Dear Families

I must admit I am a little over the wet weather as no doubt you all are. The weather has meant some cancellations to excursions and planned events. Please see below for further details.

Yesterday I had the privilege of escorting the school leaders over to the RSL hall for Remembrance Day celebrations. The children laid a wreath to mark this special occasion. It is vital that the younger generation have the opportunity to pause and reflect on the sacrifice of those who have gone before us. To this end the whole school gathered in the hall to pause and pay respect to our armed forces and to pray for peace in our world.

**Weather Changes**
The excursion for children in Year 3 and 4 has had to be postponed to a date to be fixed. The children in Years 5 and 6 who were going to the goldfields have also had to change their date.

**First Holy Communion**
This Sunday we shall celebrate with our children their First Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church at the 10am Mass. The children have been well prepared and are excited by this wonderful sacramental opportunity. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**Youth Mass**
Our first Youth Mass at Carroll College was a success with our school well represented through the staff, parents and children. The choir did a wonderful job leading the singing for the congregation. Should you have suggestions for future Youth Masses, please do not hesitate to contact the school/s with your ideas.

**Help Needed**
Our pavers have arrived and we would like to lay them as soon as possible. If you have experience in the laying/concreting of paths and paved areas we would love to hear from you at school.

**Last chance for school furniture**
There are still some unwanted desks and chairs left in the hall. We will be donating them to charity at the end of this week. If you would like something, please come and collect it. There will be no charge for the furniture.

**Drop Off Zone**
Please remember that in the morning the drop off zone is just that; a drop off zone. Please kiss and go and do not leave your car. We need to keep the line moving in the morning so please be considerate of other parents during the morning rush.

Best wishes
Mick Lowe, Principal

**Just for Fun**
How do you catch a unique rabbit?
U-neeek up on him.
How do you catch a tame rabbit?
The tame way, u-neeek up on him.

**Maths problem of the week!**
The average of 6 numbers is 7. If two of the six numbers are removed, the average of the remaining numbers is 8. What is the sum of the two numbers which were removed?
Religion News

Sunday's Gospel
This Sunday is the second last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero. Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Celebration of First Eucharist
All families, friends and parishioners are most welcome to join us at the 10am Mass this Sunday 15 November. I apologise for leaving Emma N in Year 5 off the list of students making their First Eucharist in last week’s newsletter. Austin P who is now living in Canberra will also be joining his classmates on Sunday to make his First Eucharist. The parents of these students will be providing morning tea and drinks for a celebration after Mass. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the Church garden after Mass as well.

HOW I FEEL ABOUT MAKING MY FIRST EUCHARIST

Jemah S - I’m looking forward to making my First Eucharist and I’m really nervous!
Moni B - I’m looking forward to making my First Eucharist, I’m excited and a bit nervous.
Dana C - I feel happy and nervous at the same time. I’m looking forward to making my first Eucharist.
Isaac S - I’m really excited and I can’t wait to make my Holy Communion Confirmation because I love being a Catholic.
Kye Z - I’m excited and nervous about making my First Eucharist.
Kyden B - I’m making my Eucharist because I made my Reconciliation and got Baptised last year, I felt a bit nervous when I made my Baptism. I’m not nervous to make my Eucharist because I know what to expect.
Kara H - It makes me happy that I’m going to make my first Eucharist this Sunday. I’m a bit scared.
Ella K - I’m happy to be making my First Eucharist because I’m with God.
Angelina H - I feel special and blessed!
Emma P - I feel a bit scared but happy at the same time.
Jess T – I’m excited and I’m scared. I hope it’s as good as the Reconciliation, because that was really fun. I hope that my family really enjoys it, because half of my family are coming.
Matilda T – I feel happy to be welcomed into God’s family.
Sarmaya T – First when I got Baptised, I felt a bit scared, but after I didn’t. I loved how the choir sang and I’m looking forward to hearing them again.

Year 6 Focus Assembly
Please join Year 6 and Mr Bateman in the PAC tomorrow morning at 9am as they present their prayer liturgy on Remembrance Day. The focus assembly will be followed by morning tea for all parents and friends present.

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Religion News continued ...

Youth Mass
The Youth Mass held last Sunday was a very special occasion for Sarmaya T. Sarmaya was Baptised by Father Dominic in a very beautiful ceremony during the Mass. Special thanks to all the staff, families and students who were able to attend and celebrate with us. Thanks also to the fantastic St Mary’s students Archie H and Cooper B who welcomed people, to Gemma M for her reading and to Bailey B and Claire M for their Prayers of the Faithful. The choir students sang beautifully throughout the Mass and we thank them also for their contribution to the liturgy.

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Grima family. Bob McFarlane, grandfather of Lily in Year 6 passed away last weekend. Please keep Sandy (Lily’s grandmother), Lorna, Alan, Ben, Zac, Lucas and Lily and all their family in your prayers at this very sad time.

