

St Mary's R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Statement To Live By

Next weeks Statement to live by is: 'I know that I belong to a community that includes my school' Please talk to your child about this.

FPTA Disco!

The FPTA are hoping to organize Valentine's Discos on Thursday 12th February after school. More information and times to follow. However, as always, for such events to go ahead we MUST have lots of helpers! We are appealing for helpers to set up for the discos and to stay for the disco to run the sweet shop and stalls etc. Please contact Natalie or Helen or your child's teacher or the school office. Without enough help, the discos will not be able to go ahead so please PLEASE give a little of your time to make sure our children have a great time—plus raise vital funds for our children. Also, if any DJs are not busy that day and are willing to help out, for our children, we would be extremely grateful!

FPTA event: Teacher for the day

Today was our Teacher/Teaching Assistant for the day and as always it was a memorable day in school. The following children were the teachers, **Edoardo (N) Paddy (Rec) Sophia (1) Eloise (2) Ella (3) Emma (4) Olivia B (5) Mabel (6)** and the following were the Teaching Assistants, **Luciana (N) Chester (Rec) Bethany (1) Frederick (2) Lyla (3) Charlie (4) Heidi (5) Laura (6)** They took turns to 'teach' and look after their class, lead parts of assembly, and even had lunch with some of our other teachers in the 'staff room'. They were absolutely super and we think in a few years time, there may be some jobs available for them in school! Thanks as always to our FPTA for organising this. See our Facebook page for some great photos.

Reading and homework—further reminder!

Some children are still not doing their reading and homework, despite many reminders and extra chances. This is a school rule and requirement of all children. Parents, please ensure your child is doing what they are expected to do. Ask their teacher if you are still unsure. Our older children do not necessarily need an adult to sit with them but please remind and encourage them to do their reading and homework. It is important that they learn the skill of independence and organising themselves and their time. Those repeatedly not doing it at home will need to do so at break or lunch time.

Online safety and Social media

There is currently much debate going on nationally and internationally regarding children and social media access. There has been an outright ban in Australia and it seems that other countries may follow. We await any updates and further guidance but we have always strongly advised that children of primary school age should not have access to social media and certainly not unattended and unmonitored. If your child is allowed a phone and you allow them to access such sites, please always monitor their phones/tablet and be very vigilant as we are often informed of such frightening stories of children finding themselves at risk on such sites/chats.

Attendance and doctor/dental appointments

We are currently having a lot of children going to medical appointments during the school day. We must remind parents of the importance of children not missing time from school. Please ensure that unless it is an emergency appointment, you schedule doctors and dentist routine appointments for after school. If this cannot be avoided, please try to arrange for the very start/end of the school day. We also request parents show us evidence of any appointments for during school time before we can authorise eg a screenshot or text/email reminder of the booking. Thankyou.

Church news

School/class masses are currently on hold while Father recovers from his recent illness. Class masses will resume when Father is feeling better. We all keep Father in our thoughts and pray for a speedy recovery. Year 3 children on the Sacramental Programme, please note that the sacrament of Reconciliation is on **Wednesday 11th March at 6.00pm**. There will be a special Reconciliation assembly for all Year 3 children on Tuesday 10th March at 9:10am

Head Boy/Girl

Well done to all the class champion winners and to Year 6 for winning class of the week. The teacher and TA winners looked like they had a great day! This is always something we all want to win. Have a nice weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Valentines Disco

Thursday 12th February - Details will be sent out soon



MASS TIMES

Services to Sunday 1 February

Monday 26 January	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Tuesday 27 January	11am	Requiem Mass at St Mary's Vincent Joseph Nutall
Wednesday 28 January	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 29 January	10am	Requiem Mass at St Mary's Keith Ivan Connolly
Friday 30 January	10am	Mass at St Mary's
Sat 31 January	10-10.30am 12pm	Confessions at St. Mary's Mass at St Patrick's followed by confession
Sunday 1 February	9.30am 11.15am	Mass at St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's

AWARDS

Class Champion Awards

Nursery - Elsie
Reception - Isabelle
Year 1 - Miley
Year 2 - Betty
Year 3 - Jacob
Year 4 - Sebastian
Year 5 - Finley
Year 6 - Erin

**Winning House this week:
St Andrews**
**Class of the week:
Year 6**

