

# Newsletter



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## Exciting News!

The position of School Chaplain is a very privileged role within any school community. The role of the Chaplain is to work in collaborative partnership with the school community to provide pastoral and spiritual support to students.

The Chaplain works to create opportunities for faith development of students and advance the religious life of the school community. The Chaplain also fosters the experience of Catholic community within the school and engage the community in social justice and social action. The Chaplain also encourages and facilitates connections with Church/faith communities and agencies.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mrs Alicia Ninnes to the role of School Chaplain, effective from January 2022. Alicia is looking forward to supporting all students, families and staff pastorally. In 2022, we will be focusing on the following areas within the Chaplaincy space;

- Parish community garden
- Seasons for Growth Program (Social and Emotional Well-being)
- Lego Masters Program (Social and Emotional Well-being)
- Breakfast Club
- Lunchtime activities
- Mini Vinnies
- Caritas, Socktober and Christmas Appeal
- School TV - well-being site for parent access

I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Alicia Ninnes on her appointment to this role. We are looking forward to the many strengths that Alicia will bring to this position in 2022.

Mrs Colette Williams

Principal





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## Religious Life of our School



This Sunday is the last day of the Catholic Church's liturgical year, known as the feast day of Christ the King. In the Nicene and Apostles' creeds, we acknowledge the Catholic belief that Jesus is the king of heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and that his kingdom will have no end. When reading the Gospel, however, it becomes apparent that Jesus was not the type of king to flaunt his power and to make others feel inferior. Jesus displayed servant leadership by associating with those who were in most need of his help.

Our staff at St Mary's aim to follow the example of Jesus' servant leadership. This idea also ties with the words of St Mary of the Cross, "Never see a need without doing something about it," and our school motto, "Mary, our Help." I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their tireless efforts within the school and the countless hours they spend serving the needs of our most precious community members: the students!

I would also like to thank Father Thomas Madanu for his care and involvement in leading both the St Mary's School and Parish as our faith leader for the past three years. During his time here, Father Thomas has made himself available for school masses and liturgies, class visits and membership of our Catholic Identity Team. It will be with great sadness that we farewell Father Thomas as he takes up his new appointment with the Proserpine Parish.

In February 2022 we will be joined by our new parish priest, Father Sibichan Kaippanplachal. Father Sibichan will be coming to us from Ayr. We look forward to welcoming him into our school and parish.

Mrs Alicia Ninnés  
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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**Ines del Solar - 22nd November**

**Grace Veth - 23rd November**

**Robert Sylvester - 23rd November**

**Annastasia Sylvester - 28th November**



## Instrumental Music Award

Congratulations to Tessa Weldon for outstanding effort and focus towards her music practice during term 3.

Tessa completed the tuition book in record time.

**Well Done Tessa!**



## PAT Awards

Congratulations to the below students who received the highest marks in their recent PAT-M and PAT-R standardised tests.

Back row: Ines del Solar yr 5, Samara Selvakumar yr 6, Emily Tebbit Yr 5, Andrea Firth Yr 4.

Front row: Austin Stevens Yr 4, Charlotte Wood Yr 2, Quade Cristaudo Yr 3, Lucy Tebbit Yr 3.





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## Class Awards



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

Back row: Wyntah Fogarty Yr 3,  
Chase Lowcock Yr 5, Blake  
Sylvester Yr 6, Sophie Palmero  
Yr 2

Front row: Caleb Brockbank  
Prep B, Halliana Fenn Yr 1, Eli  
Bodsworth A

## Principal Awards



**Congratulations to all of this week's Principal awardees!**



# Kapok Crafters



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The Kapok Crafters have been very busy this week creating Christmas decorations, shaving cream art and boomerangs.

We were also very excited last week to welcome Tammi Webber, our Indigenous Education Advisor. Tammi met with parents and discussed our school 'Reconciliation Action Plan' (RAP). A RAP is a formal statement of commitment to reconciliation and shows our respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture. We look forward to collaborating with the St Mary's Community and watching this plan grow.





## OSHC Position Available



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### Mary MacKillop Childcare NQ Outside School Hours Care



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CHILDCARE NQ**

## ST MARY'S OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

St Mary's Outside School Hours Care is a service that prides itself on the high quality of professional education and care we provide. We welcome families from Prep to Year six students into our service for after school hours care.

### After School Care

Includes afternoon tea

- Permanent \$22 per session
- Casual \$27 per session

All fees are subject to change.

Mary MacKillop Childcare NQ is a service approved by the Australian Government, which means you may be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy. This subsidy is paid directly to the service to assist families with their fees. Please contact [Department of Human Services](#) for more information on the Child Care Subsidy.

## Contact Details

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## Hours of Operation

### After School Care

Monday to Friday  
2.45pm – 6.00pm

### Public Holidays

Service Closed

What's Happening?



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Join us in promoting Indigenous literacy by swapping a gold coin for a book!

All money raised will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy books for Indigenous students in remote locations.

**23<sup>rd</sup> of November at St Mary's Library**  
**8am-3pm**

**Meal Deal \$5**  
**Sausage Sizzle, Popper, Zooper Dooper**

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## Does your child have a disability?

Make time for you at MyTime.

Find real support from friends who understand at MyTime.

Share your experiences with others who 'get it', learn about services and support available to you, and gain access to trusted and reliable information.

Take time for you, and while you relax, your pre-school aged child is engaged in play with a trained professional.

**Best of all, it's free.**

Learn more and find groups in your area at  
**www.mytime.net.au**

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## FAIRY BREAD DAY (WEEK)

22ND-26TH OF NOVEMBER

We'll be serving Fairy Bread at all our groups for the week in support for youth mental health. (Gold coin donation).

Bindi Bindi  
Building blocks  
CoSP  
Stay'N'Play  
AND  
Drop-in Baby Clinic





# What's Happening?



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You are warmly invited to

## ST MARY'S AWARDS NIGHT

December 1st 2021  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Undercover Area



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INVITATION  
TO:



BOWEN YOUTH GROUP -

YR 4 - 7

04.12.2021

5 PM

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
PARISH

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!



**NO DRY TROPICS**



with JAYMIE RAINS  
Senior Protecting Biodiversity  
Project Officer

## Protecting BEACH SCRUB

### Info session

**Sunday 21 November**  
8am - 12pm  
Queen's Bay Markets, followed by a guided  
walk through the nearby beach scrub.

Please wear covered shoes and hats, and  
be prepared for a bit of a scramble!



The Protecting Beach Scrub Communities project is supported  
by NQ Dry Tropics, through funding from the Australian  
Government's National Landcare Program.



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St Mary's Parish Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 6:30pm

Sunday – 8:00am

**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 4:45pm P&F Christmas Party 6pm Awards Night & Christmas Concert	2	3 Last Day of Term 9am - 12noon MMBDO 12noon finish	4	5