



St Mary's Primary School Warners Bay

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We acknowledge the Awabakal People – the first custodians of this land

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Office hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:30pm
Friday 8:15-3pm

Upcoming Events

For more events please refer to our
Community Calendar on Compass

July

Week 2

Monday 19th

State Netball (Mon-Wed) -
POSTPONED

Stage 3 Excursion to Cockatoo
Island - POSTPONED

Tuesday 20th

Todd Woodbridge Tennis Cup

Thursday 22nd

Stage 3 to ASPIRE at Civic Theatre
– POSTPONED

Week 3

Wednesday 28th

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Friday 30th

Schools Tree Day

10:15am Band Concert in hall –
POSTPONED

August

Week 4

Tuesday 3rd

P&F meeting at 6pm



Jesus called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. "Don't take anything with you except a staff. No bread, no money, no extra shirt. Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that town. If people do not welcome or listen to you, leave that town and shake the dust off your feet." So they went and preached, drove out many demons, and healed many sick.

Holy Spirit

Fill us with courage to follow in the disciple's footsteps.

Give us the faith to live by your grace.

Amen

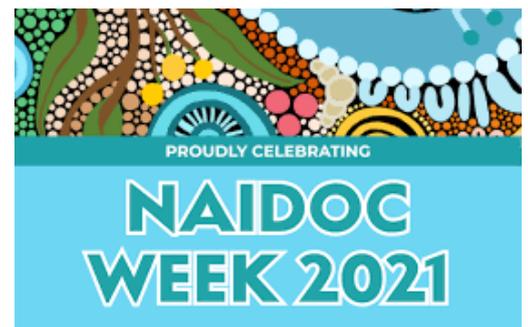
Dear Parents and Carers

Late last term I had the privilege of participating in a three-day Connecting to Country program with 40 other educators from the Lake Macquarie region. We were warmly welcomed and encouraged to share our stories and to learn from some of the local Awabakal Elders, who told us some Dreaming stories from around the Lake, and described the more recent events which have shaped their lives and families. It was a thought-provoking, warm and uplifting program, which helped me to understand that Country is more than land; it is family, traditions, stories, ceremony, language and kinship. We build these connections to Country by caring for each other and the environment around us, by honouring traditions, protecting language and celebrating cultural heritage.

The 4th - 11th of July was **NAIDOC Week**: a nation-wide celebration of Aboriginal history, art, language and culture. It began in the 1930s as a day of mourning, but over time it has evolved into a celebration that recognises the history, culture and amazing achievements of Australia's First Nations people, who make such a rich and vibrant contribution to modern society and our identity as Australians. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2021 is **Heal Country!** — a call to work together to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.

At St Mary's we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week through stories, songs, art and games. I often notice how well children accept each other's differences, to find common ground on which they can play and have fun together. Using their example, together we can Heal Country.

Megan Bloxom
Aboriginal Education Teacher



Catholic Faith

On Monday the staff of St Mary's participated in a diocesan spirituality day, *'Faith, Reason and Miracles'*, with **Professor Michael Dennin**. This day explored how science and faith can form a unified vision of our world. "Science and religion are two windows that people look through, trying to understand the big universe outside, trying to understand why we are here. The two windows give us different views, but they look out at the same universe. Both views are one-sided, neither is complete. Both leave out essential features of the real world. And both are worthy of respect." Formation Material, MN Diocese.

It was a great day of personal reflection and group discussion, and we thank the Diocesan Religious Education and Spirituality Team for facilitating this opportunity to deepen our faith.

We thank all parents and carers, too, for making alternative arrangements for your children on this day to enable our staff to participate in this important faith formation, which makes us better able to partner with you to guide the faith of your children.

The **Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal** raffle at the end of last term was a great success, with over \$1500 being raised for our local community. Thank you to all who purchased tickets in this raffle. Congratulations to **Micah Goodall 4G** on winning the Nintendo Switch!

Welcome to the following families that have joined us at St Mary's this term:

The Tohala family (Jood KG and Taym 2G)

The Mujic family (Zane KG)

The Mansfield family (Priya 1B and Naresh 5B)

The McLeod family (Halle 1B)



Welcome to Patrick Mayers who is completing his university internship in 2 Blue this term.

Our sincere sympathy to the **Wasiak** family (**Joshua and Samuel**) on the recent death of their cousin.

Learning

Year One and Year Two students were happy to get out of the house and see their friends this week back at school. With many holiday plans having to be changed, we are all feeling grateful that we are currently able to learn at school. It has been a great start to the term with new students joining our classes. We would like to welcome **Priya, Taym and Halle** into Stage One. Another new addition to our classrooms this term is **Mr Patrick Mayers** who is completing his final internship in 2 Gold with Mrs Breen. We are sure he will have a great time and learn many new things.

