



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 3 : Monday 23rd October 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Kinders for 2018! Thursday this week, we welcome our Kinders for next year and their families to gather with us. The children will meet their friends as we begin our orientation sessions. These sessions run for the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone for making this a wonderful week for our new students!

As I informed everyone in the previous newsletter, on Wednesday afternoon several school leaders from some Queensland Independent Colleges are coming to witness and learn from the great improvements we have made at MIPS. That morning principals will also visit us from three local state primary schools. Next week, staff from Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville will work here in our classes to learn from our implementation of Project Based Learning.

Why am I telling you this?

During the Kinder enrolment interviews, I often am told by prospective parents that in the community people talk about our school as a school that "...does that Open Learning". We don't do 'Open Learning' at MIPS. "Open Learning" is a dated description that makes people think that children wander unassisted in large over-crowded vacant spaces with little purpose or focus on structured learning – something like free-range chickens!

What they see when I take them on a tour of the school is completely contrary to what they have been led to expect. They see our 3 Kindergarten classes, welcoming, well-staffed and highly structured for learning. They are amazed how the Year One and Two classes have the opportunity to use the incredible TAS area to spread out and work together if that best-suits the learning. I am able to talk with them about how even from Kinder our students work with the teachers to set and complete high-level goals for their learning.

They see how the learning is tailored to enhance every child's learning. They see how we have evolved student learning and the learning areas across the school to provide the best of resources and structures. They see how we are enabling all children to be active participants in achieving outstanding learning outcomes. They see so much more of the things we are implementing that make our school a lighthouse school, as we have been identified by visiting international and neighbouring colleagues. They are amazed and excited about the future education of their children. I am so proud to take people on tours of our fabulous school!

So when you are in the supermarket, on the sidelines at sport events, talking with friends,anywhere and you are asked about our school, I urge you to inform people that we do not do "Open Learning" and to tell them what we actually do do – We continually improve our school to provide the best learning opportunity for all our students and we do this with a sense of community and urgency. If they can't believe it's so great, tell them I am happy to show them!

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd

Principal

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*** PARISH MASS - Years 2 & 5**

This Wednesday 25th October - 9:15am

*** KINDERGARTEN 2018 Orientation**

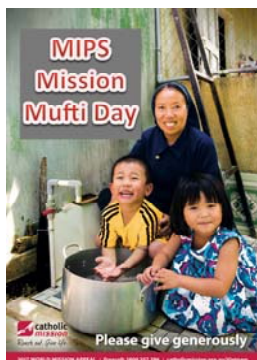
First Session - This Thursday 26th October

MIPS Multipurpose Area - 9am

*** WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Year 2 Coordinating**

This Friday 27th October

MIPS Multipurpose Area - 2:45pm



CATHOLIC MISSION DAY - MUFTI DAY

This Friday 27th October

Mary Immaculate Primary will have a **mufti day** to support the work of Catholic Mission. Students are invited to wear mufti and bring in a gold coin donation which will go towards Catholic Mission's efforts in assisting and enabling remote and developing communities throughout the world. This mufti day takes place as students from K-6 are learning about ways that they can be missionaries in today's world, following the example of Jesus and reaching out in love and service.

2018 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close this Friday 27th October as these trials will be held in November 2017. All other sport registrations will open in November for 2018 trials.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. In some sports students in Year 4 **MAY** nominate.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

THE FRED HOLLOWS HUMANITY AWARD

Miguel del Valle - 6M

The Fred Hollows Humanity Award celebrates students who show **compassion, integrity and kindness** in their lives, just as Fred Hollows did. Today, Miguel del Valle is at State Parliament House receiving his Fred Hollows award. Nominees are recognised by Gabi Hollows AO and The Hon. Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, at a presentation ceremony where a Junior Ambassador to The Foundation will be announced. This Junior Ambassador will allocate \$5000, donated by Specsavers, to a Fred Hollows Foundation program of their choice to help end avoidable blindness. We congratulate Miguel for his wonderful efforts.



Book Club



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 6. We received scholastic rewards to the value of \$120, which will be used to purchase books and learning resources. Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club was sent home last week. Orders need to be placed **by next Friday 3rd November**. We accept credit card online payments using LOOP: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. **We do not accept cash payments. Please disregard option 2 on Book Club order form.** Happy reading! Mrs Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator).

LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

Next Tuesday 31st October

Stage 2 & 3 Teams

The Kingsway Playing Fields, St Marys

SCHOOL TRAVEL

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before. If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid- December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Step 1: Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2: The school endorses your application.

