

# Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL NEWS



Thank you to all those families who braved the weather and joined us for the ANZAC Day March. It was wonderful to have so many families join us. Despite the rain, it was a moving ceremony and our students did a wonderful job of paying their respects. Thank you also to Mrs Rachael Young and our school leaders who attended the Dawn Service.

Our Year Ones did a superb job leading our whole school ANZAC liturgy on Tuesday morning. It was great to see the number of parents and community members who joined us, and it was a

pleasure to host Mr John Eyles, from the RSL, as our special guest.

(There are plenty of ANZAC related photos on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter.)

This week, we welcome four new students to the St Mary's community, Paulo and Petulo in Year One and Jeramious and Jeleika in Yr. 2 and 3 respectively. We also welcome a number of staff members to our community. Mrs Sarah Romano has returned from maternity leave to teach Year 6 one day a week with Mrs Young. Year 5 are excited to welcome back Mr Max Cochram who is completing his JCU practicum over the next five weeks. We also welcome Mrs Karen Jones who will be covering Mrs Antonio's teaching and leadership responsibilities while Catherine is visiting with family in the UK.

A reminder that next Thursday we will be holding our P & F meeting for the month of May. We hope to see you there. At this meeting we will hear from the Family Fun Day sub-committee about how their preparations are going and how we can help. Next Thursday will be a "Free Dress for Donations" day where students are invited to wear free dress if they bring in a donation for their class stall. We will also be discussing the success of the Rainbow Disco and how these profits can support our students.

Lastly, Mother's Day is taking place next weekend and we invite all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures to our Mother's Day Liturgy next week on Friday, the 6th of May at 9:00 am in the Big Shed.

### TERM TWO IMPORTANT DATES

- 02/05 - Labour Day public holiday
- 05/05 - P & F Meeting
- 06/05 - Mothers Day Liturgy
- 06/05 - Catch Up Photo Day
- 09/05 - Mary's Munchkins commences
- 10/05 - NAPLAN testing commences
- 14/05 - St Mary's Family Fun Day
- 02/06 - P&F Meeting
- 03/06 - Under 8's celebrations
- 09/06 - Board Meeting
- 17/06 - Athletics Carnival
- 24/06 - End of Term Mass



*until next week,,  
Sharyn*



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## ST MARY'S 2022 ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

### Enhancing the Religious Life of the School

This year we are working to *provide authentic, meaningful and engaging liturgy and prayer for our diverse school community.*

Our Enhancing Catholic School Identity Team meets once a term to discuss how to ensure the religious life of our school is inclusive and welcoming to people of all faiths and no faith, as well as being true to our Catholic traditions.

Professional development for staff has focussed on our patron saint Mary. Earlier this year, we studied how our Marian tradition can inform our work with the students in our contemporary context. Our aim is to develop a new version of the St Mary's school prayer that includes references to Mary.

Teachers are also engaging with ways to ensure classroom prayer is authentic, meaningful and engaging for the students that they teach.

We acknowledge the work of Mrs Alicia Nannes as Assistant Principal, Religious Education in this space. Mrs Nannes works closely with our teachers in developing their Religious education curriculum. Mrs Nannes is also responsible for facilitating our school liturgies and masses. Already this term, we have celebrated our Easter and Anzac Day liturgies. Still to come are our Mother's day liturgy and whole school mass to celebrate the end of term .





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## RELIGIOUS LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL



This week our school commemorated ANZAC Day with a liturgy in the undercover area.

The liturgy was led by Miss Anna Bennett and the Year 1 class. Each class also contributed a poppy wreath, to be laid at the prayer table during the liturgy. The liturgy ended with the school choir singing the traditional hymn, *Abide With Me*

We were blessed to once again be joined by John Eyles, from the Bowen RSL and he gave a wonderful address to the students about the important meaning behind ANZAC Day. Mr Eyles also led us in reciting the Ode.

It is so important for our children to be taught the importance of reflection on the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us, and gratitude for their sacrifices. ANZAC Day is therefore an important time of year in our community and St Mary's also had a presence at both the Dawn Service and ANZAC Day March on Monday morning. Thank you to the families who attended with their children and who supported the students' understanding of why Australians commemorate this important day each year.



### St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am





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## ANZAC DAY MARCH



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!



## ANZAC DAY LITURGY



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*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,  
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RTM Engineering, Live Life Pharmacy Bowen.

# Family Fun Day!



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With only two weeks to go .....

