



Term 3 | Week 2 | July 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Term 3! A busy but enjoyable start to the Term.

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week and we were very lucky to have Uncle Tim join us. It was a wonderful celebration organised by Miss Taylor and the messages, through song and words, that Uncle Tim shared with our children were powerful indeed.

As a Principal, I was proud to hear him say that as soon as he walked into our school he could recognise the *cultural inclusiveness* that exists here, and that what we are doing is not just tokenistic.

I thank Miss Taylor and all in our community for making everyone feel welcome and helping our school to be a place where *Jesus is truly recognised!*

This week we celebrated Grandparents Day, and again a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped make it a wonderful day. The feedback we had was terrific - it was great to see the joyous looks on everyone's faces!

Have a great fortnight,  
Craig McNee  
Principal



# NAIDOC Week Liturgy



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## *Sacrament of Confirmation*

The program for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin shortly. Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Christian Initiation, and it confirms the life of Baptism in those who receive this sacrament.

The effect of this sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit and its seven gifts, which draws us further into the life of faith uniting us to Christ, and gives us special strength to spread and defend the faith by word and action, as true witnesses of Christ.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is received by children, who are eight years of age or over (Year 3 or above), who are baptised and are prepared by their parents, with the help of the parish community, to receive this sacrament.

Confirmation is administered by the Bishop and, on rare occasions, by a priest delegated by the Bishop.

The enrolment period for this sacrament is between 1 August and 9 August.

Parent Information Sessions will take place as follows:

Wednesday, 10 August - St Brendan's 3:30 pm

Thursday, 11 August - St Mary's 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm

The Sacramental ceremony will be held on 15 October at St Brendan's at 11:00 am and at St Mary's at 2:00 pm.

For further details please contact the Parish Office on 4396 4455 or visit the parish website at <http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/toukley>

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## *Mary Mac's Fundraiser*

Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together. Catholic Care and Catholic Schools Broken Bay, as one community, are holding a Diocesan Fundraiser for Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy.

For a gold coin donation, students can wear mufti to school to support Mary's Mac's who rely on 100% community support to help those in need on Monday, 8 August 2022.

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# HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE

An educational opportunity for our schools and community



## MUFTI DAY

MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2022

Mary MacKillop Feast Day



MARY MAC'S PLACE  
Woy Woy

PLEASE BRING  
A GOLD COIN  
DONATION



Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together  
- CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay - as one community.

We receive no funding and rely 100% on community support!

[www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mmp-schools](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mmp-schools)



# OPEN TO ANYONE WHO IS HOMELESS, LONELY OR NEEDING A HELPING HAND

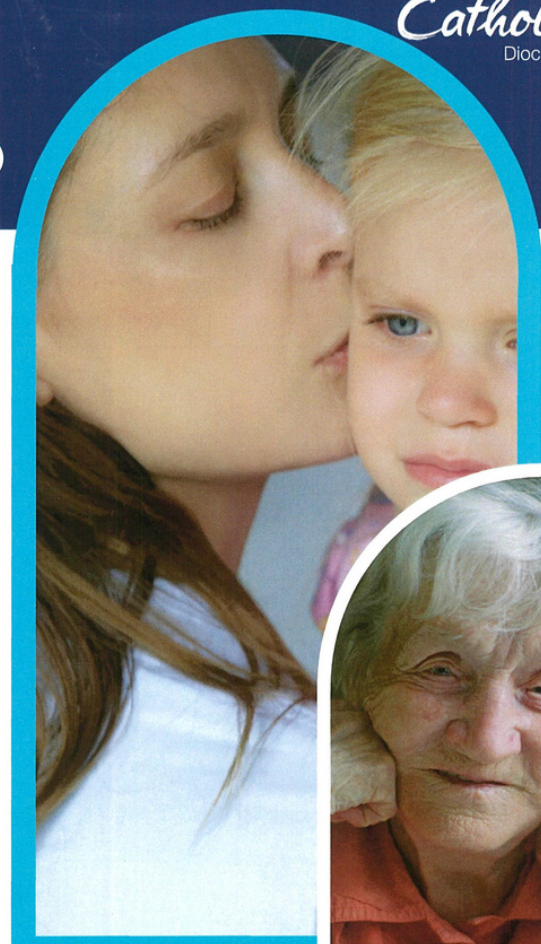
*CatholicCare*  
Diocese of Broken Bay

Mary Mac's Place supplies a nutritious two course sit down lunch daily and a place to shower and to wash clothes. We offer friendly support and companionship plus access to outreach services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services, emergency relief and health assistance.

Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together - CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay - as one community.

Mary Mac's Place embodies Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter Priority #6 'justice and mercy place the poor at the heart of the church.'

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## HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE



**"Never see a  
need without  
doing something  
about it."**

Mary MacKillop

**24,000**

MEALS PROVIDED EACH YEAR



**\$150,000**

IS THE COST PER YEAR TO RUN MARY MAC'S.  
WE RECEIVE NO FUNDING AND RELY 100% ON  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT.



# THE COMMUNITY COTTAGE



## Parent Education

### IMPORTANT SHOUT OUT: **Circle of Security for Dads**



**As a Dad, do you ever feel lost or without a clue about what your child might need from you?**

#### **What will you learn from Circle of Security:**

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

Come along and meet other men from our school community.

**Starting weekly from Monday August 1 at 6 pm. The program will run for 7 weeks.**

**Dinner will be provided.**

**Please RSVP [here](#)**

### 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

**A FREE five-session weekly program for parents and carers**

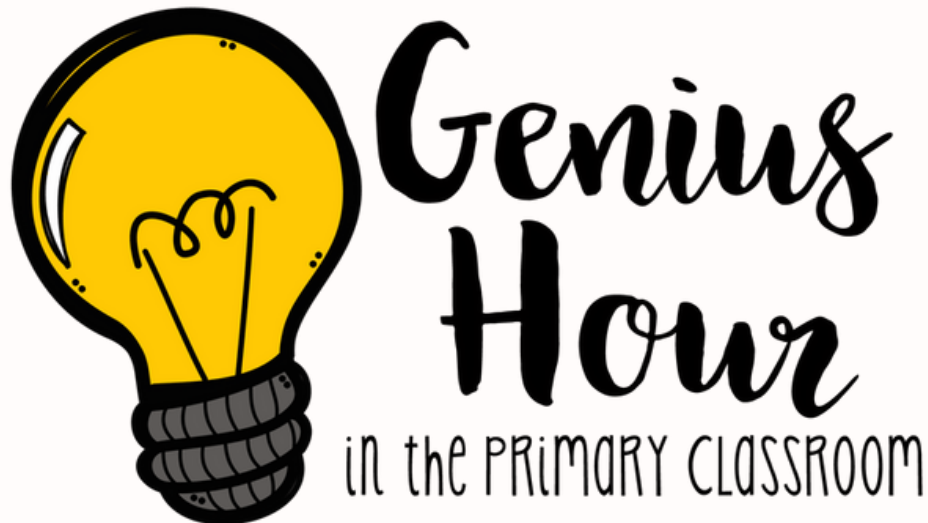
- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

**Starting Monday 29 August 8:30 am - 10:00 am**

**Please RSVP [here](#) to attend**

**If you are facing challenges, feeling stressed, struggling with self-care or just need to talk to someone please reach out to [The Community Cottage](#).**

# HIGHER ABILITY and GIFTED LEARNERS



This term in Year 3 we are excited to be implementing Genius Hour! This will be a shift in our classrooms where the teacher will be the 'guide on the side,' as we journey into self-directed learning. All Year 3 students will have the opportunity to choose the pace and content they want to work with under a general theme, The Movements of the Planets and How They Affect Us. They will choose their own mode of presentation covering a variety of forms of expression. Some examples could be poetry, songs, posters, diagrams, speeches, visual arts, drama, or models. Some activities will be completed in the hour and others might take longer. They will keep track of and take responsibility for their progress with a Passport that the teacher will sign and give feedback through. Not only does Genius Hour create a pathway for intrinsic motivation, but it also encourages creativity.

Our students will enjoy going deeper into topics and using their critical thinking and problem-solving to organise and present their information. All students will take that next important step to independent learning.

Planning forward, we hope to move on with Passion Projects in Term 4. This is where Year 3 will choose their own topics. As teachers we want our students to be curious lifelong learners. In addition, some students may pair up and work collaboratively building social skills and confidence.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Book Week - Week 5

The Book Fair will be operating throughout the week in the library from Monday 15 until Thursday 18 August.

The Book Parade will be on Tuesday 16 August. This will be an opportunity for children to dress:

- as a book character
- as a character of the past
- as a character of the future
- as a character with imagination
- as a Dreamer - wearing PJs

If anyone has a surplus of paper shopping bags (like the ones groceries are packed into for Woolworths home delivery) could you please send them to school. We like to use these to send home purchases from the Book Fair and Book Club.