Step 3: Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application



The logo for Functional Fitness Transformation Club (FFTC) features a woman in a pink tank top and blue leggings lifting a blue dumbbell. The text 'FFTC' is in large, bold, pink letters, and 'Functional Fitness Transformation Club' is written below it.

WOMEN ONLY

Emily
0405 529 267

- ◆ Zero \$ Join fee
- ◆ Unlimited Weekly Classes
- ◆ Online Forum Support
- ◆ Lose Weight / Tone Up
- ◆ Make Friends and be Supported

HEALTHY KIDS CUCINA CANTEEN

Dear Parents,

We apologise for any inconvenience as the online orders are temporarily unavailable. We are in the process of getting it up and running. Our new menu is on the following pages and will be on the app. We anticipate to have all the issues resolved by next Monday. In the meantime, please send your child's lunch order via a paper bag with your child's name, class and order and send to the Canteen with money enclosed. Thank you for your understanding and patience. - Miss Paula.



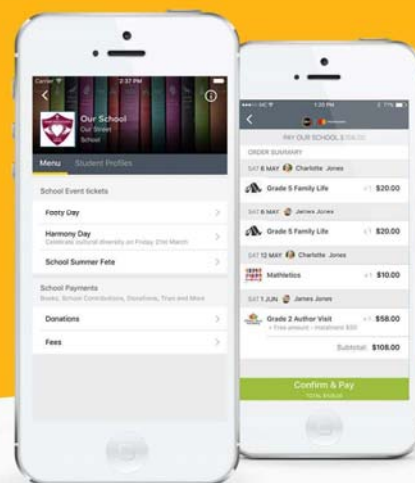
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For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
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Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

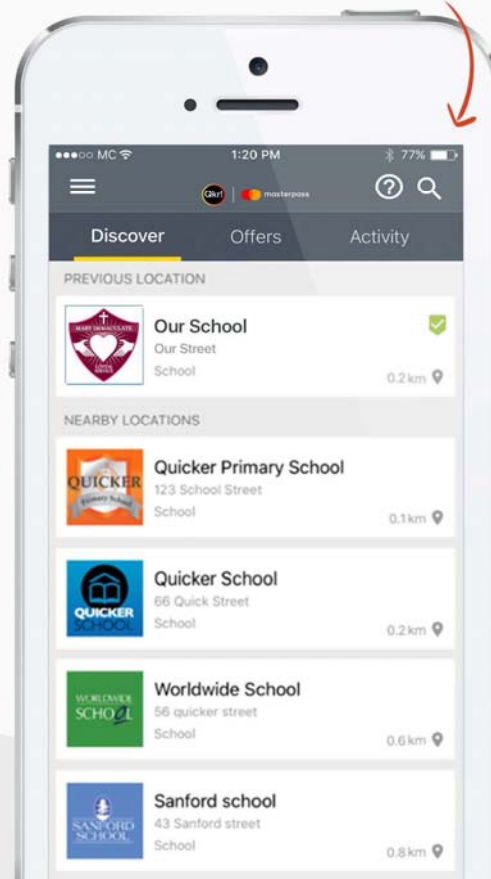
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

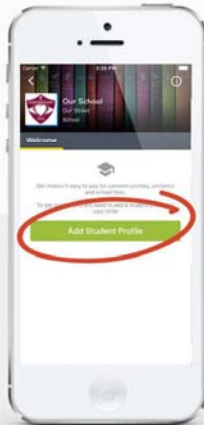




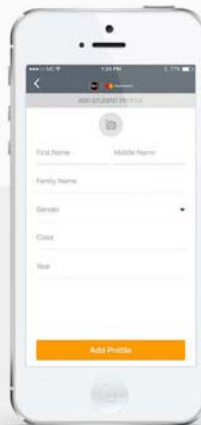
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

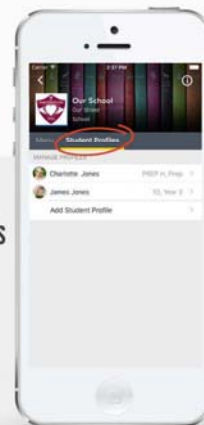
Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details

