

A Recap Of The Term

### **First Day Of School**

Our theme for the first day of school this year, was 'Be The Best You've Ever Been In 2019.' Mr Blissenden set up various activities for the students to enjoy throughout the morning. The activities included the Jungle maze, Mini Golf, Boggle, Painting and the Ping Pong ball throw. Each grade was allowed to play them if they wished. The maze was also used by different years throughout the morning. Everyone had their own turn to go through the maze and by morning assembly every student was ready for the new school year with a smile on their face.



#### Parramatta Eels

We had a visit from the Parramatta Eels Football team on the 19th of February. They came and talked about healthy sleeping patterns, drinking lots of water and others things that related to being healthy. They also asked some trivia questions where students won prizes. Prizes included a handball, water bottle, scarf and a bag. They also showed us a video of how they train. We are very lucky that we had the opportunity for Parramatta Eels to come and visit our school.

# **New Families**

On the first day of school there were twelve new families that joined our school. The kindergartens also had their first experience in Primary School. We interviewed one new parent from our school. Her child is in Kindergarten, the mother really likes St Mary's and thinks it is a great environment and learning space. Her daughter really likes it especially when she gets to experience school with her friends. We love that the new students are enjoying the school and having a great time.

#### **Opening School Mass**

Our opening school mass welcomed all the new families and teachers to the St Mary's Community. In the mass, the year six leaders received badges and bookmarks. The mass's theme was 'Growing Together in God's Grace'. It was a great start to the year. We would like to give a warm welcome to everyone who's new to our community.



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## **Diocesan Swimming**

On the 22nd of February, St Mary's students went and represented us in the swimming zone. We even had some students representing us in the next level after that at Diocesan! There were lots of races against different schools. We interviewed a swimmer that went to Diocesan. Brianna is in year 6 and said that she really enjoyed racing and loves how her team cheered for her. It's a good opportunity for the children to go and represent their school and have fun.

### **Playground Rules**

On the playground we have rules. These rules are that we were made to keep the students safe. You can't play without a hat that's why we have our slogan. No hat no play. There are also many other rules like no running in the morning and no running at recess in the ford playground. In the morning when children are dropped off at school they have to go to the ford playground instead of waiting where the bags are. There are also other rules that should be obeyed if your on the playground or in the classroom like keep your hands to yourself and keep a safe distance from each other.



### **Catholic Schools Week**

It was recently Catholic Schools week. The year six students helped Mrs Gierek to put on a liturgy to celebrate our school and all the families that are a part of our community. We had open day tours, and we also launched a lot of different ideas that will get more people involved like project compassion and the Aboriginal Word of the Week which is run by the School Captains. We are hoping that these programs will get kids excited and give them even more reasons to look forward to school everyday.

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