

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and had plenty of opportunities to relax and recharge. This term is shaping up to be a very busy one. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and our Facebook page for any updated information regarding the term calendar.

As the weather turns cooler, just a reminder about school uniform. Students should be wearing green or black jumpers. Understandably, children may have grown out of their jumpers from last year, in which case they are able to wear any jumper from home until a new one can be purchased.

ANZAC Day is next Monday and St Mary's will be participating in the ANZAC Day March. Students are encouraged to attend and are asked to wear their full school uniform and not forget their hat. More detailed information is on page 3 of this newsletter. If your child is attending please remember to fill in the form that was emailed out on Tuesday.

Most exciting is the news that this term we will be holding our Family Fun Day on the 14th of May. A big thank you in advance to our P & F Family Fun Day sub-committee who are working tirelessly behind the scenes. We are looking for stall holders, volunteers and donations. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for ways you can help make the day a huge success.

Mary's Munchkins playgroup starts up again on Monday in Week 4 of this term. Everyone is welcome, please feel free to invite your friends with small children of their own.

Also a reminder that enrolments for Prep 2023 are now open. We will only be offering one Prep class next year and places are filling quickly. Please let our office staff know if you have a prep aged child for 2023 as priority will be given to siblings of existing students. Alternatively, enrolment forms are available online on our website. Our Pre-prep program will then commence in Term 3.

Until Next Week

Sharyn

TERM TWO IMPORTANT DATES

- 18/04 - Easter Mon Public holiday
- 19/04 - School Commences
- 22/04 - Whole School Mass
- 25/04 - ANZAC Day Holiday
- 26/04 - ANZAC School liturgy
- 02/05 - Labour Day public holiday
- 05/05 - P & F Meeting
- 06/05 - Mothers Day Liturgy
- 09/05 - Mary's Munchkins commences
- 10/05 - NAPLAN testing commences
- 14/05 - St Mary's Family Fun Day
- 23/05 - Under 8s Day
- 02/06 - P&F Meeting
- 09/06 - Board Meeting
- 17/06 - Athletics Carnival





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ST MARY'S 2022 ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

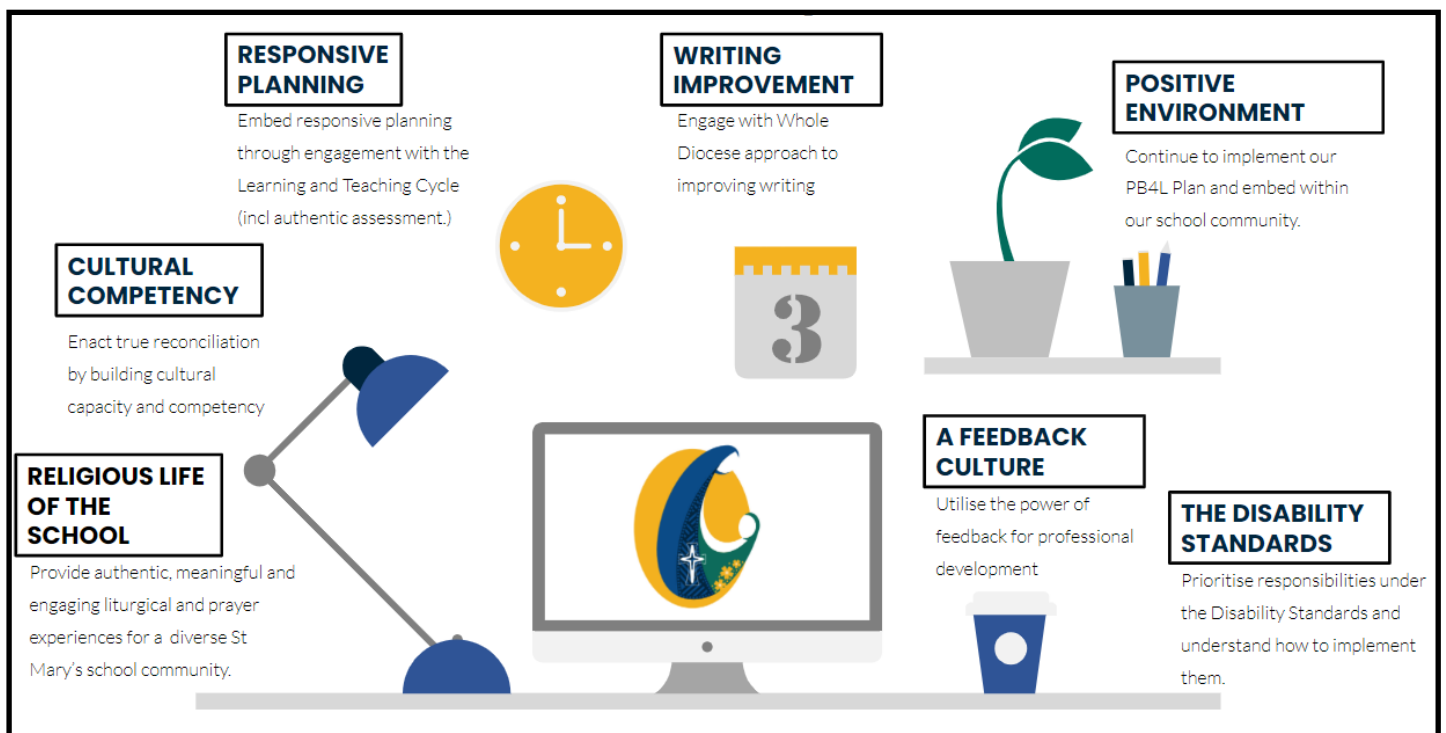
As discussed in our last newsletter, St Mary's has developed a School Renewal Plan with goals to guide our work over the next five years. Our 2022 Annual School Improvement Plan contains strategies towards achieving these overarching goals.

