

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

## ~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 6—2nd March 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year, Mary Immaculate Primary, will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 8-14 March. The theme for CSW 2015 is 'Educating for Today and Tomorrow'.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at on to celebrate with our school and parish community Catholic Schools Week 2015.

Our school will be celebrating by gathering for liturgy on Monday 9 March at 9:15am in the Mary Immaculate Church. We will also host our annual Open Day. This is an opportunity for the school to showcase the great work we do to prospective families for enrolment. This is an ideal opportunity to support the community and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, support staff, parents, carers, P&F, clergy and parishioners who work together to focus on giving students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



*Looking for quality  
Catholic education?*

Mary Immaculate Primary School

**Open Day**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015

9:15 – 11:00am

Principal's welcome at 9:30am

**Please join us for:**

School tours  
Meet the principal  
Learning centres  
Enrolment packages  
Morning tea



### Week 6 Events

#### Thursday 5th March

9:15am—10:15am

Parish Mass Yr 2 & 4

#### Friday 6th March

2:30pm-3:15pm

Assembly Yr 6 Item

#### Saturday 7th March

8am-12:00

Working Bee

### Week 7 Events

#### Monday 9th March

9:10am-10:00am

Catholic Schools Week

Liturgy

#### Thursday 12th March

Open Day 9:15am-11:00am

#### Friday 13th March

5:30pm-8:30pm

P&F Family Fun Night

Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill  
[www.maryimmac.org.au](http://www.maryimmac.org.au)

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#### Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday 8.30am

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am;

7pm - Novena Mass for  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 8:30am;

7pm - Mass/Holy Hour

**Sunday Masses:**

6.00pm Saturday

7.30am Sunday

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

6.00pm Sunday

### The Season of Lent



Lent, as we know, is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we journey with Jesus towards the cross of Good Friday. Of course, the tradition of 'giving something up', or fasting, goes back many years. By going without for the 40 days of Lent (whether it's chocolate, soft drink, lollies, coffee, computer games, social media, swearing) we hope to grow closer to Jesus as we get a small experience of life in the desert. But that's only part of the picture.

Giving something up, or taking something out of our lives, leaves us with a little extra space. We are invited by Jesus to reconnect through prayer and refocus on his place in our lives. Of course, none of us exists in isolation. We are all interconnected parts of the Body of Christ. As such, we are also challenged, not *just to give something up, but to give over something of ourselves. One practical way we that we can be Christ's hands for others through almsgiving. Project Compassion boxes went home to all families last week. Whatever the size of your contribution, it will become part of our collective offering as a school community. Your support of the work of Caritas Australia is greatly appreciated.*

You may be interested in the excellent **Project Compassion app** for ios devices, available on the App Store. It offers daily learnings about the many Project Compassion initiatives worldwide, as well as reflections on the Gospel of the day and prayer that can be shared within your families. Children will enjoy tapping into these resources each day as it mirrors the work they have been doing in class.

### Parish Sacramental Program

A message to families with children hoping to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for this year (First Communion). Parents are invited to register students in Year 4 and above at the Information and Registration Evening on Thursday, 26th March. Year 4 students will receive a list of important dates this week. Dates for all sacraments are available from the parish office.

### Condolences to school community members

During the past few weeks a number of families have suffered loss. We keep them in our prayers especially at this very difficult time. We particularly pray for:

- The Nalletamby family - **Christopher Nalletamby**, cousin of Mrs Nalletamby-Sandel on staff, passed away recently.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace, Amen*

During the Friday assembly, we will pause during the prayer to remember these members of our community in an appropriate and supportive manner.



### MIPS P&F

**Family Bingo Night Friday 13th March 2015**

**Gates Open: 6:00pm Bingo Starts: 6:45pm**

**Venue Mary Immaculate Primary School**

**Tickets \$10:00 On Sale: Books of 10 games**

**Single games Daubers**

**BBQ—sausage sizzle Drinks**

**BYO: Family snacks**

**Bring your gold coins along for the fun and games!**





## Zone Swimming

On Thursday, 19th February I had the privilege of attending the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival with 31 Mary Immaculate Primary School students.

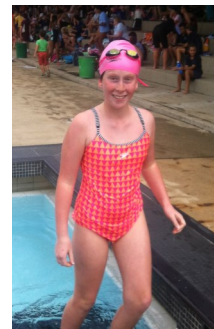
It rained, the sun shone, students dived, swam and as a school we made our presence known by the sheer number of 1st-4th place getters called over the PA system to collect ribbons. Some students attended a Zone Carnival for the first time, others were veterans while some swam personal bests and others broke Zone records. We had amazing efforts and these were rewarded with outstanding results. In particular I'd like to recognise the following students:

Jayden Weymark—Broke 4 records, won 7 events and was Senior Boys Zone Champion

Wade Moore-broke a record, came second in 6 events and 1st in one event and was Runner Up Senior Boys Age Champion

Jacob Kami-broke the record in the Boys 13 years 50m freestyle event

Junior Girls Relay Team-Libby Hartly, Anita Quigley, Elizabeth Barbagiannakos and Sarah Dickerson who were responsible for breaking the Relay Record.



