

Newsletter



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PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;

The courage to change the things I can;

and the wisdom to know the difference.

Principal News

Over the last two weeks our Prep to Year 2 students and teachers have taken part in The Early Years Project. The Early Years Project is a Townsville Catholic Education initiative that provides pre and post-screening/testing for our Early Years students. The purpose of this term's screening is for teachers to work with children one on one to identify exactly what they already know and can do. This allows teachers to determine focus areas for explicit teaching throughout the year.

In Term 3, the post-test is conducted in the exact same way. This is a very exciting time for Early Years teachers as the results from this screener clearly demonstrate the progress that students have made throughout the year. This post-test also allows for teachers to revise any areas where there may be gaps in student learning. The primary purpose of the testing is to inform the teaching happening in early years classrooms to ensure that all students are being supported on their learning journey.





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Thank you Mr Cockrem



For the past 3 weeks, JCU student Mr Max Cockrem, has been working in the Year 5 classroom. We say thank you and goodbye to Mr. Cockrem today and we look forward to his return to complete his practicum later in the school year.

COVID Communications

We have been notified that two of our students have tested positive to COVID-19 this week. In line with the current requirements, the household close contacts of these cases 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 office by phoning/emailing (bwn@tsv.catholic.edu.au), so we can support the student and take any necessary action at a school level.

The Premier has announced significant changes to Queensland's current face mask restrictions and other COVID-19 measures in a variety of settings from Friday 4th March. Face masks will not be required in most settings, including schools, from 6pm on Friday 4 March. The restrictions that were applied as part of the back-to-school plan for Term 1 2022 will also be removed. State schools will lift any current restrictions on large gatherings, assemblies and excursions. All visitors (including contractors) are able to return to schools.

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.

School Leader Roles

Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Leadership
Integrity Honest Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles



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I would like to congratulate our school leaders on the responsibility and initiative they have shown in their leadership roles already this year. They have taken responsibility for running our virtual parades and have participated enthusiastically during our Friday meetings, discussing their many ideas for improving their school. We always emphasize that all of our Year 6 students are leaders and role models for our school community. Already, a number of our Year 6 students have volunteered to take up additional roles and responsibilities within the school.



School Captains - Chase Lowcock, Brayan Waite (absent), Elle Young and Ines de Solar

Foley House Captains - James Finn (absent), Lila Angel

MacKillop House Captains - Ozzy McMahon, Indi Johnson



Eco Leaders - Tess Weldon, Immy Browning, Amahli Cora, Sophia Honnery (absent), Scarlett Bear, Daniel Szollos and Ryda Acton



Library Monitors - Ruby Prossor, (absent), Georgia Nelson, Gabby Williams-Hoskings (absent) and Douglas Moxham



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AWARD WINNERS

We have been holding our school parade via ZOOM over the last two weeks. Students have gathered at the interactive screens in their classrooms to sing the national anthem, recite the school prayer, listen to messages, and congratulate their friends on their awards and birthdays. Thank you to our school leaders who have been leading the school in this virtual space. Please join us in congratulating our award winners from this week.

*Congratulations to
Class awardees wk 4:
Manning, Harney,
Tess, Morgan, Mason,
Sophie and Arthur.*



P & F Association AGM

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the St Mary's Parent & Friends Association will be held on **Thursday the 3rd March at 5:15 pm**. Due to COVID-19 regulations, we will be convening in the Big Shed and following Covid-Safe measures. All participants will be required to sign in at the front gate and masks are mandatory. Afternoon tea will be provided. We invite each of you as members of the school community to attend and value your input and welcome agenda items.

The main item on the agenda will be the election of Executive positions (President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary) for 2022. Our current members of the executive are all eligible for re-election or re-appointment. The status of this is as follows:

President - Gemma (not nominating for re-election)

Vice President - Lucille (not nominating for re-election)

Treasurer - Kristy Sylvester

Secretary - Jackie Veth / Kathleen Dale

To nominate for Executive positions please complete the nomination form found [here](#). Being a member of the P & F is a great way to meet other St Mary's families and become connected to your child's education. In the event no nomination is received for a vacant position, further nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

Who's Who in the Classroom



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Prep- Miss Harte, Miss Christine & Miss Lesley



Yr 1 - Miss Bennet, Miss Lindy & Miss Jackie



Yr 2 - Mrs Menzies, Miss Julie & Miss Danielle



Yr 3 - Miss Wentta, Miss Ellie & Mrs Maltby



Yr 4 - Miss Strambini, Mrs McEnery & Miss Chambers



Yr 5 - Mrs Windridge, Miss Maria



Yr 6 - Mrs Young, Ms Andersen



Next week we will introduce you to our staff in leadership positions, administration, counselling, literacy, indigenous education, library, grounds, and cleaning.



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Religious Life of our School

This week I had the pleasure of visiting Year 3 during one of their Religious Education lessons. The Year 3 class is learning about God's relationship with individuals and communities through the lens of Scripture. The students have looked at various Old Testament texts and have identified some of the images of God the authors of the Bible have used. Examples of images the children found were God as a potter, God as fire, God as rain, God as a parent, and God as a soldier. The students then examined Isaiah 49: 14-16 in greater detail, using the Three Worlds of the Text, and completed the lesson with a collaborative Y-chart that helped them to consider how God's relationship with the Israelites during the time of their exile in Babylon would have looked, sounded and felt.



