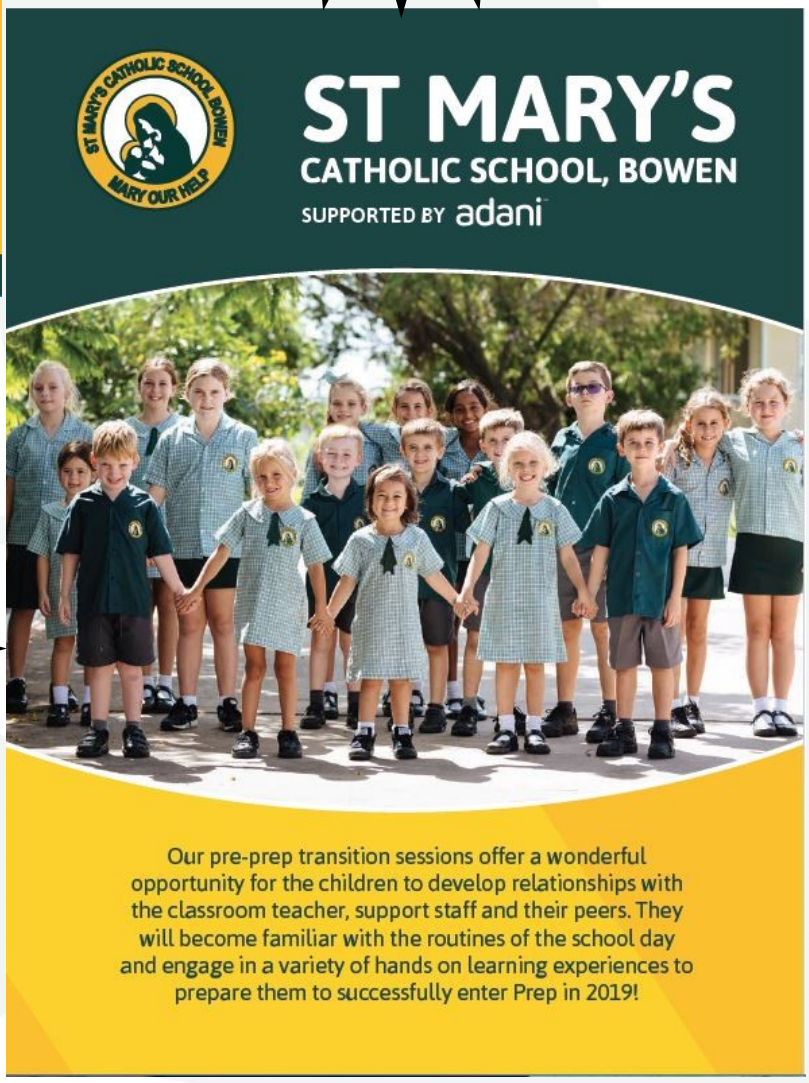


EVERY FRIDAY TERM 3 AND 4

9AM—2PM



Bowen Quilters and Needlecraft Group

30th Birthday Quilt Exhibition

Bowen Quilters and Needlecraft Group is 30 years old this year and we are celebrating with a 30th Birthday Exhibition!

Quilt and Needlecraft Display

Sale Tables

Judge the Mug Rug Competition! What's a Mug Rug?

Come and find out!

Morning and afternoon teas available

Bowen Anglican Hall Gordon Street Bowen

9am to 5pm Saturday 28th July 2018

9am to 3pm Sunday 29th July 2018

Door Entry $2

Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold at Woolworths Centrepoint 11/7 and 19/7 and IGA supermarkets 1/7 and 8/7

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 29th July 2018 at 2pm. Winners will be notified.

Proceeds of raffle to go to local charities