The seven focus areas of this year's annual improvement plan are outlined below.

1. Enhancing the Religious Life of the School
1. Developing Cultural Competence
2. Using Responsive Planning
3. Promoting Writing Improvement
4. Maintaining a Positive Environment
5. Creating A Feedback Culture
6. Prioritising the Disability Standards



In each newsletter this term, we will highlight the work we are doing in one of these areas to ensure optimal learning for our St Mary's students.





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ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Tuesday the 26th of April, our school will be hosting an ANZAC Day Prayer Service from 9:00 am – 9:45 am. All parents, family, and friends are welcome to join our school in acknowledging ANZAC Day as a day when we commemorate all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

The Bowen Community will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Monday 25 April and our school will be marching in the ANZAC Parade. We will gather as a school outside the RSL Sub-Branch in Williams Street, Bowen at 8:50 am. The march will then commence at 9.15 am to the Cenotaph atop Herbert Street. The service will be held at the Cenotaph at 9:30 am. Parents are asked to collect their children from the Cenotaph directly after the service.

All children are required to wear their full academic uniform including their wide-brimmed school hat. All parents, family, and friends are also welcome and encouraged to march with our school in this significant community event.

There will also be a dawn service at the Cenotaph in Herbert Street at 5:50 am. This year I have invited all of my Year 6 School Captains to join me in attending the dawn service. All members of our school community are also more than welcome to join us at the Dawn Service. We will be assembling at 5:30 am for a 5:50 am start. We look forward to marching along with the children for this very significant community event.



Join us for our **PRE-PREP** **TRANSITION** **PROGRAM**

8:45AM – 2:30PM
EVERY FRIDAY DURING
TERM 3 AND 4

**The Prep-Prep program
is \$10 per week**

Our pre-prep transition sessions offer a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop relationships with the classroom teacher, support staff and their peers.

They will become familiar with the routines of the school day and engage in a variety of hands on learning experiences to prepare them to successfully enter Prep in 2023!

St Mary's Catholic School Bowen

Family Fun Day!

14th May 10am - 2pm

Stalls

Entertainment

Rides

& Much More

Everyone
Welcome

FOOD & DRINKS

PEETTING
ZOO

Thank You to our 2022 Sponsors ...

Abbott Point Operations, Whitsunday Regional Council, Burnups Furniture,
Birds Fish Bar, Lowcock Builders, Bowen Birite Home Appliances,
Delacey Electrical Services, Grimsey's Aquatics, Kylie's Family Dental,
RTM Engineering, Live Life Pharmacy Bowen.



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Family Fun Day!

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP!**

FAMILY FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS !!!!!!!

WHO All parents are welcome to volunteer!

