

Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL NEWS



This week the Strategic Leadership Team from Townsville Catholic Education visited St Mary's to award us our Validation certificate.

All Catholic schools in the Townsville Diocese undertake a journey of review and reflection around School Improvement.

The major focus of this process is on student improvement. This whole school improvement process enables school communities to examine the way in which they work together so that they can continue to develop and adapt their practice to better meet the needs of the children they serve.

Under the guidance of Colette Williams, St Mary's finalised their previous cycle of school improvement last year by conducting a self review in order to discern goals to guide their work over the next five years.

The goals determined by the St Mary's community can be found over the page. Next term we will share our annual school improvement strategies which show our work towards these overarching goals.

Please enjoy our newsletter for this week. We have included lots of photos from the week that was and also a number of flyers announcing events coming up next term. I hope you enjoy the school holidays and I look forward to seeing you in two weeks for another term of fun and learning.

Until next term ,

Sharyn

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM TWO

- 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
- 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



SCHOOL RENEWAL PLAN 2020 - 2024

Domain 1

Mission and Purpose

Domain 2

Climate Conducive to Learning

Domain 3

Emphasis on Learning

School Renewal Goals

- Invest time and resources to provide ongoing formation opportunities for all leaders within our school community
- Continue to adopt a measured approach towards school growth and improvement by ensuring all voices are considered and heard
- Catholic Identity Team to guide planning and enact the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Report recommendations
- Continue to enrich partnerships within the school and wider community

- Provide ongoing pastoral support for all members of our school community
- Enhance our formal peer observation process to support collegiality and best practice

- Staff work collaboratively to implement changes in practice to achieve school targets, and to use data to inform and monitor their effectiveness
- Develop lifelong literacy skills through the use of quality literature planning





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YEAR THREE OUT AND ABOUT AT MULLERS LAGOON

As part of this term's Year 3 Science and Technology assessment task, the students were required to collect data on animals in a certain area. In the classroom, students predicted which animals they would see at Muller's Lagoon and which animal would be most prevalent in that environment. On the 28th of March, the students travelled to Muller's Lagoon to collect and record actual data. Back in the classroom after their excursion, they graphed their data to determine if their prediction was correct. Thanks for all the parent help on the day!



COVID COMMUNICATIONS

We have been notified of 4 positive cases of COVID-19 in our school community 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 (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.



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WRITING

This year St Mary's has a specific focus on improving writing. While this includes the technicalities of writing such as structure, spelling, punctuation and grammar, it also includes improving motivation to write and enjoyment of writing. Teachers at St Mary's have implemented a number of initiatives to engage their students in the writing process.

Last week, Yr. 1 travelled to the beach for HASS and used the experience to enthuse the children on their return to school to create a recount of their exciting outing. In Year 2 and 3 this week, students had the choice of writing with music or silent writing in cubbies. Upon entering the classroom and library all that could be heard was the scratch of pencils on paper.

Year 5 have introduced an Author's Corner where student's best work is displayed. This week they also left the classroom to do writing outdoors. Keep up the great work St Mary's students.





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Year 5 enjoying their last art lesson for the term; trying out the collage techniques of a variety of famous artists.

ST MARY'S CHICKENS - THANK YOU TO THE BOWEN POULTRY CLUB!!

A HUGE thank you to

THE BOWEN POULTRY CLUB

who have volunteered to work with our student leaders to make our St Mary's Chicken Coop a reality. The Club has offered to build our coop and provide some chickens for the school. Most valuable will be the support, guidance and education the Poultry Club can provide the students on how to responsibly care for our chickens. We are so very excited!!!!



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Due to the number of students absent on Photo Day, we have negotiated a catch up photo day. This will take place on the afternoon of the 6th of May for children who were absent from school this Wednesday. (This will only be individual portraits for those students with existing photo orders.)

This catch up day will result in the return photo date for all students being a little later in the year than expected, possibly June / July. We apologise for the delay but understand school photos are an important keepsake for many families and we do not want anyone to miss out. Thanks for your understanding.



