Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Sunday just passed, a number of our children were fully received into the Catholic faith through the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Fr Franco reminded everyone of how excited we all get at Christmas when the time comes to unwrap presents. Fr Franco told us that Jesus is the gift to us and that through Him, we become gifts to others.

As holidays draw near, our family time and the “gifts” of our children become more and more special. At times, as parents, we might not think of this as “gifts” but where would we be without our children!

We have heard many times the gospel story of Jesus telling his followers that unless they become more like children, they could not enter the kingdom of heaven. This is a vindication of our children’s way of life! Why should we act more like children? When we spend much of our lives living with children and spend a great deal of time sorting their battles and wiping up spills and using a never ending supply of bandaids, it is perplexing at times.

We should be like children because children love extravagantly. As parents, we collect more hugs and kisses in a day than most people do in a year. It brings a smile to our hearts when we are wrapped in their loving arms.

We should be like children because they have few personal space issues. How many times have we sat in our lounge chair and our arms have gone to sleep because the children have been snuggled up under our armpit? We should be like children because they are comfortable living in ambiguity. Remember the times your child has jumped around the kitchen on a chilly morning. You ask him/her, “Are you cold or do you have the jitters?” Your child replies, “I don’t know!” and they continue to dance around. Often in life, we are called to spend time in the midst of two or more emotions, waiting patiently for a resolution that comes in God’s own time. Children accept this but we as adults, fight it!

The face of God was truly visible in the faces of the children who received their First Eucharist. Hopefully, we approach the table of God with the same awe.

To a child, it is perfectly reasonable that animals should talk, heroes should have superpowers and humans should learn to fly. For children, miracles are expected. The awe and wonder of a child is truly blessed.

Have a great holiday break and take some time. Margaret

At St Mary’s we will:

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Email: smwarwick@twb.catholic.edu.au
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RE News

Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who celebrated their First Holy Communion. There were also five students who celebrated their Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This was a special celebration and thanks to the Parish for the wonderful party afterwards.

St Mary’s Parish Family Groups

Are you wanting to make new friends, have some fun, extend your support network, or create a greater sense of belonging in the community? If you are single, a sole parent, a family with/without children, or a grandparent then a St Mary’s Parish Family Group may be just what you’re looking for. Family Groups meet once a month for a simple social function (eg. picnics, BBQs, pizza nights, tennis, fishing, games nights) and are low cost/no cost. We’d LOVE more people to be involved – ALL WELCOME! For more information contact Family Group Coordinators, Justin and Marguerite Walsh on 0411092841 or the Parish Office on 46611033.

Reflections About Family

thanks to Marie Sullivan (St Mary’s Kindy) for these quotes

“Whatever they grow up to be, they are still our children, and the one most important of all the things we can give to them is unconditional love. Not a love that depends on anything at all except that they are our children.”
Rosaleen Dickson

“You don’t understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around – and why his parents will always wave back”
William D. Tammeus

“Other things may change us, but we start and end with family”
Anthony Brandt
Prayer for Youth

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland
Inspire our entire faith community,
as we prayerfully discern new horizons for spreading joy
in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth
Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ;
enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth;
guide us together, as we strive to offer God’s mercy
to those who feel abandoned or outcast.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith
Empower our community to be courageous;
unite your people as witnesses of love.
Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship;
accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation
Stir within young people an awareness of God’s call;
reveal to us the graces of young people;
guide us all, in finding our place and raising our voices
To build a civilisation of love.

Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, friend of the young, pray for us.

Curriculum

Thank you to the parents who have made arrangements to meet with their child/children’s
class teachers this term. Although this is an important part of our reporting process, it is a
vital part of the continued partnership between school and home. Sometimes it is hard to
hear that our children are easily distracted or are not vigilant with homework obligations or
they need to read more or be better at spellings. The feedback provided to parents from
teachers is important. Recommendations from teachers to parents regarding children has
always the best intention for the children. We are very blessed to have the depth of
experience of our teachers here at St Mary’s School. Most importantly though, the positive
relationships between home and school is vital for the holistic development of each child.

