Mary Immaculate Primary School ~ Newsletter ~

Term 2 Week 4–16th May

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Pentecost

This morning I introduced the students to a new greeting – "Namaste". Simply translated this means that "the divine dwelling in me recognizes the divine living in you". It is an ancient greeting. In our language, we have words from many other countries and cultures. Many people in our community would recognize this word.

At Pentecost, the Spirit of the Lord enlived the hearts of the Apostles in their evangelizing mission. We know that we were created in God's image. At Baptism and when we receive Communion, we receive God in a special and unique way. "Namaste" is also a way of saying hello not only to the person but to God as well.

The Parish Eucharist preparation classes have begun so this is also a time where we focus as a community on the faith lives of our young candidates. Let us pray for them as they prepare to receive the sacramental gift of the Eucharist and for ourselves that we might be a people of mission and evangelization as were the Apostles.

Mr. Stephen Dowd Principal

Namaste The light within me honors the light within you.

New Sign in Process

A new digital Visitor's Sign-In register has now been installed in ours front office which uses an iPad to register people's presence at the school. This iPad is situated on the front counter in the reception area for visitors to sign in and out when on school premises. Prior to this we have been using sign-on sheets.

This electronic sign-on process commenced Monday 9th May.

'Visitors' includes parents in the playgroup, assisting in the classroom, purchasing uniforms or volunteering in the canteen. Any person on site, except when we have whole school events, must now sign in, digitally recording their essential details for identification.

Having this information will assist in the event of an evacuation or lockdown procedure as well as contributing to Child Protection requirements. The implementation of this procedure is to correlate with as well with WHS requirements and is being instigated by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) at all diocesan schools.

The initial process will require some patience. When a visitor has signed in once, the ensuing signing-in will be much simpler. Remember, parents attending assemblies, liturgies or similar will not be required to sign in. Parents dropping off and picking children up at before and after school care are not required to sign on and off.

Thank you for your support in this initiative.

Stephen Dowd

Week 4

Wednesday May 18th

Year 1 Excursion Sydney

Saturday May 21st

• 4:00pm-6:00pm First Eucharist Programme

Sunday May 22nd

7:00am-10:30pm First Eucharist Programme

Week 5

Monday May 23rd

School Photos MPA

Tuesday May 24th

Captivate Yr 4 St. Patricks Blacktown

Thursday May 26th

- School Photos MPA
- 6:30am-5:30pm
 Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion

Friday May 27th

2:30pm Assembly Yr 1

Week 6

Tuesday May 31

9:00-2:30pm Year 3 Incursion Hot and Cold Program

Thursday June 2

- 8:00-3:30pm Stage 3 Boys Soccer
- Gardening Day Greening Australia Year 4

Uniform shop

Tuesday 8:30 till 10:00am Friday 8:30 till 10:00am

We also do over the phone orders and online orders. For any enquiries please contact—Elle

Phone: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

School Photos - MSP photography

School Photo Day is Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th May 2016

Confirmation of grade schedule will be in next week's newsletter.

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.
- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.
- MONEY SHOULD BE ENCLOSED IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED AND HANDED IN TO THE CLASS TEACHER ON OR BEFORE THE DAY OF PHOTOS.

Monday 23rd May

9:15am	Kindergarten
10:00am	Year 1
10:45am	5M
11:00am	Family Portraits
12:00pm	5P
12:15pm	5G
12:30pm	Year 2
1:15pm	Year 6 Leaders

Thursday 26th May

:15am	Year 3
0:00am	Year 4
2:00pm	Year 6

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School Fee Accounts

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for Term 1 school fees has passed. School fee statements for Term 2 will be sent to families in the mail shortly. Statements and reminder letters for outstanding fees, were sent out from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta office. Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email or phone, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. The Office Administrator can be contacted by email: cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au or on

9626.3999. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snacks and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. No lunches are available). Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

<u>Term 2 Week 4</u>

Wednesday	18th May	Annette O'Reilly
Thursday	19th May	Natalie O'Donoghue
Friday	20th May	Cassandra William HELP NEEDED
		<u>Term 2 Week 5</u>
Wednesday	25th May	
Thursday	26th May	Lauren Lynch
Friday	27th May	Rosie Jeroncic Nilangi Abeywarder

"KISS AND DROP" zone

The Kiss and Drop section of the car park is designed to provide a safe and convenient area to drop your children off at school in the morning. Parents are asked not to Kiss and Drop your children in any other area of the car park as this poses a significant risk to your child's safety. At peak times, the car park does become congested and everyone's patience is appreciated.

Please have your child with their bag ready to exit the car on the kerb side in the "Kiss and Drop" zone.

Nagle Netball Club

Nagle netball club is currently looking for, 6yrs, 7yrs, 8yrs and 10yrs players. New players are very welcome!

Please contact Cassie 0400 136 629 or Lyn 0403 164 162



to students who celebrated their birthdays between 3rd May to 16th May

Phoenix Boulatsakos, Amber Rodriguez, Kendra Tabaranza, Akeelah Sharpley, Guy Shepherd, Arpan Bassi, Erica Pisani, Charlotte Nolland, Nihal Gill, Rosco Lentini, Zacharia Kerr, Natalie Sawires, Samuel Sartori, Sienna Alonzo, Nisanrg Venu, Byron Wolffe, Gabriel Ocampo, Isabella Marks, Emma Ricci, Aaliyah Steimenis-Capuno,