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AWARD WINNERS

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

Congratulations to this weeks awardees :

Back row—L to R :

Charlotte Wood (Yr 3), Elle Young (Yr 6),
Matilda smith (Yr 4).

Front row—L to R :

Makayla Kelly (Prep), Ivy Altmann (Yr 1).
Absent— Hudson Mee (yr 2),
Javier Mezieres (Yr 5).



Student of the week :

Kendall Malone (yr 2)

Star Reader of the week:

Ryda Acton (Yr 6).





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Religious Life of our School

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

Today we celebrated the end of Term 1 with a liturgy in the Church, led by Year 4. During the liturgy we heard the following reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

The Lord God has blessed everything you have done. He has protected you while you travelled through this large desert. The Lord your God has been with you for these 40 years. You have had everything you needed. (Deuteronomy 2: 7)

Students were invited to reflect on the events of the past term and to think about times when God has protected them, or provided for them.

As we move into the Easter holidays, we pray that our families will be kept safe and will enjoy a much-needed rest.

Alicia Ninnes
APRE

Project Compassion: Fourth Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 28th March)

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Rosalie, who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through Caritas Australia's partners, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Caritas Bukavu, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

She joined a savings group which helped her with a loan to start her own small business selling second-hand shoes and natural remedies.

"I can eat, dress, maintain my health and help others. My children study and manage to eat twice a day. I have learnt to work hand-in-hand with other members of the community. Really, there is more joy in sharing with others." - Rosalie

Watch a short film about Rosalie's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am





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NEXT TERM

We are anticipating a term full of fun and learning next term with a number of big events taking place when the students return. The first three weeks of Term 2 are four day weeks due to public holidays for Easter Monday, Anzac Day and the Labour Day holiday.

The term encompasses special days of recognition and school based events for National Reconciliation Week, NAPLAN testing, St Mary's Family Fun Day, Under 8s week, Mary Help of Christians Feast Day and our Athletics Carnival. Mary's Munchkins also recommences on every Monday morning next term.



Please take note of the information on the following pages regarding the term ahead.

NAPLAN TIMETABLE

NAPLAN will be taking place next term. Our test schedule is outlined in the tables below. Please endeavour to ensure your child is at school during this time. No catch-up sessions other than those outlined below will be offered.

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)
9:00 am Start		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)
9:00 am Start	Catch up session 4	Catch up session 5			



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MARY'S MARVELLOUS BIG DAY OUT





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ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL

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. The Year 6 School Captains will be attending the dawn service and all members of our school community are more than welcome to join us. 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. If you have any questions regarding the ANZAC Prayer Service or the ANZAC Day Parade, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Play in a changing world
UNDER EIGHTS WEEK
16th – 22nd May 2022



UNDER EIGHTS DAY - 23 MAY

St Mary's will be celebrating Under Eights Day next term on the 23rd of May.

Activities will be for Prep to Year 3 with activities for all Under 8s in our community.

Save the date we look forward to seeing you there.



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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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Join us for our
PRE-PREP
TRANSITION
PROGRAM

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

Our pre-prep program is open to all children in our community.

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

For just \$10.00 a week, children 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 2022!

St Mary's Catholic School Bowen

Family Fun Day!

14th May 10am - 2pm

Stalls

Entertainment

Rides

& Much More

Everyone
Welcome

FOOD & DRINKS

PETTING
ZOO

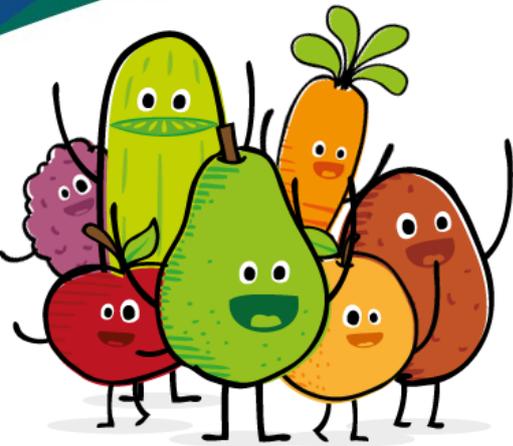
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Nude Food Day Winners:

Nataya Byers & Ryan Guy.

