

# Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN. The tests will take place every morning from Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am. The best preparation parents can provide for their children is to ensure they have had a good night's sleep, a nourishing breakfast and to arrive at school with time to spare (8:30am at the latest).

We have had a number of staff and students sick with Covid or other viruses that are currently going around. Please continue to follow hygiene and social distancing protocols. We will continue to send home any students who present to the office as unwell. As a school, we are working to keep disruptions and changes to a minimum however, at times, some of these are unavoidable. I thank you for your patience and understanding while we manage the staffing challenges presented by this current climate of restrictions and illnesses.

Today was Office Professional's Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca, Linda and Kathy for all that they do in the office. They always go the extra mile to ensure our students feel safe and known. We would be lost without these ladies. If you are passing through reception, please take a few moments to thank them.

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Our Prep students led our Mother's Day liturgy this morning. Thank you to all the parents and community members who joined us. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I needed to fulfil my motherly duties and take my son to specialist appointments in Mackay. I hope all our mums and mother figures enjoy their special day this Sunday.

Mary's Munchkins Playgroup re-commences next Monday and we look forward to welcoming the smallest members of our community into the school for a fun morning of activities.

Finally, please remember Family Fun Day, which is fast approaching. Thank you for the stall donations that came in with the children for their free dress day yesterday. The P & F are still looking for volunteers and accepting donations for the day. The staff room is filling up with goodies and equipment and we are watching the weather forecasts and hoping for blue skies by next weekend.

*Until Next Week,*

*Sharyn*

## TERM TWO IMPORTANT DATES

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

24/06 - End of Term Mass





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## ST MARY'S 2022 ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

