

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update ~ 23rd March 2015



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Parish Sacramental Program

A message to families with children planning 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. Dates for all sacraments are available from the parish office.

Child Protection

Recently, a letter went home to all families about the new Child Protection requirements. Please read these requirements thoroughly and undertake the screening and training where needed.

Easter Raffle



The P&F Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn Friday 27th March.

If you have not already returned your tickets please send them back as soon as possible.

Easter Sunday Mass for Children

Easter Sunday Mass for Children We are inviting all children in our parish from Years 1 to 6 to take part in our Easter Sunday Mass for children. This will be at the 10.30am Mass. Parents, if you would like your child/children to play a special part at the Mass please contact Clare as soon as possible. Mobile: 0416 077 549 Email: creiherlyons@hotmail.com Involvement may include taking part in the Entrance and Offertory Processions, Gospel Dramatisation or Reading of Prayers of Intercession.



Easter Sunday 5th April

- 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Children's Mass) & 6pm Masses at Mary Immaculate church, Quakers Hill

Easter Weekday Masses 6th-11th April

- Monday: 8:30am
- Tuesday: 8:30am
- Wednesday and Thursday: 9:15am
- Friday: 8:30am and 7:00pm Mass and Holy Hour

Last day of Term 1

Thursday 2nd April



PALM
SUNDAY
MARCH 29

Saturday 28th March

- 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 29th March

- 7:30am Mass
- 9:00am Mass
- 10:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Mass

Holy Thursday 2nd April

- 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

- 10:00am Way of the Cross
Multi Purpose Area
- 3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Action commemorating the Lord's Passion

Church will remain open until 9:00pm for prayer and reflection

Holy Saturday 4th April

3:00pm-4:30pm

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection Vigil Mass

Week 9

Tuesday 24th March

- Kindy and Year 1 Cross Country

Wednesday 25th March

- 9:15am-10:00am Annunciation Liturgy

Thursday 26th March

- 7:30pm First Eucharist registration and information evening
- MIPS Cross Country Years 2-6

Friday 27th March

- Project Compassion mufti day
- Inter Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- Stage 3 Touch Football
- 12:20pm St. John Paul 11 Stations of the Cross for Year 4-6 in MPA
- 2:30pm P&F Easter Egg Raffle

Week 10

Sunday 29th March

- Palm Sunday
HOLY WEEK

Monday 30th March

To Wednesday 1st April

- Year 6 Canberra
- Thursday 2nd April
Holy Thursday
- Friday 3rd April
Good Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 23rd April

- 7pm-8pm First Eucharist
- Parish Information Evening

Friday 24th April

- 9:15am-10:00am
Anzac Day Liturgy
- 2:20pm –3:15pm
Assembly Year 1 Item

Term 2 Week 2

Saturday 2nd May

- 6pm-7pm
- First Eucharist Enrolment Mass

Sunday 3rd May

- First Eucharist Enrolment Mass

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 5th May

- Diocesan Cross Country

Thursday 7th May

- Stage 3 Girls Gala Soccer Day

Friday 8th May

- 9:15-10:15am Mother's Day Liturgy
- 2:20pm Year 4 Assembly

School Fee Accounts

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have already finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for all School Fee Accounts to be paid by was Friday 6th March 2014. Please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible as the Catholic Education Office is scheduled to follow up on the unpaid accounts.

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty and therefore not able to make payment is asked to contact the school in writing, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. Office Administrator can be contacted by email mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au or by addressing a letter to the School office.

Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) Survey

Every year, the Catholic Education Office conducts a survey to gauge the culture of the schools in Parramatta. The survey is completed by all staff at the school, all students from Years 5 and 6 and a randomly selected group of 60 parents. These surveys will be completed during the next two weeks and the results will be available in May. If you are a parent who has been randomly selected, please complete the survey and either return it to school or complete the survey online.

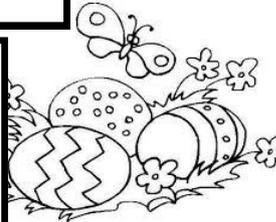
Sport—Save the Dates

Tuesday 24th March

Kindergarten and Year 1 Cross Country
(distance running) event.

Thursday 26th March

Years 2-6 Cross Country event
More details to follow closer to date



Anaphylactic students awareness

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox to school that may contain nuts, nut products or egg. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ICAS Competition

If you wish to enter your child in the competition please return the note to the office with payment by Thursday 26th March 2015.

Acceptable Use Agreement for Information Technology

REMINDER: These forms are now overdue

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

Application for Leave Forms Canteen Price List

Application for Leave forms and Canteen Price Lists are available to download from the school website maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au

"A Message for the Uniform Shop"

The last day of trading for this term is Tuesday 31st March, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am and will re-open Tuesday 21st April, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am.

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase, from now until the end of term.

Changeover into Winter Uniform will be Monday 20th April, 2015."