Next term will be very busy. Our priority will be meeting the expectations of the Australian
Curriculum and making each child the best learner they can possibly be. If you have any
concerns regarding Teaching and Learning at St Mary’s School, please make an appointment
to see Mrs Grew.
Administration

Term Four Summer Uniform
All students are required to be in full summer uniform for the start of next term.

**GIRLS’ UNIFORM (YEARS 1-6)**

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**HATS are available for purchase at the school office.**

Uniform Committee
In 2016, a comprehensive review of the school uniform was undertaken. In summary, the community feeling of any changes to the uniform involved mainly the girls’ summer dress and winter tunic. A diocesan mandate was initiated last year regarding school hats and the uniform committee’s priority was a new school hat. To support the local community, we decided to bring in the new school hat throughout this year with the expectation that all children will have the new style bucket hat, reflecting the relevant sporting house commencing in 2019. Thank you to all the families who have embraced our new school hat. It appears to be very popular both with parents and children.

The next step for the uniform committee is the girls’ uniform. The survey indicated that most families were happy with the boys’ uniform (other than feedback that all students move to the sports’ uniform, but at the time of the survey, this was not a majority indication). It would be a good time now for any parents interested in taking up the challenge of reviewing the current girls’ uniform and/or including other options, to be part of the Uniform Committee. **If you would like to be a part of the uniform committee, please contact Mrs Jennifer Smith in the school office and provide her with a contact phone number and (if possible) an email address.** Contact will be made to determine a suitable meeting time. Ideally, the uniform committee would need to have at least six members. **The input of parents/caregivers of both boys and girls is keenly sought.**
Expressions of Interest for Out of School Hours Care

St Mary’s School is exploring the needs of the community in setting up an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). In setting up an OSHC many aspects need to be considered. The service needs to be licensed by the state regulatory office (Department of Education) and comply with the National Education and Care Law 2011 and the National Regulation 2012. We would like to gain interest from families about the OSHC services that could be required on a St Mary’s School site.

Please click on the link in your email today -
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id= f1LV0RCBUK3EBaPWwxYDRTIxXoVBW5HprPaWTAYcNxUNUtGOFJFszdDRUc1WjRBSkFZV05HNkRSWS4u

If you do not have email please contact the office and they can help you complete the form online.

Congratulations to this week’s RISE UP Award recipients.

| Prep D     | Allie Giffin, Finn Tattam |
| Prep L     | Harper Cruice, Campbell Rathmell |
| 1B         | Arley Brownlie, Lily Porter |
| 1W         | William Cantwell, Albert Young |
| 2L         | Pippa Coleman, Ava Farrell |
| 2S         | Malachi Grant, Elizabeth MacPherson, Darcy McVeigh, Rose Walsh |
| 3K         | Charlotte Beer, Hugh O’Dea |
| 3N         | Harrison March, Seanna O’Keeffe |
| 4M         | Emma Corke, Seb Doyle, Jesse Murphy, Suzanna Spiller |
| 5O         | Samantha Boal, Kaitlen Ryan |
| 5S         | Jack Coleman, Felicity Mitchell |
| 6D         | Holly Kasper, Alyssa March |
| 6R         | Joey Bronger, Madison Mauch |

Spotted RISING UP

Congratulations to all the students who have been ‘Spotted Rising Up’ this week. Last week our weekly prize winners were Dexter Wagner and Sharnie Mitchell. Please celebrate with your child if they have brought home a Spotted Rising Up slip.
**SPORT**

**Tuckshop News**

**Roster**

**Fri 21/9:** Leanne Bednarz, Rachel Bruyn, Kristie Duncan

**Thurs 11/10:** Chris Edmeades, Julie Malbon

**Fri 12/10:** Sandra Randall, Damien Young, Jenny McCray, Dave Carr

**Library News**

**Borrowing over the holidays**

All overdue library books must be returned before any further borrowing can occur. Holidays are a great time to have a good read.  *HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!*

**Typing Tournament**

As learning to type is an extremely useful skill in this digital age, students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are trialling “Typing Tournament”. This trial lasts until October 14. Students have been given a password and username and can access the website at home. The website is:  
[https://central.edalive.com](https://central.edalive.com)  
An evaluation of the program will take place once the trial is completed.