Well done to all our student.



Tuckshop Menu Term 1 - 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
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
Dixie Cup	\$2.00
Corn Cob	\$1.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.50
Pop corn	\$1.00
Muffin	\$1.00
Choc Chip Cookie	\$1.00

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

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

Burgers

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00
Meat Pattie, Cheese & Sauce	\$5.00

Wraps

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

Sandwiches – Fresh or Toasted

Vegetemite	\$2.00
Jam	\$2.00
Honey	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato.	\$4.00
Egg	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce.	\$3.50

Salad Bowls

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

Drinks

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



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29 March	Mila Smith
2 April	Angus Murray
7 April	Ava Von Pein
14 April	Hunter Dodd
17 April	Jaxon Louis- Kircher
18 April	Morgan Dykes
19 April	Jordan Saffell
23 April	Ethias Schultz
24 April	Saoirse Gentle



We look forward to celebrating all your Birthday's at the first assembly in Term 2.

Our very own Mrs Lowcock is participating in *Laps for Life*.

To assist her with fundraising the Year 6 students will be selling **icy poles** at Big Lunch during Term 1. If anyone would like to help Mrs Lowcock with this challenge, we would appreciate any donations of **icy poles** or alternatively check out the link below for donation information.

<https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/kathrynlowcock/laps-for-life>



Laps for Life



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



Fun in the Sun at OSHC

This week we made the most of the beautiful weather and enjoyed Wet play, gardening and overall outdoor fun.



MANAGED BY
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MACKILLOP
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Indigenous Easter baskets

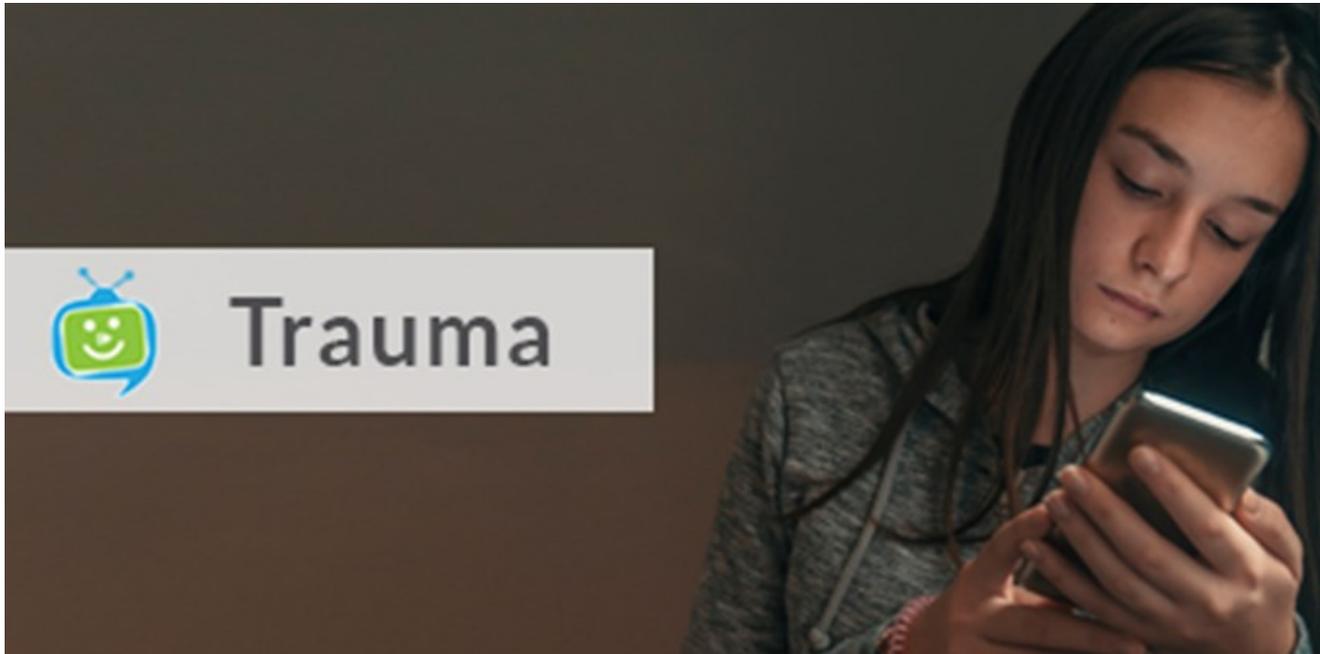
Ms Kristy's students created indigenous Easter baskets this week. They received a big surprise to find the Easter Bunny had been to fill their baskets





