

# Newsletter



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## The Quality of the Teacher!!!

This year our school conducted a Market Research Project and the findings revealed that families are joining our school community because of our amazing teachers and staff.

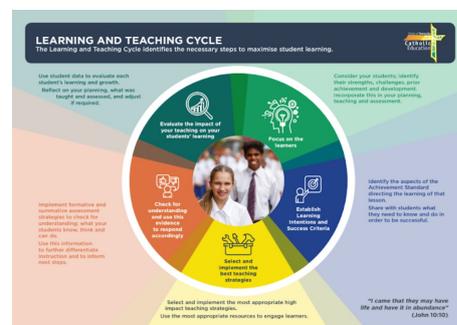
You may ask the question... Who makes a great teaching practitioner? The answer to this question is simple. A quality teacher deeply understands the Teaching & Learning Cycle. Quality teachers;

- know their learners and how they learn
- make clear to their students what it is they are learning and what success for this learning looks like
- have a repertoire of effective teaching strategies to call upon and implement these strategies when they are most needed
- frequently check to see what their students know and can do and respond to this information
- are aware of the impact they have on their students

At our school, we place children at the heart of all we do. We invest time in understanding how they learn, what they like, what they dislike, their preferred phase of learning, favourite subjects, what they love to do on the weekends and so much more. This informs how we teach your children.

There are many qualities of a good teacher. These include;

- Effective goal-setting
- Clear communication
- Acting as a role model
- Adaptability and flexibility
- Preparation
- Self-reflection
- Life-long learning
- Promoting a love of learning



Think about your child's teacher. What qualities do you most admire about that teacher? Think about your favourite teacher as a child. Are any of these qualities similar?

If I was asked to provide a definition of what makes a quality teacher, I would provide a simple response. Quality teachers love children! To expand upon this, quality teaching transforms students' perceptions and the way they go about applying their knowledge to real world problems.

Teaching is an incredibly rewarding job and we are incredibly blessed to have an expert teaching team at our school. Our teachings use the Teaching & Learning Cycle to guide students through the phases of learning to achieve their maximum potential. If you ever want to see a quality teacher, walk on through our school gates! You will encounter a quality teacher in every classroom.

Mrs Colette Williams

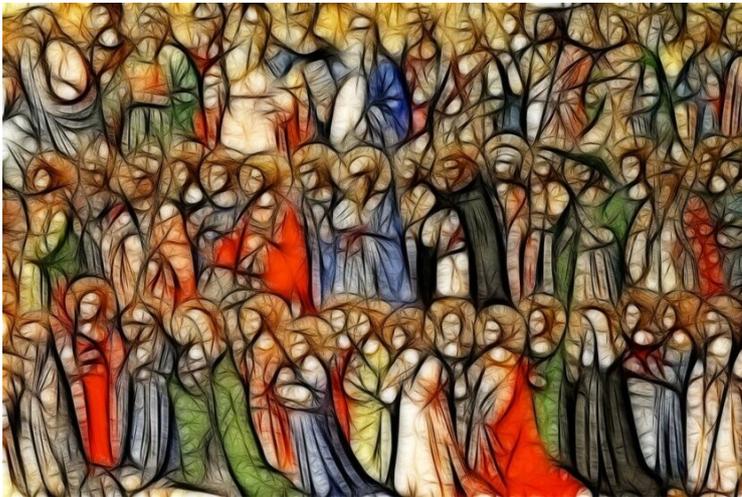
Principal



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## Religious Life of our School



While many shops are already putting away their Halloween products and beginning to install their Christmas displays, we are being urged by the Catholic Church to hold off on celebrating Christmas for a little while longer. November is traditionally the month in which Catholics remember the dead. We pray that our loved ones, and all those who have died, will rest in peace through the mercy of God. Last week we held a whole-school meditation for All Saints' and All Souls' feast days, which occurred this week. Next week, we will also be holding our Remembrance Day liturgy, to commemorate those who have died in war and to pray for peace.

An extension of praying for the departed in November, is learning more about the lives and wisdom of the saints. Many classes learn about a new saint each day during their morning prayer. The Year 5 students, while writing their leadership speeches that will be presented on Tuesday next week, have investigated some saints and what made them good leaders for the community. One saint who they were very excited to tell me about is Saint Carlos Acutis, the patron saint of the youth and computer programmers. Saint Carlos was an Italian teenager who passed away in 2006 at the age of 15, however he was beatified (declared a saint) in October 2020 due to the saintly life he led, caring for those in need and standing up for the bullied and oppressed. He also created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, which he completed the year before he died. The Year 5 students were able to tell me that Saint Carlos was a good leader, because like Saint Mary MacKillop, he never saw a need without doing something about it. Our students know that the idea of "never see a need without doing something about it," is an important part of who we are at St Mary's. We are a Mercy school, and the ideas of mercy, outreach and compassion are central to our school rules.