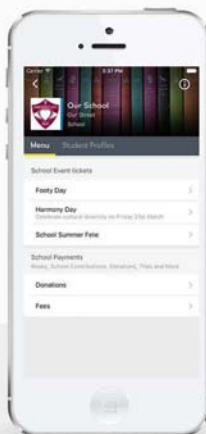


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school

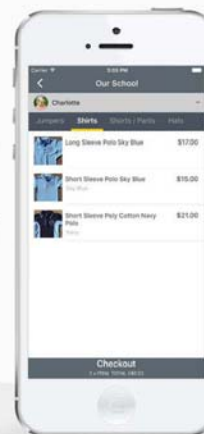


Select child
you are
ordering for



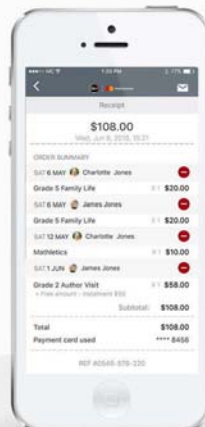
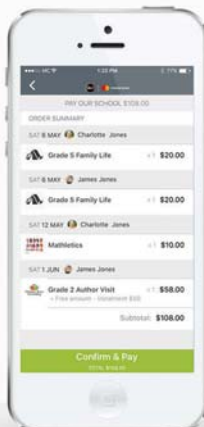
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

FLASH BREKKY!

Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Cheese Toastie	\$2.00
Toast (1 serve)	
- With butter	.50c
- With ricotta & honey	\$1.00
Raisin Toast (1 serve)	\$1.00
Cheese & Bacon Rolls (if available)	\$2.50
Hash browns	\$1.00

FRESH FRUIT SURPRISE

Fresh Watermelon Cups	\$2.00
Fresh seasonal fruit	.80c

Daily Specials	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Meat pie \$3.80	Hot dog \$2.50	Lasagna \$ 5.00	Oregano pizza \$2.50	Cheese pizza \$3.00

Healthy Kids Cucina Canteen

FROSTY FAVOURITES	
Super Doopers	.50c
Callipo	\$1.00
Paddle Pops (when available)	\$1.50
TNT Sour or Sweet	\$1.00

REFRESHING DRINKS	
Bottled Water - 2 sizes	.50c
	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	\$2.50
Up & Go	\$2.00
Juice Box	\$1.50

SNACK TIME!	
Pretzels	\$1.00
Plain Popcorn	\$1.00
Flavoured Popcorn- Chicken, BBQ, Sweet Chilli	\$1.50
Large Muffins - Assorted flavours	\$2.00
Toasted Seaweed Snacks	\$1.00
Rice Snacks	.25c
Bread Sticks (3)	.50c
Eucalyptus Lollies	\$1.00

No late orders
turned away
No extra charge
for **utensils** eg
forks, spoons,
straws, **packaging**
or
saucers

WRAP IT UP! Wraps, rolls, super sandwiches

Grilled chicken (lettuce, grated carrot, grated cheese)	\$4.50
Ham, cheese, tomato	\$3.00
Chicken, lettuce, aioli	\$3.00
Egg, lettuce, light mayo	\$3.00
Cheese & tomato	\$2.00
Cheese	\$1.50
Tuna & tomato	\$3.00
Vegemite	\$2.00
Salad (lettuce, carrot, beetroot, cucumber)	\$3.00
Ham	\$2.00
Tuna, lettuce, light mayo	\$3.00
Chicken or ham salad	\$4.00

Healthy Kids Cucina Canteen

SUPER SUMMER SALADS!

Garden Salad	\$4.50
Tabouleh	
- With chicken	\$5.50

ADD...extras

Cheese, tuna, ham,	.80c
Lettuce, tomato, avocado, beetroot, carrot, cucumber	.50c

No butter will be used unless requested

Order your child's lunch

- Online at QKR Mastercard
- Send in a pre written lunch order with your child
- Visit the canteen in the morning to order from Ms Paula

HOT FOOD!

Oven baked potato wedges	\$3.50
Oven baked chicken & potato wedges	\$4.50
Grilled chicken wrap/roll (Chicken breast, lettuce, cheese, tomato, low fat mayo)	\$4.50
Oven baked nuggets (6)	\$3.00
Spaghetti Bolognaise (Spirals) Small	\$3.00
Large	\$4.50
Freshly made mini pizzas - Cheese or Ham & Pineapple	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.20
Kafta & Garlic roll	\$3.50
Corn Cob	.80c
Noodle cups- Chicken or Beef	\$2.80



MIPS P AND F ASSOCIATION



The Parents and Friends Committee of Mary Immaculate Primary School would like to invite all families to attend the upcoming AGM on Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7pm in the staffroom.

The Parents and Friends Association (P and F) invite all parents and caregivers of children attending Mary Immaculate to our Annual General Meeting for 2017. This is an opportunity to review the events undertaken in 2017 by the P and F Association and to assess what opportunities exist for 2018.