WHEN Half an hour to an hour of your time between 8 am and 3 pm

WHERE Tuckshop / Selling Food tickets / Selling Drinks / Ride Tickets

WHY You will go in the "Volunteer Raffle" and may win a prize!

HOW Email Gemma Kirk (Family Fun Day Co-ordinator at gemmakirk@yahoo.com.au)

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN DAY



Look out for a letter or email from your child's teacher explaining their class stall and asking for donations.

We require:

- ◆ Plants for the plant stall
- ◆ Filled jars for the "Jars of Anything" stall
- ◆ Items to make up our raffles
- ◆ Cakes for the cake stall

Do you know any market stall holders who would like to run their stall at our Family Fun Day .

If you do please let them know to contact Gemma using the contact details below.

Gemma - gemmakirk@yahoo.com.au



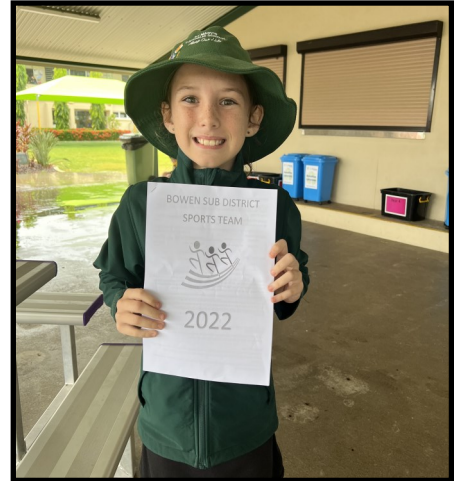
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BOWEN CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Congratulations to all of our students who represented St Mary's by participating in the Bowen Cross Country Trials at Merinda State School on Thursday.

Special congratulations go to Anna Schultz who came second in her division and will represent Bowen and St Mary's at the Whitsunday Sub-district trials on the 6th of May.



COVID COMMUNICATIONS

We have not been notified of any positive cases of COVID-19 within our school community this week. We have one student who is isolating as a close contact.

As COVID-19 remains active in our community we ask you to continue to monitor your child's/children's health and if they develop any flu-like symptoms: If your child tests positive please inform the school by phoning/emailing (bwn@tsv.catholic.edu.au) the office so we can support the student and take any necessary action at a school level.

We will continue to work closely with health authorities to keep our school community informed of any developments and advice. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Join us for our

**MARY'S
MUNCHKINS
PLAYGROUP**

0-5 years welcome

**9AM - 10:45AM EVERY
MONDAY DURING TERM**

Please bring a hat, water
bottle and lots of energy!



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Religious Life of our School



Today we celebrated Easter with a liturgy, during which we also commissioned our 2022 Mini Vinnies. Thank you very much to Lawrie Cowan and Madeline Krafft from St Vincent de Paul for helping to welcome our Year 5 and 6 Mini Vinnies members, to Father Harry Moore for conducting the blessing and Margaret Fox for preparing gifts for the children.

The Gospel passage for the liturgy was [Mark 16: 9-15](#), which told us to “Go everywhere in the world. Tell the Good News to everyone.”

What does this mean for us? What is the Good News?

Jesus came to Earth to spread God’s message of love and to offer us a new covenant, or agreement, with God. After Jesus died, many of his followers became afraid that they too would be punished for having followed him, however Jesus appeared to many of them and explained how all that had happened needed to happen to fulfil the scriptures. We heard in the Gospel reading that these people ran back to tell the Good News that Jesus was risen from the dead to his Apostles, however they did not believe them. It wasn’t until later, when Jesus then also appeared to the Apostles and criticised them for having so little faith, that the Apostles also fully believed. Jesus gave His followers a new mission; to go out and tell the world of God’s love and to spread God’s love through their actions.