Many people may think of the saints and imagine old men and women, with halos around their heads as depicted by centuries-old iconography. Saints are still being made today, however, and by learning about some modern day saints and their lives, our students will be more likely to see the relevance for their own lives, including providing an example of what it means to be a leader in the community. Learning about the saints can highlight for children that they can model holiness in whatever situation they may find themselves.

Mrs Alicia Ninnes

Assistant Principal RE



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# Mary Mackillop OSHC



**OSHC is at St Mary's  
Monday to Friday.**

**If you would like to know  
more or to register,  
please phone Miss Rob  
on 0428 216 062.**



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Laila Beath - 8th November

Samara Selvakumar - 14th November

You are warmly invited to

## ST MARY'S AWARDS NIGHT

December 1st 2021

6:00pm-8:00pm

Undercover Area



## Class Awards



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

Back row: Bailee-Maree Tapp Yr 2, Annastasia Sylvester Yr 4, Lilla Angel Yr 5, Isaac Tebbit Yr 6.

Front row: Archie Yabsley Prep B, Asha Lane Yr 1, Ben Pilcher Yr3, Jake Land Prep A.



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## Principal Awards



**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to all of this week's Principal awardees!



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## Safety Circus Excursion

On Tuesday, our year 3 students were invited to attend the Queensland Police Service's Safety Circus Performance, held at Bowen State School. The show discussed some very important messages about road safety, bullying and our safety network. Through the engaging performance, our students learned all about how to follow the road rules when riding their bikes and scooters, as well as how to be an active bystander. Constable Steve from the Police Service also spoke to the students about their right to feel safe and trusted adults who they can talk to.



## Bowen Family Fun Day!



**BOWEN FAMILY  
FUN DAY**

**Saturday 6 November 2021  
9am - 1pm | Hansen Park**

**FREE EVENT**

*St Mary's Catholic School*

**CINNAMON  
DONUTS**

**\$1 EACH**

**OR**

**6 FOR \$5**



# What's Happening?



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YOU ARE INVITED TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL  
FOR...

## *P&F Christmas Party* A CHEERFUL CELEBRATION



Complete with Christmas music, food  
and drink, and a special visit from the  
man in red!

Wednesday 1st of December  
4:45pm-6:00pm  
Prior to Awards Night

Drinks are available for purchase  
(cash only) and food is available  
to order (see order form)

Bring along a picnic rug and watch the children play!



On the 23rd of November, we will be hosting a Great Book Swap at our school.

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading within our community, while raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. It is also an opportunity for students to further extend their knowledge of Indigenous culture and languages.

Everyone can browse for a book they would like to exchange for a gold coin donation.

Our name for the Great Book Swap is 'Wamparla House'. Wamparla means possum in Arabana, a language traditionally associated with the western side of Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre) region.

All funds raised from our Great Book Swap will go towards buying books to give to remote communities across the country.

If you have some books at home that you no longer need, we would love to use them as part of this wonderful event! Please drop off book donations to Miss Kristy before the event or at the school office. Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along.

Miss Kristy  
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## St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am



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**St Mary's Catholic School Community Calendar Term 4 2021**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	4 October	5 First Day Term 4	6	7 5:15pm P&F Meeting	8 Swimming Lessons 9am Whole School Mass	9	10
2	11	12 11:20am P - 3 Bravehearts Visit	13	14 3:15pm Catholic Identity Advisory Group Team Meeting	15 Swimming Lessons Year 3 Class Mass	16	17
3	18	19	20	21 5:15pm Board Meeting	22 Swimming Lessons Year 1 Class Mass 7pm Youth Group Church	23	24
4	25 Book Fair - before & after school	26 Book Fair - before school	27 Book Fair - before school	28 Book Fair Last Day - before and after school	29 Swimming Lessons 9am Whole School Meditation Day for Daniel - wear red	30	31 8am Family Mass at Church
5	1 Nov	2 Melbourne Cup Day Year 3 Safety Circus Visit	3	4 5:15pm P&F Meeting	5 Swimming Lessons Year 2 Class Mass	6 Bowen Family Fun Day Donut Stall	7
6	8	9 1:50pm School Captain Speeches	10	11 9am Remembrance Day Liturgy 3:15pm Pizza Party at Front Beach 5:15pm Board Meeting	12 Swimming Lessons Year 4 Class Mass	13	14
7	15	16	17	18	19 Swimming Carnival	20	21
8	22 Year 6 Orientation Day St Catherine's Catholic College	23	24	25 6pm Bowen State High Parent Information Session 9am Advent Graduation Mass 6pm Year 6 Graduation	26 8:30am Meet and Greet - Emily Harte Step up Day Final Day of Pre-Prep	27	28
9	29 Year 6 Transition Bowen State High	30	1 6pm Awards Night	2 9am - 12noon Pool Party	3 Last Day of Term 12pm finish	4	5