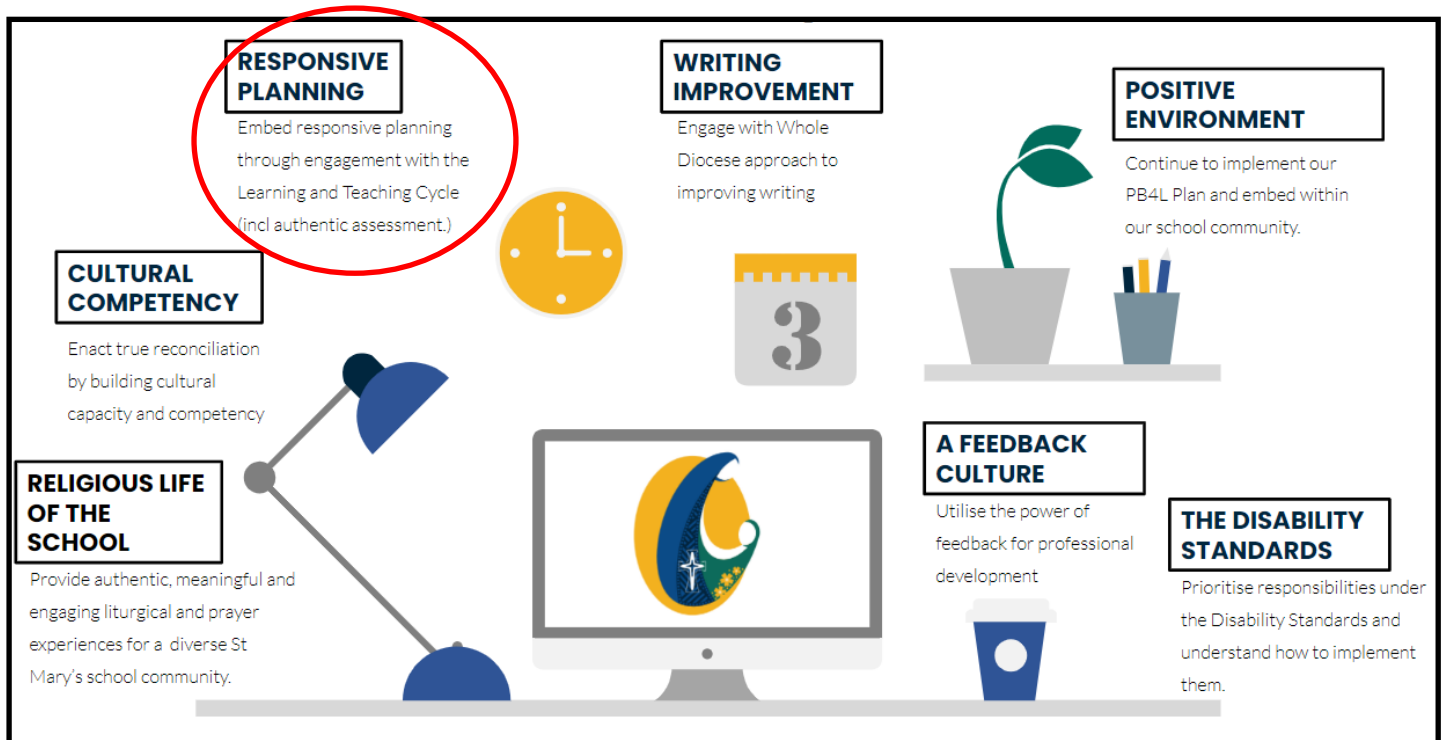
### RESPONSIVE PLANNING

*This year we are working to embed responsive planning through engagement with Townsville Catholic Education's Learning and Teaching Cycle.*

At St Mary's, our focus is on knowing our students and how they learn. Responsive planning is about ensuring our teaching is responsive to the needs of each child. This is achieved through careful monitoring and the continual redesign of lessons in order to address any gaps or lack of progress. Rather than simply teaching a set of pre-designed lessons across a term, our teachers continually assess the effectiveness of their teaching and the learning of each student.

We acknowledge the work of Mrs Krystal Land as Learning and Teaching Adviser in this space. Mrs Land leads our staff professional development and works alongside teachers every week during their planning time. Together they study their class data, reflect on the most effective teaching methods and devise strategies to best support their students' learning.

Krystal assists teachers to ensure their lessons effectively deliver the Australian Curriculum and follow Townsville Catholic Education Learning and Teaching guidelines.





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## NAPLAN TIMETABLE

NAPLAN will be taking place next week. Our students have been well-prepared in class and we have encouraged them to simply do their best in all tests. Our test schedule is outlined in the tables below.

Week 1	Mon 9 May	Tuesday 10 May (Day 1)	Wednesday 11 May (Day 2)	Thursday 12 May (Day 3)	Friday 13 May (Day 4)
<b>9:00 am Start</b>		Year 3 Writing (paper) 40 mins	Year 3 Reading 45 mins	Year 3 Conventions of Language 45 mins	Year 3 Numeracy 45 mins
		Year 5 Writing (online) 42 mins	Year 5 Reading 50 mins	Year 5 Conventions of Language 45 mins	Year 5 Numeracy 50 mins
			Catch up session 1	Catch up session 2	Catch up session 3

Week 2	Monday 16 May (Day 5)	Tuesday 17 May (Day 6)	Wednesday 18 May (Day 7)	Thursday 19 May (Day 8)	Friday 20 May (Day 9)
<b>9:00 am Start</b>	Catch up session 4	Catch up session 5			

## COVID COMMUNICATIONS

We have been not been notified of any positive cases of COVID-19 in our student population this week. In line with the current requirements, the household close contacts of this case have been identified and are undertaking quarantine as necessary. Authorities have not required us to take any further action at this time at a school level. 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 the office ([bwn@tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bwn@tsv.catholic.edu.au)) 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.







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## RELIGIOUS LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Today we celebrated Mothers' Day with a liturgy in the Church that was led by our Prep students.

During the liturgy, we heard the Prep students talk about what they love about their mothers. It was so lovely to be reminded of how our children view us and how much they appreciate the little things that we do for them.