Prayers

Have a safe and happy weekend
Marg Croese
Religious Education Coordinator
Remembrance Day 2015

**Poppy Poppy**

Poppy poppy what do you do?
Help people remember you.

Poppy poppy what do you see?
The people in the war just like me.

Poppy poppy what should we feel?
Thankful for the world that is so special and real.

Written by: KCK
Week 6 Class Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received class awards this week. It is great to see so many children working hard and receiving acknowledgment for their efforts - well done to all!

**Kinder CK**
- Mitchell Z, Charlotte R

**Kinder W**
- Sahara K, Baley D, Charlie G

**Year 1H**
- Lucian M, Lily R, Millie K

**Year 1O**
- Piper S, Claudia B, Reagan M

**Year 2JP**
- Lauren W, Shuo J, Ethan Q

**Year 2J**
- Ellie VW, Ryley BC, Avalon H

**Year 3D**
- Sarmaya T, Matthew B, Kara H

**Year 3S**
- Charlotte S, Isaac S, Kyden B

**Year 4**
- George T, Lachlan B, Angus L

**Year 5**
- Huon D, Rory H, Ryle S

**Year 6**
- Declan C, Reilly B, Sam H

**Library**
- Bailey P (KC), Cooper B (Yr6)

Reminder: BOOKCLUB

A friendly reminder that Bookclub orders are due back to school by Monday 16 November.
**SRC News**

The SRC are excited to announce that we will be hosting a school disco on Tuesday 15 December.
12:30-1:30pm (K-2 disco)
2-3pm (3-6 disco)
More details to come!

**Mini Vinnies News**

**Social Justice Day - 27 November**
The Mini Vinnies group are eager to go on their first excursion together as a group to the Australian Catholic University in Canberra. The aim of the day is to collaborate with children involved in Mini Vinnies from different schools in the Archdiocese to share ideas, make new friends, learn about social justice and to share in what it means to be Mini Vinnies members. The day will include keynote speakers, workshops in small groups and time to pray and reflect. This day will provide excellent leadership skills for the students and we can’t wait to share our experiences when we return.

Sophie O’Hehir

**It’s on tonight!!!**

A short film on St Mary’s Dhurga language program features on NITV tonight at 6.30pm.

Kerry Boyenga, Mick Lowe and a group of students are interviewed for the program.

Congratulations to all of them for their involvement.
The Garden Club Needs Your Help!
The St Mary’s Garden Club is expanding. We are in the process of building several new garden beds near the Performing Arts Centre. The new garden beds will be used to grow vegetables as well as adding more growing space for our bush tucker garden. We are asking for any donations of manure you might have. If you have any cows, horses, sheep, ducks, chickens etc and are able to spare some manure we’d love to have it for our new garden. Simply contact the school and we can tell you where to drop it off.

Regards
Matthew Harpley & Tony Ward
Garden Club

Second hand uniforms
Helen & Leo Kop have kindly volunteered to run a uniform pool in the Performing Arts Centre on Monday mornings. The pool will be open for 10-15 minutes immediately after assembly. Limited second hand uniform items will be available. Donations accepted.
Ph. 44742362

No Pick up Zone Reminder
The staff carpark is not a designated afternoon drive thru pick up zone. It raises many safety concerns with unsupervised children around moving vehicles. Parents are not to use it as a collection point for children at the end of a school day.
Community Announcements

MORUYA BASKETBALL
6 week Mini Ball Program
Boys and Girls, all ages, all skill levels
Friday November 30th - December 4th
4pm - 5pm
Only $30
(includes NSW Basketball Registration & Insurance)
Skills and drills with our junior coaches followed by a fun game, at Moruya Basketball Stadium (off Albert Street, Moruya)
For more information phone Kylie on 0416240675 or email: kylie.cursio@bigpond.com

SOUTHERN BRANCH TRIALS FOR SEASON 2016
Trial with Southern Branch in November 2015 for the opportunity to make selection to play in the Football NSW National Premier League.
NPL 2 Boys (13-16yrs), NPL2 Girls (12-17yrs), Skills Acquisition Program (Boys and girls 9-12yrs) and NPL2 Women’s. Please note all trialists must register via the website below prior to attendance. Registrations on the day will not be accepted.
All Trials are held at South Nowra Football Complex (Mumbulla St, South Nowra). Please view website for further details. www.southernnsfootball.com.au

Food vendor needed for January 2016 event
Mirrabooka Riding Club is looking for someone to run the canteen at their annual Summer School (16-21 January 2016). This popular event hosts approx. 120 riders and their families. MRC have made the decision to outsource their canteen this year. This is not a voluntary position. This opportunity is open to individuals or as a fundraising opportunity for community/sporting groups.
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