## Diocesan Swimming

On Friday, 27th February 18 students travelled to Blacktown Pool and represented our school as part of the Blacktown Zone team. They competed against swimmers from The Hills, Nepean and Cumberland Zones and did an amazing job.

The following students will be a part of the Mackillop Swimming Team who will compete against Polding Swimming Team on Friday, 20th March at Sydney Aquatic Centre:

Jayden Weymark, Wade Moore, Libby Hartly, Jacob Kami and our Senior Boys 4x50m Relay Team:  
Jayden Weymark, Wade Moore, Ethan Holtsbaum and Connor Gatt

Good luck!!!!

A special mention goes to Jayden Weymark who was the Senior Boys Age Champion and Wade Moore who was the Senior Boys Age Champion Runner Up at the Diocesan Carnival.

Our students represented Mary Immaculate superbly and our parents, friends and cheer squad brought the house down with their overwhelming support for our students and their efforts during both events. Thank you!!!

MIPS Sports Committee



## Acceptable Use Agreement for Information Technology

The Acceptable Use Agreement for Information Technology is renewed every year to ensure that all students and families understand the school's position on correct use of the internet and all technology. Please read with your child, sign and return to school within 7 days.

## Consent forms for parents photos / raffle

Please return the Consent forms for parents that were sent home last week as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Entertainment Book

Please look out for your Entertainment Book flyer today!!

## Working Bee

Please Note change of time  
Saturday 7th March 8am till 12pm.  
All assistance is appreciated

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Term 2 Week 1
<b>Monday 16th March</b> Year 1 Excursion Powerhouse Museum <b>Wednesday 18th March</b> Parish Mass Yrs 1 & 5 <b>Thursday 19th March</b> Parish Mass Yrs 3 & 6 <b>Friday 20th March</b> 2:30pm—3:15pm Assembly Yr 2 item	<b>Wednesday 25th March</b> 9:15am-10:00am Annunciation Liturgy	<b>Monday 30th March</b> <b>To Wednesday 1st April</b> <b>Year 6 Canberra</b> <b>Thursday 2nd April</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>School Holidays Commence</b> <b>Friday 3rd April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Thursday 23rd April</b> 7pm-8pm First Eucharist Parish Information Evening <b>Friday 24th April</b> 9:15am-10:00am Anzac Day Liturgy 2:20pm -3:15pm Assembly Year 1 Item

## School Fees

School fees for instalment 1 have now been sent to all families and are due by 6th March 2015.

Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, money order or by credit card via Bpoint (Visa or Mastercard)

Any queries regarding fees or payments can be directed to the office on 9626 3999 weekdays between the times of 8:30am and 3:50pm or by email to [cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Road Crossing Supervisor

The RTA employ the Crossing Supervisor who is normally in attendance at the pedestrian crossing on Farnham Road outside our school. Unfortunately, the RTA have been unsuccessful in employing staff to fulfil this role and the crossing remains unsupervised. Parents are therefore requested to constantly remind their children to cross all roads safely at all times. Once the RTA are able to employ a supervisor, he / she will be appointed to our school.

If this position interests you please contact the RTA via the details on the poster in the school foyer or Search for 'School Crossing Supervisor' at [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au)

## ☆☆☆Star Spot☆☆☆

Congratulations to Charlotte Loughlin in Year 5 who recently recorded a radio ad for Catholic Schools Week which will be played in the week leading up to and including Catholic Schools Week. The ad will be on Hope 103.2FM



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. **(No lunches are available)**

**Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

### Week 6

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4th March</b>	Krys Waddington	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5th March</b>	Rozanne Perera	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6th March</b>	Leanne Corapi	Connie Smith

### Week 7

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11th March</b>	Sulee Somyaying	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12th March</b>	Philipa Holtsbaum	Lisa Sartori
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13th March</b>	Renee Cefai	Deanne Holmes Carine Sfeir

**To our friends at MIPS who celebrate their birthday between 17th February to 2nd March**

Cruz Adams, Adrian Baker, Hannah Cherian, Wellington Chikowore, Ryan Corapi, Himasha Fernando, Nadia Forson, Natasha Granata, Bailey Hendieh, Carlos Hernandez, Charlee Hutcheon, Liasha Jayaweera, Ethan Mangion, Noah Meacham, Elijah Mitchell, Jaeda Omokara, Chloe Paterson, Xian Perez, Rafaella Sidoti, Vincent Silang, Abhishek Singh, Summer Stewart, Sebastian Tomas, Eric Torres, Clark Varlet, Alexia Zaki