**Coming events**

- **October 24:** Years 3 & 4 Reading Extravaganza for Extraordinary Children Competition
- **November 7:** Book Fair open for two days

**NOTICE**

**Warwick Blue Light Disco**

The next Blue Light Disco will be held this Friday, 21st September at the Redbacks Clubhouse, Jackie Howe Drive, between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. Entry is $5.00.

Year 9 students and below may attend. Children under 6 years must have parental supervision. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at drop off and pickup. This event is fully supervised. Some free passes are available at the school office.
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School Board meeting – 6pm |
|      | Thursday, 18 October | Lower Campus swimming lessons  
P&F meeting – 7pm |
|      | Friday, 19 October | Lower Campus swimming lessons  
Parish Mass – 9am – Year 6 to attend |
| WEEK 3 | Monday, 22 October | **PUPIL FREE DAY** |
|      | Tuesday, 23 October | Lower Campus swimming lessons |
|      | Wednesday, 24 October | Lower Campus swimming lessons  
Years 3 & 4 Reading Extravaganza for Extraordinary Children competition |
|      | Friday, 26 October | **World Teacher Day**  
Parish Mass – 9am – Year 4 to attend |
| WEEK 4 | Monday, 29 October | School Assembly – Led by 5S – 2pm |
| WEEK 5 | Wednesday, 7 November | Book Fair |
|      | Thursday, 8 November | Book Fair |
|      | Friday, 9 November | Remembrance Day Liturgy – Led by Yr 2 – 10.30am |
| WEEK 6 | Monday, 12 November | School Assembly – Led by Prep L – 2pm |
|      | Thursday, 15 November | P&F meeting – 7pm |
|      | Tuesday, 20 November | Year 1 Liturgy – 9am |
|      | Wednesday, 21 November | School Board meeting – 6pm |
|      | Friday, 23 November | Parish Mass – 9am – Year 5 to attend |
| WEEK 7 | Monday, 26 November | School Assembly – Led by Kindy – 2pm |
|      | Tuesday, 27 November | Prep Orientation Day  
Up Day for Prep – Year 5  
Year 6 Orientation Day at Assumption College |
|      | Friday, 30 November | Parish Mass – 9am – Year 3 to attend |
| WEEK 8 | Monday, 3 December | Swimming Carnival  
Nativity Liturgy 6pm |
|      | Tuesday, 4 December | Graduation Mass – 10.30am |
|      | Friday, 7 December | **END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** |
A DAY OF INNER NOURISHMENT:
Invited into a Journey of Deepening Consciousness

St Mary’s Parish, Warwick
Saturday, 6th October
St Mary’s Assumption Place Meeting Room, Parish Office
10:00am-2:30pm

Facilitator: Sr. Elaine Morzone MFIC

Overview of Sessions:
An exploration of two passages from John’s Gospel (John 1:35 – 51 and John 21: 1-23) via an interactive process will endeavour to relate events of Christ’s life to the reality of our lives in the here and now. Participants will be invited to journey a little deeper into the mystery of the infinite, unfathomable love of God made visible to us in Jesus and to open to Resurrection as an inner experience of transformation, the dawning of a new consciousness which gives birth to a new vision of humanity. It is hoped that in the process of seeing the Christ within, they will recognize their true selves and find fulfilment in the commitment to free others to be all that they can be. In this way, they will experience more consciously that Life in the Spirit, the Cross and Resurrection are inseparably linked.

Session One “Come and See”
Session Two “Come and Have Breakfast”

NOTE: No cost involved. Please bring lunch to share.