So far this week we've got to experience an incursion in the hall about a wondrous adventure in space. The children were engaged and enjoyed listening to the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories about some local environments and how constellations were named.

This week we will also be setting our new learning and social goals for the term and getting excited to play on our new imaginary playground which will be opening soon. So many things to look forward to this term!

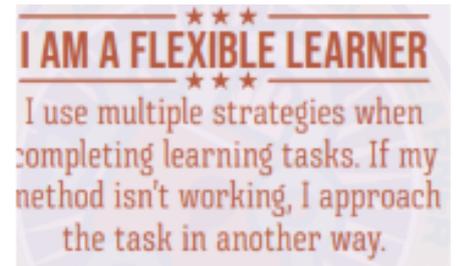
Stage One Teachers



Wellbeing

We are continuing our wellbeing focus on learning dispositions. So far, we have looked at being a **motivated, respectful, persistent, resilient, collaborative, creative, reflective and curious learner**. All these skills are necessary for children to ensure they get the most learning out of their time in the classroom.

Our next disposition focus is being a **flexible learner**. This involves using multiple strategies to get out of the learning pit.



Awards

Principal:

Madeline Frendo (2 Blue) Andre Dimovski (2 Gold) Ruby Ciarrocchi, Maykaylah Grady (3 Gold) Jasmin Diu (4 Gold) Caitlyn Skinner (5 Gold)

Merit:

Zali Dennis, Ernest Hilleary, Octavia Hull, Eleanor Mather (K Blue) Luiu Afa, Freya Crake, Patrick Reinhard, Grace Seaman (K Gold) Coen Burnett (1 Blue) Evelyn Gillies (2 Blue) Skyla Holstein, Indie Sams, William Yapp (2 Gold) Kaelee Arthur, Harper Kent (3 Gold) Edie Araujo (4 Gold)

You Can Do It!:

Sailor Grintell (K Blue) Mason Jenkinson (K Gold) Henry Costley (1 Blue) Isla Worrad (1 Gold) Jade Scott (2 Blue) Taj Gleeson (2 Gold) Ivy Harris (3 Blue) Kaelee Arthur (3 Gold) Arlia Waldron (4 Blue) Kaley Harris (4 Gold) Olivia Matthews (5 Blue) Layla Ong (5 Gold) Joshua Fuller (6 Blue) Lachlan Willmore (6 Gold)

Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

BREAD BAG COLLECTIONS CLOSING SOON!

It's simple...

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags and tags
- 2 Bring them to the office and recycle in Wonder's pink collection box. (There is a separate box for bread tags)
- 3 Apply pre-paid shipping label to cartons and drop off at local Australia Post once cartons are full.

LAST WEEKS!
BRING IN YOUR BAGS BEFORE JULY 16TH!

Tag Wonder on social #wonderrecycling to share all your recycling champion stories!

Wonder Full of Goodness

Fun Languages

ENROLLING NOW for Term 3!

The FUN way to learn another language for kids 5-12 yrs (games, songs, crafts...)

at St Mary's Primary School

FRENCH CLUB

Thursdays from 7.50am to 8.35am

- * Free trial
- * Creative kids voucher accepted
- * Siblings discount

Contact Audrey
audrey.nys@lcfclubs.com.au
or call 04 77 123 353
www.lcfclubs.com.au



parent, carer and community member mental health education sessions

headspace National is hosting free mental health education sessions across identified regions in NSW, on ways to support a young person when they are concerned about their mental health.

The sessions aim to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and the warning signs for suicide and self-harm
- Strengthen understanding and skills in how to cope and where to find help
- Build awareness of local services and various support and referral services available
- Build relationships between local area mental health services, local schools, headspace centres and other community organisations.

How do I register?

Type the below URL in a web browser to locate sessions in your community:

<https://bit.ly/2Nm5cRh>

Need more information? Please email:

headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au

Proudly funded by the NSW Government and delivered by headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation Ltd.





DRAMA LESSONS @ ST MARYS

Before school Drama Lessons
 Monday mornings 7:30am - 8:30am
 Lessons are held in the Parish Hall
 For year 2 - year 6 students

ENROL TODAY!

Call Shane: 02 4969 2338

Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

W: ogradydrama.com.au

FB: O'Grady Drama Newcastle & Hunter Region

NAB AFL AUSKICK BURST HAS ARRIVED!

Burst into six weeks of fun games learning the skills of AFL with your BFFs!

Warners Bay AFL Auskick Centre
 Feighan Oval, Seaman Ave, Warners Bay

Monday nights 5pm-6pm starting 12 July 2021.

Sign up for Auskick Burst today!

Visit play.afl/auskick

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