The Three Worlds of the Text are an important part of learning how to interpret sacred texts. The World Behind the Text encourages us to look at the historical context of when, why, and by whom a certain scripture passage was written. The World of the Text examines literary devices, for example the imagery that the Year 3 class are currently investigating, or the specific genre of the passage. The World in Front of the Text encourages us to find the sacred truth, or message, of the passage and what it means for us today. Using an approach to scripture interpretation like the Three Worlds of the Text ensures that the students learn how to read scripture with a discerning eye and to look for the sacred truth.

Mrs Alicia Nannes

APRE

St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am



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**GONDWANA
NATIONAL
CHOIRS**
together
2022

Opportunity to sing with Gondwana National Choirs in 2022

Gondwana Choirs is thrilled to invite the young singers of Australia to explore the wonderful choral opportunities available through Gondwana National Choirs in 2022.

Season 4: Gondwana's much-loved Voices of Angels returns in December 2022 bigger and better than ever at the spectacular Sydney Opera House.

Dates: Thursday 8 December – Thursday 15 December 2022

Performance: Wednesday 14 December 2022, Sydney Opera House

Ages: 10-25 yrs, all voice types

Cost: \$250

Singers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to secure a spot, with **applications closing on Monday 21 February 2022**. Gondwana Choirs looks forward to hearing you sing! Apply here: <https://www.gondwana.org.au/gondwana-nationa>

Please see for more in-
about Sea-
years and
auditions,
online re-



Mrs Ninnes
formation
sons 1-3 (12
over only),
bursaries and
hearsals



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28 Feb Anna Schultz
1 Mar Arthur Watson
1 Mar Kye Land
4 Mar Chelsea Woodward

Parish Youth Group Committee meeting—
Sunday 6th March 2022, 9am at the Church.

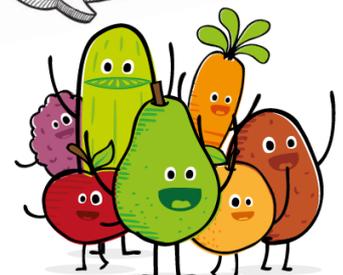
On Sunday 6th March, directly after Mass, parish members are invited to attend a short meeting regarding the recently formed Catholic Youth Group. This will enable our Parish to discuss plans for how we wish to run the youth group this year, ideas for your group activities and excursions, as well as how we could contribute our time or support in some way to this worthwhile venture. We hope you can join us, all are warmly welcome to attend.



Clean Up



**STEP UP
TO
CLEAN
— UP —**



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



There was lots of fun this week at OSHC as the students were out and about testing the NEW trikes that Miss Rob had purchased.

Wynter's smiling face says it all!!!!



MANAGED BY

**MARY
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School Calendar

TERM ONE CALENDAR -						
Wk.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
4	14 Parade via Zoom	15	16 Early Years Testing	17 Early Years Testing CIAC Meeting (3:15)	18	
5	21 Parade via Zoom	22	23	24 IEAG Meeting (3:15)	25	
6	28 Parade via Zoom	1 MARCH Shrove Tuesday	2 Ash Wednesday Liturgy Project Compassion	3 P&F Meeting (5:15)	4 CENSUS Touch football sessions commence	Board Formation
7	7 Principal conference - Sharyn away	8 Principal Conference - Sharyn away	9 Principal conference - Sharyn away	10 APRE conference - Alicia away Board Meeting (5:15)	11 APRE conference - Alicia away	
8	14 PARADE Yr. 6 Camp	15 Yr. 6 Camp	16 Yr. 6 Camp	17 Bully No Way Day St Patricks Day CIAC Meeting tbc (3:15)	18 Whole school meditation St Joseph Feast Day	20/3 Family Mass 8am
9	21 PARADE HARMONY DAY	22	23	24 IEAG meeting tbc (3:15)	25	
10	28	29	30 School Photos	31 Easter Mass	1 APRIL	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



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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



**TUCKSHOP IS AVAILABLE
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
MORNING TEA & BIG LUNCH**

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.

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

Vegetite	\$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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'WHERE FOOTBALL IS THE SPORT BUT WHOLE CHILD, HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT IS PART OF THE GAME'

BASE CAMP JUNI PRIVES #1 (AGES 10-12) | BASE CAMP JUNI PRIVES #2 (AGES 7-9) | BASE CAMP JUNI CORPORALS (AGES 5-6) | **BASE FC ACADEMY** | BASE CAMP JUNI SERGEANTS (AGES 7-8) | BASE CAMP SENI MAJORS (GIRLS) (AGES 9-11) | BASE CAMP SENI MASTERS (BOYS) (AGES 9-11)

OPERATING @ ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL | ALL WELCOME!

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R.U.B.Y Crew - Youth Group
Bowen PCYC Club

It all starts here...

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

Lynn Butler
Community Development Officer
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School Programs | Representative Teams

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