But what about us today? Do we sometimes lose faith when things go wrong in our lives, and when we can see terrible things happening across the world? Sometimes we need to be reminded to have faith in God’s saving plan and His love for us. One of the ways our faith can be strengthened is through doing good things for other people. Acts of kindness towards others can restore our faith in both humanity and in God. Today, we commissioned our Mini Vinnies of 2022. We all have a mission to spread the Good News of God’s love to the world, however the Mini Vinnies will have a special job to *show God’s love to those less fortunate through acts of charity and good works. We pray today that the Mini Vinnies will continue to live their new life in Jesus, strengthening their own faith and the faith of those around them through the work they do for others.*

Alicia Nines
APRE

St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am



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On behalf of Fr. J. Koyickal, CM
and the Whitsunday Catholic Parish Community
you are cordially invited to

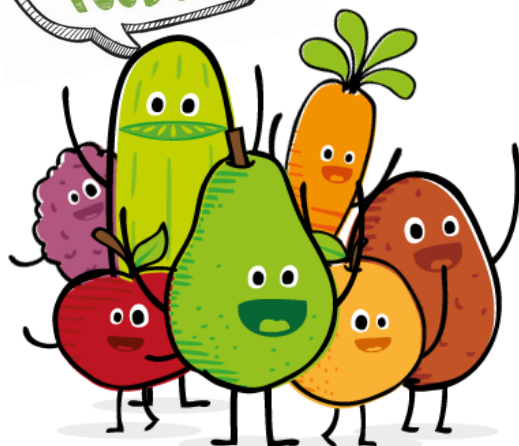
Fr. Thomas Madanu's
40th
Anniversary
of Priestly
Ordination



Thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration on
Friday, 29th of April 2022 6:00pm at St. Catherine's Church
126 Main Street, Proserpine
Followed by a dinner.

His Excellency, Bishop Tim Harris
Main Celebrant

RSVP by April 15. Tel # 07-49451025



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Tuckshop Menu Term 2- 2022

Please use a brown paper bag when ordering, including student's name and year level or use the Flexischools app – Thank you



Snacks

Apple, orange or banana	50c
Dixie Cup	\$2.00
Corn Cob	\$1.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.50
Pop corn	\$1.00
Muffin	\$1.00
Choc Chip Cookie	\$1.00
Chocolate Dairy Pot	\$2.00
Vanilla Dairy Pot	\$2.00
Seasonal Fruit Salad	\$4.00

TUCKSHOP IS AVAILABLE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA & BIG LUNCH

Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$4.50
Party Pie	\$1.50
Sausage Rolls (3)	\$3.00
Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$3.50
Macaroni and Cheese	\$5.00
Vegetable Spring Roll	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$4.00

Burgers

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00
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Drinks

Apple Popper	\$1.50
Tropical Popper	\$1.50
Golden Pash Popper	\$1.50
Bottle of Water	\$2.00

Wraps

Chicken Tender Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Ham and Salad Wrap	\$5.00

Sandwiches – Fresh or Toasted

Vegemite	\$2.00
Jam	\$2.00
Honey	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken & Salad	\$3.50

Salad Bowls

Chicken Tender Salad (Staff)	\$8.50
Ham Salad (Staff)	\$8.50
Falafel Salad (Staff)	\$8.50

Please remember to bring your own
spoon or fork to help the environment



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23 April Ethias Schultz
24 April Saoirse Gentle
26 April Mica McVeigh
28 April Ryda Acton
29 April Xavier DeGroot



AWARD WINNERS

- On Tuesday Parade, our weekly awards were presented to students following Mary's Way by showing Compassion and Care around our school. Please join us in congratulating our award winners from this week.

Congratulations to this weeks awardees :

Back L to R: Angus Yr 3, Penelope Yr 1, Kobi Yr 5, Saorise Yr 2, Sophia Yr 6 and Indi Prep

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Alfie Year 1

Star Reader of the Week:

Congratulations to Douglas Yr 6



Due to the number of students who were absent on Photo day in Term 1, we have negotiated a catch up photo day.

This will take place on the afternoon of the Friday 6th May for children who were absent from school.

Our very own Mrs Lowcock participated in **Laps for Life**.

To assist her with fundraising the Year 6 students sold **icy poles** at Big Lunch during Term 1.

A massive thank you to all the students who helped with the fundraising efforts.

We are proud to announce \$153 was raised and donated to **Laps for Life**.

Mary Mackillop



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OSHC at St Mary's Catholic School is now

Operating Monday to Friday from

6.30am to 8.30am

and 2.45pm to 6.00pm.

If you would like more information or to

register, please contact Miss Rob on

0428 216 062 OR at

bowenoshc@mmcnq.catholic.edu.au



Life is good at
St Mary's OSCH



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