For any enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or email elle@ozfashions.com

P&F Newsletter



Website: <http://www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au/parents-friends>

Email: mipsPandF@parra.catholic.edu.au

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The end of Term 1 is almost upon us, and the P and F Association has been hard at work, already hosting a number of events for 2015. Since our last newsletter, the Association has hosted the Term 1 Working Bee, the Family Bingo Night, a Bunnings BBQ at Rouse Hill, and commenced our Annual Easter Egg Raffle.

Our Working Bee ensured the presentation of our school was at its best for Catholic Schools Week, and our Kindergarten Open Day. Thank you to our Maintenance Coordinator, Tony Calafate, and to our many families in attendance, who helped on the day.

Family Bingo Night was a huge success, with the "Full House" sign going up on the night, with 300+ in attendance. The night itself was incredibly memorable, with many winners sharing in cash and prizes including our massive \$200 jackpot which went off in the final game of the evening.

Events like our Family Fun Night take considerable planning and support from the community. A big thank you to our parent volunteers, as well as association members for planning, promoting and assisting in the night. In addition, I would like to thank the support of school staff including Mr Devlin, Mr Matulewicz, Mrs Hutton and Mr Boss for helping ensure the night was a huge success.

The support from families in 2015 has been phenomenal. From the volume of parent helpers registering to help at various events, to those attending and supporting various initiatives during Term 1. All funds raised during the year contribute towards additional resources for our children to enjoy.

As always, it's never too late to help, and we welcome all parents and caregivers to attend our association meetings, and offer support during various activities during the year. If you would like to assist at the next P and F event, please feel free to contact a member of the Association.

Take care and God Bless,

Ryan Hutton
President

2015 P&F EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

Ryan Hutton

Vice President

Natalie Trotnar

Secretary

Susan Quigley

Treasurer

Tanya Dickerson

Communications Coordinators

Danielle Pfitzner and Sarah Smith

Fundraising Coordinator

Karen Collins

Maintenance Coordinator

Tony Calafate

PRC

Stacey Coventry

Treasury Assistant

Sarah Wisely

Secretary Assistant

Natasha Calafate

Fundraising Assistants

Nicole Eason, Leeanne O'Brien, Melina Mitchell, Leeanne Corapi, Karen Clouston

WORKING BEES



I would personally like to thank each and every person that attended the Working Bee held on the 7 March 2015. The goal for this working bee was to clear the upper parking area gardens of weeds etc. to improve the presentation of the school grounds. Our volunteers arrived nice and early, were shown where and what was required and they got stuck in. In just a few hours the entrance to the school was transformed, we managed to fill the two extra skips with just weeds and whatever was trimmed from some of the overgrown bushes and hedges. While the weeding was not all that was covered during the working bee it was the primary goal in order to get the school looking great for the upcoming Open Day and Interviews.

The children that attended the working bee were also given tasks to complete and they were simply superb at it. They patrolled the school picking up trash and then at 10AM delivered ice cold water to all the adults and then continued on with cleaning the school. Well done to our youth for doing such a great job!

A big thank you to all who attended and I look forward to the second working bee and seeing what can be achieved by this great group of parents and children that we have.

Tony Calafate
Maintenance Coordinator

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ...

The **Entertainment Book** is back for 2015 and ready to be ordered! This year customers can continue to order in either hard copy or digital format.

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!



Sydney Greater West Book : **\$65.00** (Book or Digital). \$13 from sales to MIPS

Sydney/Sydney North Book : **\$70.00** (Book or Digital). \$14 from sales to MIPS

Orders can be made via the flyer that will be sent home or online with an **instant download** using the link :

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2167b37>

You can also phone **Tanya Dickerson** on **0407 934 494** tanya.dickerson@yahoo.com to place an order.

You can view the books available at <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/>

The book would make a great Mother's Day present and is also just in time for these school holidays. Share the link with friends and family as the more memberships we sell, the more money we raise for our school!

Join our MIPS P&F Association Volunteer database!

Please email your details to mipsPandF@parra.catholic.edu.au including your name, contact number and days/times of the week you can usually be available. It is of great assistance to have a "pool" of parents already identified who are willing to assist that we can call on when helpers are needed.



WHAT'S ON – TERM 2

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR

P&F MEETING DATES

Week 2 : Wednesday 29th April

Week 6 : Wednesday 27th May
(Staff room through front office)

FUNDRAISING & OTHER EVENTS

Friday 8th May: Mother's Day Breakfast, Liturgy and Stall. Please see note attached to this newsletter

Friday 22nd May: School Disco

Saturday 30th May: Working Bee

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

For the full list of 2015 events visit

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events>

Term 2, 2015 General Meeting - Mon 25 May 2015: What is a Personalised Plan? What do I need to know?

7:00pm Patrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Do you want to know more about Personalised Learning Plans and how they support students with a disability?

Shane Morris, Project Leader - System Learning, Student Services, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will highlight why personalised plans need to be in place for students with a disability. He hopes to answer questions like: Whether you child with a disability requires a personalised plan?

Do you want to find out more about the collaboration process and how it informs the plan? What makes a personalised plan successful?

