

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

## ~ Newsletter ~

Term 4 Week 6—10th November 2014



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach the end of the year, the staff are in full swing to prepare for the 2015 school year. These areas include; staffing, handover of student information, forming the 2015 classes and preparing for 'Meet the Teacher'.

School staffing is a vital and complex process that takes place after many conversations and hours of deliberation. It is the school plan to build teams of teachers that can work together in every year group while also providing enough diversity in that team.

Handover of student information takes place formally during the final weeks of the year to ensure that the learning profile of all our students is shared with the team of teachers for the coming year. Particular attention is paid to students with cognitive, social or emotional needs to ensure that the gains from this year are built on in coming years.

Classes for 2015 are formed by the current teams of teachers. It is our goal to form three balanced classes for all year groups. Friendships and social connections are taken into consideration along with the matching of the learning style of the student and the style of the teacher. If parents and caregivers have any information regarding this element of planning for 2015, they are asked to address their information to Mr Devlin as soon as possible.

'Meet the Teacher' is planned for Wednesday 10 December. This is a time where all students are promoted to their next class and get to spend some time with the 2015 teacher and class.

As you can see, there are many processes and considerations that we use when planning for the coming year to provide the best base for another successful year of learning for all our children at Mary Immaculate.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal

### Validation Forms

Please return all validation forms whether they have alterations or not.  
Thank you for your immediate attention.

### Staffing

At the end of the year we will farewell Mrs Fatone who has taken up a position at St Andrew's Marayong. We thank Mrs Fatone for her work at Mary Immaculate and will have the opportunity to formally farewell her at the end of the year.

### Catholic out of school hours care

As families are aware, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December 2014 are pupil free days at Mary Immaculate Primary School. COSHC Mary Immaculate is able to offer limited places for care on this day.

Enquires are to be directed to COSHC Supervisor on 0417 203 333 or [COSHCmaryimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:COSHCmaryimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Important Dates

#### Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day  
10:30am Liturgy

#### Wednesday 12th November

7:30pm P&F AGM Meeting

#### Thursday 13th November

Kindy and Year 4 Parish Mass

#### Friday 14th November

2:30pm Assembly Year 1 item  
"Cool Kids" Music lessons  
8:00pm Parish Youth MPA

#### Monday 17th November

Year 5 Cultural Day

#### Wednesday 19th November

Top 12 nominees for Captains 2015 announced

#### Thursday 20th November

7:30pm Parish Reconciliation Practice night

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[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



## Christmas Hamper Appeal

At this week's assembly our Mini Vinnies team will officially launch our St Vincent de Paul hamper appeal. As part of your preparation for Christmas you might like to consider those in our community who are experiencing hardship at this time by adding a few non-perishable food items to your trolley on shopping day.

Watch this space for more information.



## Child Protection

The school has a wide range of responsibilities in relation to child protection. These are legal and moral responsibilities. These areas include but are not limited to:

- The employment, screening and on-going education of staff
- The education of the children in area of protective behaviour
- The education of parent helpers in child protection
- Protocols and practices for all adults using the school site (parents, trades people etc)
- Investigation of allegations involving child protection matters
- Engaging Community Services to support the welfare of children and young persons

Child protection is everyone's responsibility. If you have a concern that needs to be raised or a question that needs clarifying, please contact the Principal or delegate.

## School Fees for 2015

The Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board has met and decided on the school fee amounts for 2015. This information has been sent home to all families today and is available on the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta website. All families are reminded that no child will be denied education due to genuine financial hardship. Any family experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to make a confidential appointment with Mr Devlin.



**To students who celebrated their birthday between 28th October to 10th November**

Lachlan Debrincat,  
Summer Debrincat,  
Richard Owusu,  
Dylan De Juan,  
Krrish Chauhan,  
Emerson Williams,  
Joel Abraham,  
Shreyas Gurelli,  
Xavion, Hadjipavli,  
Ruby McFarlane,  
Melanya Piskor,  
Kennedy Sie-Sharp,  
Ashley Dias,  
Chelsea Mapa,  
Natalie Mapa

## CANTEEN NEWS

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.**

### Term 4 Week 6

<b>Wednesday 12th November</b>	Tania Peiris
<b>Thursday 13th November</b>	Rozanne Perera
<b>Friday 14th November</b>	Leanne Corapi, Sam Zivic, Connie Smith

### Term 4 Week 7

<b>Wednesday 19th November</b>	Sulee Somyaying
<b>Thursday 20th November</b>	Philipa Holtsbaum, Lisa Sartori
<b>Friday 21st November</b>	Melissa Wilding, Renee Cefai, Deanne Holmes

## Parents and Friends Association

### Annual General Meeting

This Wednesday, the Parents and Friends Association will hold it's Annual General Meeting. All members of the school parent body are invited to attend this meeting and become involved in this important element of school life.

**Date** - Wednesday 12th November

**Time** - 7:30pm

**Place** - School Staffroom

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### Working Bee

Last week's working bee needed to be postponed and has been re-scheduled in three weeks. The new date is 28 November and will start at 3:30pm and conclude with a sausage sizzle at 7:00pm. All families are invited to assist at the working bee to help keep our grounds looking great. If you can attend please register your availability with the office.

### Garden Club

Year 4 children enjoyed cooking muffins. They picked their produce, spinach, from the vegetable garden and then prepared and cooked spinach muffins.

They then shared these with the class. Using fresh eggs, creamed cheese and feta cheese they combined this with the spinach to make a simple but healthy treat. Well done to all that have helped look after the garden.

Joan Bell Learning Support Teacher



### PAVe (Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through education)

Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project -

Students with parental consent have now completed the PAVe survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to complete the PAVe parent survey.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to <http://bit.do/pave4parents> to complete the survey.

Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school. The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs.

The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and The PAVe team and Mary Immaculate thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or [paveadmin@mq.edu.au](mailto:paveadmin@mq.edu.au)

### COSHC Mary Immaculate

#### Come join us for a night of Christmas fun

We will be making gingerbread houses and decorating them with lollies. Bring the whole family!

Wednesday 3rd December at 6:30pm. \$25 per gingerbread pack. Includes: lollies (you can bring extra if you would like), gingerbread house, icing, board, and cellophane and a light supper. RSVP 19th November, 2014.



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### COSHC Night of Christmas Fun

Yes I will be attending and have enclosed my full payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_No. guests\_\_\_\_\_

## CEDP - Diocesan Fees Schedule 2015: Summary

### Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2015

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - **see 'Sibling Discounts' below**). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2015 Annual and Term Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4 <sup>th</sup> + children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,047	\$786	\$525
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,350	\$1,014	\$675
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,875	\$1,407	\$939
	Years 9 - 10	\$2,079	\$1,560	\$1,041
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,658	\$1,995	\$1,329

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$349	\$262	\$175
	Years 1 - 6	\$450	\$338	\$225
Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$625	\$469	\$313
	Years 9 - 10	\$693	\$520	\$347
	Years 11 - 12	\$886	\$665	\$443

### Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2015

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. **The levy for 2015 is \$702 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$234 payable in terms one, two and three.**

### Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2015

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2015 is **\$1,731 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$577 in terms one, two and three.** The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090. Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

### Enrolment Fees - 2015

These are non-refundable and include upfront Application Fee and if successful an Enrolment deposit:

Non-Refundable	Application Fee	Enrolment Deposit
Primary	\$0	\$100
Secondary	\$50	\$300