We also reflected on the fact that a mother can be any person who shows great love and care for us, the way Mary loved and cared for Jesus. This tied in beautifully with the start to May, which is traditionally the month set aside by the Catholic Church for honouring Mary, the Mother of God.

Happy Mothers' Day!



### St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am



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## CONGRATULATIONS FR THOMAS

On behalf of our school, I would like to congratulate Fr Thomas on his 40th anniversary of Ordination. Fr Thomas moved from the Bowen Parish to the Whitsunday Parish at the start of the year. I know he greatly appreciated the presence of the many Bowen parishioners who travelled to Proserpine to celebrate with him last Friday night.



## ST MARY'S SCHOOL BOARD

School Boards in the Townsville Catholic Diocese operate in an advisory capacity. The Board collaborates with the St Mary's Catholic School community to celebrate the Catholic Identity of the school, support processes developed by the school staff aimed at improving student learning outcomes, and promote Catholic education.

A lot of the work of the Board is in the development of policy.

Next week we will be holding our Annual General Meeting where all school members are invited to attend. If you would like to know more about the functions of the Board, you are welcome to come along.

**St Mary's School  
Board AGM**

**Thursday 12th**

**5:15pm**

**in the staff room**





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# **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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## MARY'S MUNCHKINS PLAY GROUP RETURNS

Next week heralds the return of the Mary's Munchkins playgroup. Mrs Christine Chambers and Ms Lindy Anderson are looking forward to welcoming the youngest members of our community, and their parents, to join in a morning of fun.

Parents are invited to join us for parade before heading to the Outside of School Hours Care room. Tea and coffee will be available for the parents, and fruit snacks for the children. Please bring your own water bottles and hats.



***Everyone is welcome. Please bring your friends.***

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# **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.



# Family Fun Day!



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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY !**

All parents are welcome to volunteer for 30mins to an hour between 8 am and 3 pm selling food tickets, drinks or ride tickets. Email Gemma Kirk (Family Fun Day Co-ordinator at ) [gemma.kirk@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gemma.kirk@yahoo.com.au)



★ ★ **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.



## **DONATIONS NEEDED URGENTLY !**

Look out for your letter from your child's teacher . We need donations of the following for class stalls

- ◆ Plants for the plant stall
- ◆ Filled jars for the "Jar of Anything" stall
- ◆ Items for our raffles
- ◆ Cakes for the cake stall (must display ingredient lists)





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## AWARD WINNERS

On Monday Parade, our weekly awards were presented to students following the Mary's Way by being Safe, Just, and Fair around our school. Please join us in congratulating our award winners from this week.

*Congratulations to this week's and last week's awardees :*

**Back Row L to R : Lucas Poljakovic, Ella Wilson, Georgia Nelson, Darcy Matheson, Andrea Firth, Brayan Waite.**

**Middle Row L to R : Tate Buckley, Kendall Malone, Robert Sylvester, Harry Sylvester.**

**Front Row L to R : Alfie Smith, Isabella Williams-Hockings, Alisha Kirk.**



*Student of the week :*



L to R :

**Star Reader of the week :**

Sophia Honnery

**Praise Note Awardee :**

Robert Eldred.





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9 May Max Bodsworth

13 May Austin Stevens



This week's birthdays

**Lachlan Foster, Xavier DeGroot, Eli Bodsworth**

Collecting all Jars/Bottles!!



Yr 6 are running the

'Bottles of Anything'

Stall at the Family Fun Day

on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

We invite all donations of jars filled  
with items such as lollies, hair ties, slime, stationary, shells,  
etc

The Students are very excited for the Family Fun  
Day and would like to say thank you for all the  
donations so far.







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## Kapok Crafters

Our Kapok Crafters have been very busy creating Mother's Day Masterpieces for their loved ones.