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

<http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

Don't forget we change over to winter uniform during Term 2. This is an ideal time to take stock of what uniform items you may need for the cooler weather and perhaps you have items you no longer need that you could sell on Sustainable School. Remember – **buying and selling is FREE** as the P&F have paid for your subscription and listed items are getting a lot of exposure to the whole school community. Buying and selling via the website is proving to be a great success! A stocktake report of items currently available is attached to this issue. Please remember that if you have sold items to mark your listing as "SOLD" to avoid further enquiries. If you have items you wish to donate, these can be listed, just indicate the price as FREE. Your listing can also be instantly Facebook shared on your newsfeed or in specific groups to maximise the advertising.

SPONSORSHIP

Do you have a business (or know someone who does) and would like to increase your exposure? By **sponsoring one of our P&F Hosted events** we can include your business information on our event promotional material and newsletters and your contribution will greatly enhance our fundraising capabilities to the benefit of our school. We are looking for donations of prizes, vouchers/gift cards for goods and services etc. We would love to hear from you if you can help support us by emailing mipsPandF@parra.catholic.edu.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

READING CINEMAS – ROUSE HILL

Don't forget these school holidays to **earn rewards for our school!** A page of coupons is attached to this newsletter that you can hand in for each ticket purchased (1 coupon for each ticket). For every 10 coupons handed in with our school name on it, the school will earn a free movie pass which we can then use as prizes at school events. Everyone loves the movies and this is a very easy way to get involved and help support your school. You may copy and distribute the coupons to friends and family – the more you give out, the more passes we will earn.



PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

Autum school holiday activities are now listed at

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/play/whats_on/events_calendar/school_holidays

and registration starts Monday March 25th.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARIES

Most libraries host a number of events and fun workshops during the school holidays usually at very minimal cost. While you are there, pick up a few books for some holiday reading and consider keeping a list of books read to enter in the upcoming 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge.

See the event calendar at :

<http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Library-Event-Calendar.html#.VQP3FOGyqDk>

RESOURCES :

www.whatson4schoolkids.com.au/

www.weekendnotes.com

www.kidspot.com.au

www.activeactivities.com.au

[hwww.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/kids_in_the_park](http://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/kids_in_the_park)

Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 8th May



As a school we will celebrate Mother's Day with a BBQ Breakfast hosted by the MIPS P&F .

Breakfast will be served from **7:45am** ( Gold Coin donation) followed by Open Classrooms from **8:30am** and then Liturgy at **9:30am**
All families are invited to attend and enjoy the morning!

There will also be a raffle for a fantastic prize at \$2.00 per ticket
For catering purposes, please indicate if you will be attending by returning the completed slip below to the office by 1/05/15

Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a gift  from the **Mother's Day Stall** after the liturgy. A range of gifts will be available priced at **\$5.00 each**.



Mother's Day Breakfast RSVP 01/05/15

We will be attending!

Family Name : _____ Eldest child's class _____

Number of adults : _____ Number of children : _____

If you can volunteer on the day please add your details below

Name : _____

Phone : _____

BBQ /Service /Cleanup Mother's Day Stall



Hosted by MIPS P&F Association



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Hand in this coupon at the box office when you purchase a ticket and earn 1 POINT for your school

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Summary of secondhand uniform items currently for sale, on the Sustainable School Shop website

Dear Parents,

Sustainable School Shop provides a secondhand uniform service for your school. The main secondhand uniform trading times are; April to May, September to October (change of seasons) and November to February. The Uniform Stocktake below is a quick way to browse the availability of secondhand uniforms that are for sale on the Sustainable School Shop website. If you wish, this Stocktake can be automatically sent to you each month. Simply log in to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and click the blue 'Stocktake' button. If you have uniform items you no longer need, please list them for sale; they will appear in the Stocktake and they will sell. Secondhand uniforms are always sought after and greatly appreciated.

We trust this is of assistance.

Regards

Sustainable School Shop

Girls and Boys

Girls	Quantity	Sizes Available
Summer Dress	3	4, 10
Winter Tunic	5	6, 8, 10, 12, SIZE 6
Blouse Long Sleeve - Pink with Peter Pan Collar	5	6(x3),10, 14
Girls Tab Tie - Cross Over Style	1	ONE SIZE
Boys		
Shirt Long Sleeve - Grey with School Crest	6	8, 12, 14
Boys Shorts Elastic Waist - Grey	2	4
Boys Trousers Elastic Waist - Grey	2	12
Unisex		
Pullover - Fleecy with School Crest	1	10
College Jacket - Fleecy Lined Bomber Style	4	6, 10, 12
Sports Uniform		
Sports Polo Top - Maroon with School Crest	5	6, 10, 12
Sports Shorts - Maroon with School Logo	1	10
Sports Jacket (Microfibre) - Maroon	5	4, 6, 10, 12
Sports Trackpant (Microfibre) - Maroon	2	6,10
Accessories		
College Backpack with College Crest	1	ONE SIZE
Bucket Hat - Maroon with School Crest	1	ONE SIZE