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In this edition of SchoolTV – TRAUMA

Children and teens will experience events during their lives that will affect them emotionally and physically. How they react to these events depends on their age, personality and past experiences. Children can experience strong feelings of fear, sadness, guilt, anger or grief, making it difficult for them to cope with everyday life. There are a number of ways that parents and care givers can support children after a traumatic event. Your reaction to an event, will impact your child's ability to cope and recover. Children will look to the adults in their lives to help them better understand a traumatic event so ***it is important to 'tune in' to their fears and provide them with the comfort and support they need.***

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to gain a better understanding of trauma and how it affects children of all ages. Learn from the experts including Dr Michael Carr-Gregg in a series of short videos. You can also test your knowledge and understanding of trauma and how it affects children of all ages by taking the quiz.

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.

You can access SchoolTV from our school website www.smbtsv.catholic.edu.au or use the URL below to go directly to the SchoolTV Trauma Edition.



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Free Event!

R D E | **Regional Disability expo**

TOWNSVILLE
Thursday 19 May, 2022
9am - 4pm Townsville Stadium
Murray Lyons Crescent, Annandale



Entry and parking is free!

Everything disability under one roof!

The event not to be missed for people with disabilities, family, carers and friends plus community minded people providing products and services, all in one central space.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES APRIL 2022

Big Bang Science Workshops

Investigations to encourage children to explore their world through STEM, develop collaboration and communication skills and a can-do attitude (9-12 year olds).

Tues 5th
10-11.30am *MadLab*
@Cannonvale Library
2-3pm *Illuminated Geometry*
@Proserpine Library

Wed 6th
9-10am *All Wired Up*
@Bowen Library
*1-2pm *Fossil Rocks*
@Collinsville Library
*(5-12 year olds)

APT10 Kids on Tour

Enabling children to explore and experience diverse contemporary art styles and approaches from Australia, Asia and the Pacific. Activities celebrate diversity and community, and encourage mindful contemplation.

10am
Tues 12th & Thurs 14th

All Library branches
(5+ years)

APT10 Kids on Tour is a free QAGOMA Touring program available to regional Queensland communities, with thanks to generous support from the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation.

Under 5's Story Time 10am
Tues 5th @Proserpine Library
Wed 6th @Cannonvale Library

Easter Craft 10am
Tues 5th @Bowen Library (5+yrs)
Thurs 7th @Collinsville Library (5+yrs)
and @Proserpine Library (all ages)

***Coding and Robotics 10am**
Thurs 7th @Bowen Library (5+yrs)
*BYO tablet/phone device

Cress Head Garden Pot Craft 10am
Thurs 7th @Cannonvale Library
(7+yrs)

Chess 3pm
Wed 6th @Cannonvale Library
Wed 13th @Cannonvale Library
(6+ yrs)

GBRMPA Reef Guardian Webinar & Activities 10am
Wed 13th @All Branches (8+yrs)

Bookings essential as places limited, phone your local branch to register

Bowen Library 4761 3670
Cannonvale Library 4846 9400
Collinsville Library 4785 5366
Proserpine Library 4945 0275

Children must be supervised by parent/carer at all times

Connect Create Enable Innovate

