

# Newsletter



**ST MARY'S  
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## Welcome back to everyone!

Today we start a brand new school year of prayer and learning too.  
 We ask God's Blessing on us, for today and all year through.  
 We're in a new class this year, which scares us just a bit.  
 The work may be much harder, and we're worried, we admit.  
 But Jesus you are with us and together we'll do fine,  
 We'll do the very best we can, and make good use of time.  
 We pray for all our classmates, may they be kind and fair.  
 And bless our teachers, too, dear Lord, for all their love and care.  
 AMEN

A warm welcome to all of our returning St Mary's families and a warm welcome to our many new staff, students, and their families. I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas break filled with countless memories. I look forward to visiting each of the classes on Monday to hear the children's holiday stories.

2022 promises to be another wonderful year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in the classrooms of St Mary's school! During the school year, we will continue to build upon the solid foundation of academic achievement laid by Colette in her time as principal over the last four years.

The extra two weeks afforded to us by the premier's announcement have enabled our teachers to work from home planning intensively for our now condensed term. This preparation time would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our school officers who have diligently supervised the students of essential workers for the last two weeks. Thank you to the families who have rearranged their schedules to accommodate their children at home for an extra two weeks and facilitated the at-home learning activities provided by our teachers.

As you are no doubt aware, the premier recently outlined further measures to be undertaken as part of their COVID-Safe back-to-school plan. Some of these temporary measures will directly impact our arrangements for the first four weeks of school. Our Year 6 camp will be postponed, school assemblies and masses will be live-streamed to classes, and P & F Association and Board meetings will be held via Zoom. Further information will be distributed to parents in the coming days.



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One of the directives issued by the premier and supported by the Townsville Catholic Education Office is that schools must *"limit visitors, including parents, to school sites with exceptions for parents and carers of students experiencing vulnerability, and all students attending Prep or Year 1."* As a result the following arrangements are in place for drop off and pick up times:

Parents of students Year 2 to Year 6 are kindly asked to drop their children off at the gate from Monday next week rather than coming into classes. Teachers will be available to welcome the students and help them unpack. Parents of students new to the school are invited to walk them to class.

Parents of students in Year One are invited to drop their children off at the gate or come in and wait for the bell with their children in the "Big Shed". At the bell, the children will line up with their teacher in the undercover area and wave goodbye to their parents before moving off to class.

Prep students and their parents are invited to gather in the Junior Playground before school starts. As the prep room is not an adequate size to accommodate all 28 preps and their parents in a COVID safe manner, parents will be invited in small groups to take their children into Prep. Once inside the first group can support their preppies to unpack their bags and settle into table activities before saying their goodbyes in order to allow the next group of parents to bring their children into class.

I understand that these conditions are not ideal, but rest assured our teachers are committed to ensuring your child/ren's first few weeks of school are settled, safe, and enjoyable. The first day back to school is a day of excitement and trepidation for many children (and parents). It is important that as parents we are positive about the year ahead for our children even if we are apprehensive. Our attitude to school will set the scene for a positive year ahead and our assurance that they are able to handle and overcome challenges will help develop their resilience and ability to cope.

Along with the St Mary's staff, I look forward to a very productive semester working in partnership with you in your child's educational journey.

Until next week,

*Sharyn*





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# Religious Life of our School

Welcome back to school! It has been a very strange start to the 2022 school year for everyone, however we are looking forward to seeing the children's smiling faces when they all return next week.

As you will be aware, we will still be operating under a number of restrictions over the coming weeks. One of the aspects of our school life that will be affected is our attendance at mass, in the church. As mentioned by Sharyn, we will be live-streaming masses and liturgies for the first half of the term.

Our first mass for 2022 will be the blessing of our school leaders on Friday, 11 February. The Year 5 and 6 students will attend mass at the church, and parents of Year 6 students are invited to also attend, provided they comply with vaccination mandates, wear masks and socially distance themselves amongst the pews. The mass will then be live streamed to the classrooms to allow the other classes to participate.

Thank you everyone for your understanding as we navigate our return to school and may God keep everyone safe.

*Mrs Alicia Nannes*

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# Mary Mackillop OSHC



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**OSHC at St Mary's Catholic School is now  
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)**



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## Introducing our New Guidance Counsellor

Introducing our new Guidance Counsellor, Kerrie-ann Wilson. Kerrie-ann has completed a Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) at Central Qld University. Her background includes working with non-government support agencies in the Bowen/Collinsville area. As part of the Townsville Catholic Education's Student Support Services, Kerrie-ann will be servicing a cluster of schools including St Francis (Ayr), St John Bosco (Collinsville) and St Mary's (Bowen). Kerrie-ann will be providing services each Wednesday and Thursday at St Mary's. Her role includes psychoeducational assessments and reporting, group and individual interventions, skills development for staff and families, and student counselling.

*"I am passionate about making a positive difference to others and contributing to the growth of our young people. I am looking forward to building new connections with the students and their families here at St Mary's. I cannot wait to see all the smiling faces back at school soon."*





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2 Jan	Lily Finau	25 Jan	Penelope Jones
10 Jan	Letti Williams	26 Jan	Dwyatt Schultz
11 Jan	Jaicee Peterson	28 Jan	Elijah McIntosh
12 Jan	Benjamin Antonio	29 Jan	Caleb Brockbank
17 Jan	Jack Lawrance	2 Feb	Jet Saffell
19 Jan	Sam Murray	5 Feb	Xander Gomersall
19 Jan	James Finn	12 Feb	Oliver Eldred
24 Jan	Harley Wallis	13 Feb	Ramsay Pudsey
24 Jan	Ashton Watters		

*School Uniform Price List*  
*@ Term 4 2021*

Formal Shirt - \$42  
Formal Dress (size 4 - size 10) - \$45  
Polo Sports Shirt - \$35  
Hat - \$15  
School Bag - \$32

Eftpos & cash facilities are available at the office.  
Black shorts, skorts and skirts are available from  
various external retailers.







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Our school Tuckshop will reopen **Monday 7 February**  
Orders should be dropped off to the Tuckshop or  
placed using the *Flexischools* App before 9am.

## 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

Vegemite	\$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

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S YEAR  
LEVEL IN THE *FLEXISCHOOLS* APP.**

For further information on how to set up the *Flexischools* App visit:

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/parents>

Log in to your *Flexischools* account and enter your child's detail:

If you are using the app, select the 'Profile' icon on the navigation bar. Under 'Students', click 'Add new'. Enter your child's name, school, year level, and class. Click 'submit'.

1. Place your order—In the *Flexischools* App, click 'Order food' at the top of the homepage. Select which student you would like to place an order for.

2. Make your selection - Choose which service you would like to order for. - Choose which date to order. Select the items you wish to order.

3. Make payment—When you have finished adding items, click 'Confirm order'. Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



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It all starts here...

## R.U.B.Y Crew - Youth Group

Bowen PCYC Club

Are you  
between 12 -  
18 yrs of age

Apply Now for 2022

### Applications now open for R.U.B.Y Crew

We have an opportunity for new young people aged between 12-18yrs to join PCYC Bowen R.U.B.Y

The R.U.B.Y Crew are looking for new members to join their group each week, they are searching for young people who are unique, positive and team focused that are willing to learn leadership skills and to volunteer in the community through a variety of roles.

For an Application Pack please drop into our Bowen Office or Email today.

Applications close 26 February 2022 4pm

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ENROL FOR JANUARY 2022 TODAY @

[WWW.BASEFCACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.BASEFCACADEMY.COM)

\*Dates, times, pricing and full class prospectuses available online\*

## St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am