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY**

All parents are encouraged to volunteer for half an hour to an hour selling food and ride tickets and /or helping in the tuckshop on the day. Email your interest to Gemma Kirk [gemma@tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gemma@tsv.catholic.edu.au) or your class teacher.

## **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY**

Look out for a letter from your child's teacher.

We need donations of the following for class stalls

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



## Free Dress for Donations Day

FREE DRESS NEXT THURSDAY  
FOR A DONATION TO THE  
CLASS STALL!

★ ★ ADMIT ONE ★ ★


**Pre-purchase Ride Tickets are available via the  
Flexi schools App.**

\$20 for unlimited rides if you pre-purchase through the app.

\$25 if you purchase on the day.

Tickets will also be available for purchase 12th May 2-4pm outside the office.

Wristbands for pre-purchased tickets can also be collected 12 May 2-4pm otherwise  
will be sent home with students.







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## MUSIC AT ST MARYS

### ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHOIR

Our St Mary's School Choir is a dedicated and talented group of students who meet every Friday to rehearse with Mrs Nannes and Mrs Strambini.

They fulfil a vital role in our whole school masses and liturgies and also lead us in the National Anthem and School song each Monday on parade. On Tuesday, they performed a beautiful rendition of 'Abide By Me' to conclude our ANZAC Liturgy.



### NEW GUITAR TEACHER

Mr Mick Moody, currently an instrumental tutor at St Catherine's Catholic College will now be conducting private guitar lessons at St Mary's each Thursday. If you are interested in enrolling your child in guitar lessons please contact Alicia Nannes on [anannes@smbtsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anannes@smbtsv.catholic.edu.au) or phone the school office.



### ST MARY'S SCHOOL BAND

Did you know St Mary's has a school band? They have been busily rehearsing in preparation for their first live performance at St Mary's Family Fun Day. Listen out on the day for their great versions of Dance Monkey, Walking on Sunshine and Shake it Off!







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30 April Lachlan Foster

7 May Eli Bodsworth

8 May Javier Mezieres



**P & F Meeting**

**NEXT THURSDAY**

**5th of May**

**5:15 pm**

**St Mary's Staff Room**

### PHOTO CATCH UP DAY



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.

### COVID COMMUNICATIONS

We have not been notified of any positive cases of COVID-19 within our student 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](mailto: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.

**WE ARE NOW  
ACCEPTING PREP  
ENROLMENTS  
FOR 2023**

*Assuring, Awesome, Ambitious...*





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## FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR



### In this edition of SchoolTV - SCHOOL REFUSAL

School refusal, sometimes called school avoidance or school phobia, is not uncommon. It is different to 'wagging' or truancy and is often related to worry or anxiety-related issues about going to school. School refusal may start gradually or happen suddenly. Although it is normal for a child to occasionally miss a day of school, parents should only be concerned if a child regularly complains about feeling sick or often asks to stay home due to minor physical complaints.

School refusal is a complex issue as there is rarely a single cause. It affects children of all ages across primary and secondary levels. It can often occur during times of transition at school. More recently, the Coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the educational experience of all students, affecting some more than others. Dealing with a school refusal child can affect the whole family, adding pressure to an already challenging time. School refusal is not considered a formal psychiatric diagnosis. It's a name given to an emotional and/or behavioural problem.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will learn how best to approach this issue and work towards a solution.

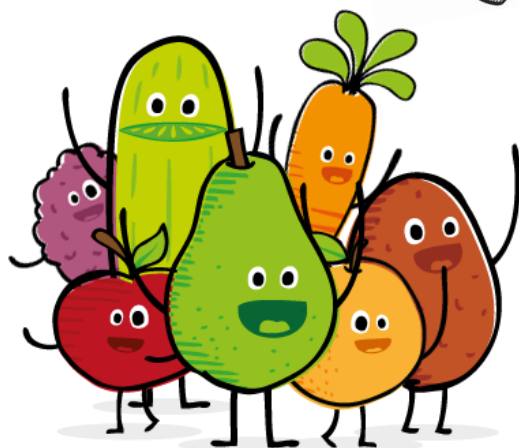
We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school guidance counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.



Here is the link to the **School Refusal** edition of SchoolTV

<https://smbtsv.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-refusal>





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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**

# Mary Mackillop OSHC



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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](mailto:bowenoshc@mmcnq.catholic.edu.au)**

## Clever Creative kids at St Marys OSCH

*Possibilities are endless, only limitations is your imagination.*



MANAGED BY  
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