The P and F is responsible for undertaking many activities throughout the year, as well as being a forum to ask important questions regarding the education of our children. Your assistance and support ensures we are able to undertake activities and support the leadership of Mary Immaculate Primary School with their initiatives. New faces are always welcome, as well as new ideas for the year ahead for:

- Improving the effectiveness of the P and F
- Reviewing fundraising over the previous year and planning fundraising events for 2018
- Looking at our social activities
- Identifying other opportunities the P and F can assist the school

Your active participation provides a very rewarding experience and a very important service within our school, helping to create the memories and experiences of our children during their time at Mary Immaculate Primary. Whether you are new to the school community in 2018, or have been involved for many years, the P and F would love your support next year.

History of the Mary Immaculate P and F Association

In 2010, the formation of the P and F Association was a means by which a more structured planning process could take shape, with parents and the school leadership team to drive and build on a greater community spirit, and to support the great work being undertaken by the teachers within our school. Additionally, the P and F was to be a forum for discussions on key issues which impact on our school community. Since inception, the P and F has raised over \$75,000 for projects around the school, as well as helping to build a calendar of community and social events that have become an integral part of the school.

Frequently Asked Questions

The most common questions asked by parents wanting to be involved at the school concern time and commitment. Whilst the P and F meet twice per term to discuss issues of importance, your support can be as much time as you can afford. We all lead busy family and work lives, and the more parents who are able to assist, the easier things become. Most of our events throughout the school year are planned well in advance based on previous years, so in a majority of cases, all that is needed are parents to support these events, and help generate ideas for the future.

Our Constitution

The P and F is governed by a Constitution, the basis of which has been developed in consultation with the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. A copy of the current Constitution is available upon request. Please contact current President, Ryan Hutton on 0428 425 086.



MIPS P AND F ASSOCIATION

Roles within the P and F Association



Various roles within the P and F exist to create a structure by which activities and support for the school can be undertaken in an easy way to follow, regardless of experience. Each role plays an important part to ensure the P and F maintains its constitutional obligations, and more importantly, to ensure continued support for the staff and children at Mary Immaculate. Additionally, assistant roles have been formed within the P and F to provide parents undertaking roles with greater support and to allow workloads to be shared amongst a larger group of parents. Maximum terms for any individual to be elected to specific positions apply. Therefore the involvement of new parents is essential to ensure there is adequate rotation and sharing of responsibilities.

- **President** – Ensures the smooth running of the Association. In addition, the President will liaise with the Principal, Parish Priest and School Executive on matters of importance and in the preparation and running of Association meetings.
- **Vice President** – Assists the President in the undertaking of the above duties, and chairs the Association meetings in the absence of the President.
- **Secretary** – Assists with the taking of minutes during Association meetings and is responsible for the handling of correspondence to and from the Association. In addition, the Secretary may prepare and finalise Association Newsletters for distribution.
- **Assistant Secretary** – Supports the Secretary in undertaking the above duties, and assumes the role of Secretary at Association meetings in their absence.
- **Treasurer** – Receives all money collected by the Association and ensures accurate record keeping of all financial transactions. The Treasurer is also responsible for payment or reimbursement of all Association costs approved by the Executive.
- **Assistant Treasurer** – Assists the Treasurer in the undertaking of the above activities. More importantly, is an opportunity for new parents to learn the role for future years.
- **Fundraising/Social Coordinator** – Assumes responsibility for the overall planning of the events calendar. Has the ability to delegate responsibility for individual events to Assistant Coordinators.
- **Assistant Fundraising/Social Coordinators** – Assist the Coordinator in the planning of events. Assistant coordinators are able to undertake the planning of individual events and chair sub-committees for events where required.
- **Communications Officer** – compiles P and F newsletter, designs and publishes promotional material and ensures information is distributed to families regarding P and F events and initiatives.
- **Maintenance Coordinator** – Liaise with the School Executive and maintenance staff in the planning and coordination of working bees, and identification of projects
- **PRC Representative** - Represent the School on the Parents Representative Council of the Parramatta Diocese.

All of the above positions, as well as being an active participant in scheduled P and F meetings are equally important, and we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider how they can contribute to the P and F Association in 2018.

When we enrolled our children into the school we agreed to support the school. This is a way to directly assist your child's school to further support your child.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate in dropping us an email at:
MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com

CUA SCHOOL FUN RUN PRIZES

CUA have advised that families are required to complete a prize order form in order to claim their fundraising prize(s) if your child has not yet received them. Once completed, please return the form below to the school office to be forwarded on to CUA for processing. Forms are also available from the school office.



PRIZE ORDER FORM

Please fill in the fields below and return this form to your school (with any money raised in cash).

Please convert all coins to notes ... it'll help your school count the money.

School Name _____

Student Name _____

Class Name _____

Money Raised in Cash \$ _____

Money Raised Online \$ _____

Total Money Raised \$ _____

Prize(s) Chosen _____

THANK YOU!