



# St. Mary's Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Week 1

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*Together*  
**MAY WE GIVE**  
**our children**  
*the roots to*  
*grow*  
**AND THE**  
*wings*  
*to fly.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 31	Years 1 - 5 commence
Feb 08	Opening School Mass, St. Brigid's Church at 10am
09	Years 3-6 School Swimming Carnival
10	Polding Summer Sports Trials, Newcastle
13	P & F AGM - 6pm
13 -17	Life Education Program
20	Parent Information Evening 6pm

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff, I wish all the students a happy return to school for the commencement of the 2017 school year. I'm very excited to have been given the opportunity to lead such a wonderful school community. I look forward to working with our dedicated teachers and support staff to give your children the opportunity to mix happily with their peers, have fun and to learn and achieve to the best of their ability. Welcome to our Kindergarten children and to all the new students starting in Year 1-6. To all the new families to St. Mary's School we wish you a happy association with our school community.



**Opening School Mass** will take place at St. Brigid's Church on Thursday 8th February commencing at 10.00am. At this mass the Student Representative Council (SRC) students from Years 1-5, the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Year 6 students will receive their badges. Following the mass from approximately 11.15am-11.35am there will be a special morning tea at school for all the families to come together as a school community and particularly welcome our new families. Parents are invited to bring a special morning tea to share with their child/children. Tea & coffee will be provided and the Canteen will be open.

**PLEASE NOTE: Students are to wear their full summer school uniform NOT sports uniform to the mass.**

### VISION STATEMENT

*St. Mary's Primary strives to be a welcoming Christ-centred learning community that promotes a quality holistic education and trusting relationships in a caring and supportive environment.*



**School Swimming Carnival** - Our School Swimming Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held on Thursday 9th February. Detailed information will be sent home to all relevant families this week. Parents are asked to deliver their children to the pool by 8.45am and collect them in the afternoon by 3.00pm. **BUSES DO NOT** drop off or pick up from the pool. The carnival will conclude from 2.30-3.00pm. Students will be supervised until parents arrive.

*Please Note:* For our Swimming Carnival to be a successful day, we will need support from parents. If you can help in anyway please email Mr Nugent - [j.nugent@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:j.nugent@bth.catholic.edu.au).

**SRC Elections** - Elections of students for our Student Representative Council in Years 1-5 for 2016 will take place in class this week. Students will be advised of the results of the elections next week and formally acknowledged at our School Opening Mass 8th February.



**Polding Summer Sports Trials** - Next Friday nine students from our school will compete in the Polding Summer Sports Trials in Lismore as part of the Bathurst Diocesan teams. It is certainly a great achievement to reach this level of competition. Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Diocese in these summer sports trials:

*Cricket:* Addison Chapman, Isabel Johnston, Amy Longhurst, Molly Mayall and Bethany Upton

*Basketball:* Lara Winterton, Amber Hill and Molly Croft

*Touch Football:* Jodan Porter

# Good Luck!

**Use of Children's Photos** - From time to time St. Mary's School will place photos of your child/children who are enrolled at the school in the newspaper, newsletter, school website, school magazine or associated publications to mark their successes in various aspects of school life. If you have objections to this practice, please contact the Principal to discuss the matter; otherwise the school will presume it has your permission to publish the photos and names of your children.



**School Photography Information for Parents and Carers** - We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.
- Do not tag or name the person without permission.
- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner  
<http://esafety.gov.au>

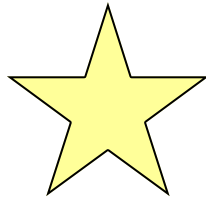


**Collection Notices** - The Commonwealth Privacy Act requires schools to issue Collection Notices to parents each year so that the school may obtain and use information to assist in providing schooling for your child. However be assured that the type of information your school requires and the use the school makes of it, will be the same as it always has been. The Collection Notice is attached to this Newsletter. In addition the school is regulated by a Catholic Education Office Privacy Policy which is available on request from the Principal.

**Student Leaders 2017** - All Year 6 students are leaders within our school and belong to one of six ministries as part of the Student Leadership team. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as the Minister and Deputy Minister of the various ministries for 2017:

**MINISTRY**

Environment  
Sport & Recreation  
Public Relations & Communication  
Religion  
Social Welfare  
Playground Health & Safety



**Minister**

Stephanie Wong  
Joshua Townsend  
Sam Willocks  
Finley Shepherd  
Abbey Larsen  
Grace Skinner



**Deputy Minister**

Jasmine Blakemore  
Molly Peacock  
Lauren Ashworth  
Kate Harvey  
Kahleb Brain  
Jack Fuller



**Supervision of Students Before & After School** - Detailed information regarding the procedures to follow before and after school when dropping off/collecting students and bus travel is attached to this newsletter for your referral. We strive to ensure the safety of our students and it is essential that all families support us to do this by following procedures.