Jasmine Seymour introduces the theme of book week. She mentions "Listening to Country as the First Storyteller".

[2022 CBCA Book Week theme announcement](#)

All of the shortlisted books.

[2022 CBCA Book Awards Shortlist](#)

If any parent/carer/grandparent is able to help with covering our library books, could you please contact Karen Devlin via the Office.  
All materials will be provided.



# Staff Spotlight



**Name:** Rebecca Leahy

**Role at St Brendan's:** Family Liaison Officer (FLO)

**Birthday:** 3 April

**Siblings:** I am one of 10 children

**Favourite Food:** My mum's cooking

**Favourite Colour:** Purple , Blue, Pink

**Do you have any pets?** I have a dog called George he is a Shitzu and is my baby. I also have a very naughty Burmese cat called Mr Pepperoni

**What is your favourite thing to do on the weekend?** I love to go on picnics with my family and catch up with my friends.

**What is your favourite hobby?** Taking my 1975 Kombi out for a Sunday drive.

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**Name:** Natalie Ross

**Role at St Brendan's:** School Counsellor

**Birthday:** 15 October

**Siblings:** 3 sisters and 1 brother

**Favourite Food:** Chocolate

**Favourite Colour:** Yellow

**Do you have any pets?** 2 dogs - a black pug and a German Shorthaired Pointer

**What is your favourite thing to do on the weekend?**

Sleeping in and spending time at the beach

**What is your favourite hobby?** Playing sports - basketball and netball



# WHAT'S ON

## WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY



Remember to  
pack a waste  
free lunch  
every  
Wednesday!

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## Fathers Day Celebrations

The poster has a blue background with a white wave-like shape at the bottom. On the left, a man with short brown hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt and green pants, is shown from the back, raising his right arm in a celebratory gesture. In the top right corner is a circular logo for St Brendan's Catholic School, Lake Munmorah, featuring a cross and the text 'ALIVE IN CHRIST'. The text 'Father's Day' is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top. Below it, the date '2 September' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. To the right of the date, the event schedule is listed in a blue, sans-serif font: 'BBQ: 7:30 am', 'Open Classrooms: 8:20 am to 8:50 am', and 'Mass: 9:00 am'. At the bottom, a message in blue text asks if the reader would like a photo included in the annual Father's Day slideshow and provides the email address 'SSBLM@dbb.catholic.edu.au' and the deadline 'Friday 26 August.'

**Father's Day**

**2 September**

BBQ: 7:30 am  
Open Classrooms:  
8:20 am to 8:50 am  
Mass: 9:00 am

If you would like a photo included in  
the annual Father's Day slideshow  
please send your photo to  
[SSBLM@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SSBLM@dbb.catholic.edu.au) by  
Friday 26 August.



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## Term 3

<b>29 July</b>	<b>3 - 6 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>1 Aug</b>	<b>Circle of Security for Dads</b>
<b>3 Aug</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>5 Aug</b>	<b>K - 2 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>8 Aug</b>	<b>Mary of the Cross Mackillop Mass 9 am - Year 3 to host</b>
<b>10 Aug</b>	<b>Confirmation Info Session 3:30 pm - St Brendan's</b>
<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>Confirmation Info Session 3:30 pm - St Mary's</b>
<b>11 Aug</b>	<b>Kindy Excursion</b>
<b>12 Aug</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>15 Aug - 19 Aug</b>	<b>Book Week</b>
<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 9 am - Year 6 to host</b>
<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>Book Parade - 8:45 am</b>
<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>Rescheduled Year 5/6 Soccer Gala Day</b>
<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>3 - 6 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>23 Aug</b>	<b>Year 2 Excursion</b>
<b>24 Aug</b>	<b>Year 2 Parish Mass 9 am</b>
<b>26 Aug</b>	<b>Year 3/4 Netball and Soccer Gala Day</b>
<b>26 Aug</b>	<b>K - 2 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>29 Sep</b>	<b>Father's Day Stall</b>
<b>2 Sep</b>	<b>Father's Day Celebrations - 7:30 am</b>
<b>2 Sep</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly - 2:00 pm</b>
<b>7 Sep</b>	<b>Year 1 Parish Mass 9 am</b>
<b>9 Sep</b>	<b>3 - 6 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>Kindergarten Parish Mass 9 am</b>
<b>16 Sep</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Netball Gala Day</b>
<b>16 Sep</b>	<b>K - 2 Assembly - 2:10 pm</b>
<b>23 Sep</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>