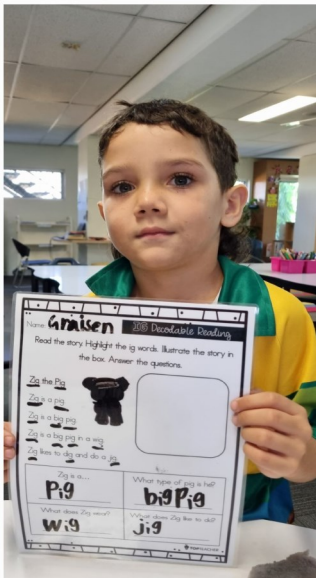
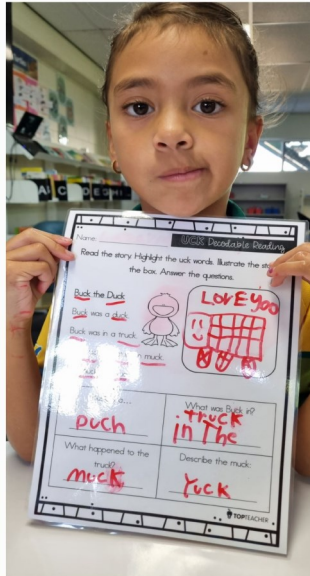


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## Deadly Learners

Deadly Learners hard at it, decoding and solving math puzzles.

Great work Ethias, Lazariah, Jake, Harley and Graisen !



Thank you Linda, Kathy and Rebecca.

Linda not present for picture, Mrs Land accepted on her behalf.





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SPECIAL REPORT

## Celebrating Mother's Day



### **In this edition of SchoolTV – CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY**

Mother's Day originated from humble beginnings in 1908 as a simple tradition to honour all mothers, living and deceased. However, it did not take long for florists, confectioners and card companies to jump onboard and commercialise the day, much to the disappointment of its founder, Ann Jarvis.

Mother's Day is a good annual reminder to say thanks to the mums and other special carers who play an important role in our lives, but it is essential we mark the day with love and sincerity. This year is especially important due to the recent pandemic, where mothers play multiple roles providing care and support to those they love under difficult circumstances. Mothers will often put the needs of others above their own, so it is paramount to remind them to take care of themselves also, especially when it comes to mental health.

Research has shown that women experience some mental health conditions more so than men and at much higher rates. There are many factors that can impact a woman's wellbeing physically and emotionally. Seeking effective treatment can enable her to engage more readily in everyday activities and fulfil the needs of her children and family.

This Special Report highlights the role mothers play in the developmental growth of her children and the importance of self-care for good mental health.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school guidance counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report:

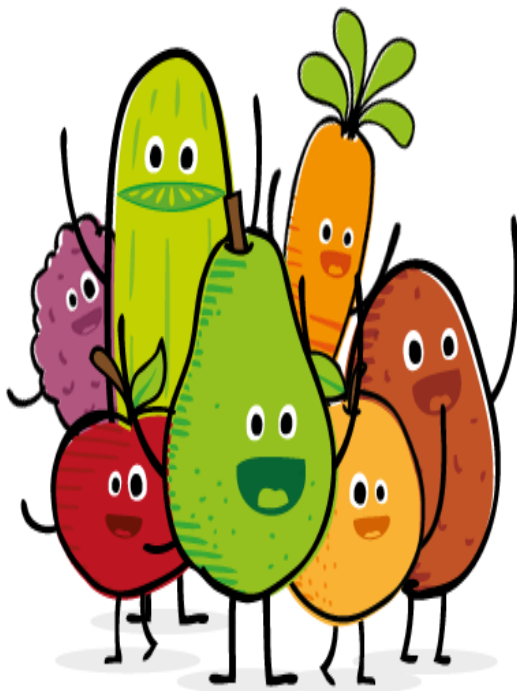
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## Tuckshop Menu Term 2- 2022

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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#### 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

# 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)**



**Mr Ball keeping score in the big shed at OSHC.**

**The weather has been perfect for some  
outside play.**



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