**Hot Weather** - Students are reminded that when the weather is particularly hot they may take a water bottle and lunch box into the classroom as all classes are air conditioned. We have a “no hat no play” rule at school so any students not wearing a hat during recess and lunch are to sit in the infants lunch area in the shade. Any students who become distressed due to the heat should report to their teacher or go to the office. No running games/sports activities are permitted during extreme hot weather conditions.



**Mobile Phones** - If a student brings a mobile phone to school it must be left in the school office when he/she arrives and collected at the end of the day when they leave school. The phone must be labelled clearly with the student’s name. Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone in their possession during the school day.

**Notes for Change of Routine** - Notes are required from parents/guardians with accompanying explanation:

- For students to be exempt from daily fitness activities.
- For permission for children to leave the playground accompanied by parent/guardian.
- For ANY change in the usual routine for a child returning home from school.
- For child to leave school before lessons finish accompanied by parent/guardian
- For child to attend an appointment during school hours accompanied by parent/guardian.



**Leaving School Grounds During School Hours** - Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours. Should a student need to leave the school a note must be presented to the teacher indicating parental permission and parents/ guardians must sign 'a Sign-Out' form located in the front office. Parents/guardians are to collect their children from the Front Office Foyer or the child’s classroom.



**St. Mary's endeavours to be a nut free school.**

We have several children at our school who have **LIFE THREATENING** allergies to peanuts and tree-nuts. It is important for the safety of these children that you **DO NOT** send any nuts or nut products to school. This includes foods such as peanut butter, nutella, hazelnut spreads, trail mix or muesli bars/biscuits that contain nuts. Please help us maintain the health and well being of all our students by considering this information when packing lunches for your child.

**ATTACHMENTS SENT HOME THIS WEEK:**

- Term 1 Calendar
- Canteen Price List 2017
- Collection Notice
- Supervision of Students



**Change of Address/Contact Details**

**If any families have changed their contact/ address details could you please advise the school ASAP to update your information.**

**Thank you.**

**Daily Timetable**

Supervision commences at 8.25am in the morning and concludes at 3.20pm in the afternoon (or when last bus departs).

**School Commences: 9.00am**  
**Recess: 10.55am-11.15am**  
**Lunch: 12.45pm-1.25pm**  
**School Concludes: 3.00pm**  
**Office Hours: 8.30am-3.30pm Monday to Friday**

**Condolences** - Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the McNamara family (Annabelle - 1B) following the death of Scott’s father. May he rest in peace.



*God Bless, Luke Wilson - Principal*

**\*\*\*VALUE OF THE WEEK\*\*\***

**Care and Compassion**

Care for self and others.

**GOSPEL VALUES**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**The Beatitudes**

Be a peacemaker. Comfort others.

Act justly. Be merciful.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

*Celebrating their birthdays this week are:*

Harrison Cooke, Milah Green, Abbey Larsen, Seb Wilson, Cian Horstman, Mia Rummans, Natalie Villanueva, Mrs Danielle Hattenfels and Mrs Emily Sutcliffe.

*We hope you enjoy your birthday!*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Carol and Kevin Walkom on the birth of their grandson Jensen James.



**It's a Boy!**

# Canteen Roster

TUES	31st Jan	Libby Campbell, **Help Needed
WED	1st Feb	Linda Wilson, **Help Needed
THURS	2nd Feb	Donna Bruce, Gina Callaghan
FRI	3rd Feb	Olivia Mitchell, Benita Davis, Pip Walsh, Clare Alley
MON	6th Feb	Robyn Butcherine, **Help Needed



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**St. John's Junior Rugby League Registration Day – New Players**



New players aged under 11's-16's can express their interest in playing with the club by emailing [stjohnsddjrl@live.com](mailto:stjohnsddjrl@live.com) or attending the new players registration afternoon.

**When:** Friday 10th February

**Time:** 4pm - 5pm

**Where:** Junior League Club House - Caltex Oval

**Cost:** \$185 per child or \$310 family

Players from last year and new under 6's-10's need to register and pay online.

They do not need to attend.

[http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club\\_info.cgi?c=7-2466-96419-0-0&sID=23996](http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=7-2466-96419-0-0&sID=23996)



DO YOU LIKE COOKING? MAKING CRAFTS? DRAMA? DANCE? PLAYING GAMES? SINGING? GOING ON CAMPS? WE DO ALL THIS AND MORE SO WHY NOT COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT GIRLS' BRIGADE IN 2017!

When: Tuesday 6-8pm Where: Orana Baptist Church 4 Palmer Street, Dubbo.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Julie Nott on 68824369 or 0428 821 829.

