



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 2: Monday 22nd October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Included with this newsletter is a statement regarding today's parliamentary apology to victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. Nothing is more abhorrent than child abuse in any form. We all of course support this apology.

This week we welcome our new Kinders for 2019! We are very excited to again see our 120 new learners this Thursday and for the following 3 Thursdays.

On Friday at our school assembly I revised with the students about our school's uniform policy. I would not expect students to seek out the uniform policy so I thought it timely to reinforce it with them. Generally our students are consistently great examples of the community's support for the policy that was generated some time ago now in consultation with the Parents and Friends committee. I refer you to the policy to be found at: <http://www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Handbook>

We are seeing some students come to school who are not following this policy. I spoke recently to the Parents and Friends committee. They unanimously expressed the desire for the high standards in the policy to be reinforced as they too were concerned with some recent hair styles, make-up and clothing that some students are presenting with. The children of course can not follow the policy without your help and encouragement. I ask that all parents make the necessary changes if any to help their children in this area. Uniform is not the most important area of school life but it is a significant part of a bigger picture about supporting our whole school community in our collective expectations.

Our new Kinders and their families will pick up immediately on how supportive our families are of their school by what they see our students wearing. Let's help them also be as proud of their new school as we are! If finance is an issue in maintaining correct uniform, the Parents and Friends have an online second-hand uniform 'shop' to assist through the Qkr site/app. You are always incredibly supportive of the school and I of course highly appreciate that ongoing support.

I am delighted to let you know that it is not only in Kindergarten that we are experiencing growth but throughout the school. Our Year 2 class for next year has several new enrolments and we have been given an extra teacher for 2019! Why are we getting these new enrolments? I am told that it is because of the highly positive word-of-mouth recommendations spreading from you through the Quakers Hill and broader community. Keep it up! We are keen to welcome all families who want a MIPS catholic education for their children - that's our mission coming straight from our bishop and our pope. MIPS, we are carrying out that mission together fantastically - take a bow!

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

YEAR 3 FIZZICS INCURSION	YEAR 6 DEBATE GET TOGETHER	KINDERGARTEN 2019 ORIENTATION	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
This Tuesday 23rd October	This Wednesday 24th October	This Thursday 25th October	This Friday 26th October 2:45pm



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SOCKTOBER **This FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

“Sock it to Poverty!”

Healing a Nation Through Education!”

The Mini Vinnies will present a short Mission Liturgy to each class this Friday morning to mark the significance of the day and collect gold coin donations after their presentation. All donations will support Catholic Mission, St. John of God School, in Myanmar.

All students can wear CRAZY SOCKS with their full school/sports uniform this Friday for a gold coin donation.

(Please note it is not MUFTI DAY, just Crazy Socks).



FUNDRAISER

MIPS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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Entry will be \$20 per person with up to 10 to a Table, BYO food and drinks. Prizes, giveaways and lucky door prize, fun games on the night.

Please email mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com to secure your table of 10.

2018 SCHOOL FEES

All school fees for 2018 should now be complete unless you are on an extended payment plan. If you are unsure of your balance or have an enquiry, please contact the School Office on 9933 7800 or via email: cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Payments can be made via the internet using your BPay reference codes or over the phone.

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their accounts.





LEARNING at MIPS

MIPS has been involved in using Mathletics since April 2018. During this time students have been able to work on developing their mathematical skills, knowledge and mastery.



Congratulations to: Geo Jabbour, Kunsh Gupta and Ekamveer Hundal

For being our top Mathletics students for the year. These students should be proud of their efforts and achievements while using Mathletics this year.

All students in K-6 have access to their own Mathletics account. Mathletics is an amazing tool that students can use at home to supplement homework and revise concepts covered in class. If your child needs a new copy of their usernames and passwords please contact your classroom teacher.

www.mathletics.com.au

Yours in Mathematics, Sarah Hutton (Leader of Learning: Mathematics)

MIPS STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Wednesday 21st November

Our Staff Development Day this term is on Wednesday 21st November (Week 6).

All staff will be attending a day of spiritual reflection. Please mark this date in your diaries as this is a **pupil free day**. There will be no classes and no staff will be on site.

COSHC services will be provided on this day.

Please contact them on 0417 203 333 should you require their services.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Summer uniforms are now available for purchase.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8.30 - 10.00am.

Any further enquiries please call Elle: 0421 216 414

Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au



GRADUATING CLASS OF YEAR 6 2019

It is a Mary Immaculate Primary tradition that the Year 6 students have the option of purchasing a special T-Shirt as a memento of their final Primary school year.

The T-Shirt cost is **\$30**. Parents are asked to place an order on the **Qkr! App** before next **Monday 29th October. Unfortunately, no orders will be accepted after this date.**

Sizes are available to try on in the Uniform Shop, open every Tuesday & Friday mornings: 8:30am – 10:00am.

Kind regards, The Year 6 2019 Team



CARPARK ETIQUETTE

We are fortunate to have a carpark for Mary Immaculate Primary.

Parents are reminded that all cars need to be parked in **Marked spaces only**.

This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and respectful manner.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Supervision begins at 8:25am.

Children should not be left at school before this time.

A 'kiss and drop' zone operates in the morning if you do not wish to walk your child into school. Adults must stay in the car at all times if using the 'kiss and drop' zone. The children's bags must be in the car with them to ensure they can exit quickly. At no time can a car be left unattended in the 'kiss and drop' zone. If you wish to walk your child into school, please drive up the ramp to the car park. Children take their bags to the classroom and then must go straight to the playground for supervision. No one is to remain in the building before school unless they have made a formal appointment with a staff member. If this is the case, you must sign in at the office. Parents who come down onto the playground are asked to stand to the side and allow their child to socialise with the other children on the playground. The perimeter gates are locked each morning. The Barnier Drive main gate entrance remains open during the day.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

School finishes at 3:20pm and we appreciate your efforts to pick up your child promptly at that time. Supervision ceases at 3:40pm. The 'kiss and drop' zone does not operate in the afternoon. Parents/caregivers are required to park in the top car park and collect children from the designated point outside the building. Please do not go into the building to collect children from classrooms. Please note, children are not allowed to walk to the car park and meet their parents. They must be collected from the teacher. The perimeter gates are closed after the last bus leaves in the afternoon. If there is an emergency and you are late to collect your child, please contact the school office. Children can become anxious when parents are late or they are unclear about their afternoon arrangements.

Students arriving before 8:25am or remaining at school after 3:30pm are required to be enrolled in COSHC. Students are not to be left outside the school main gate unsupervised. This is a child protection issue of grave concern.

MIPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students in Years 2 – 5

We have revised the scheduling of our swimming carnival following feedback from our last swimming carnival.

We will trial having the carnival in December and of course continue to review for it's effectiveness.

Date: Tuesday 11th December 2018

Venue: Mount Druitt Swimming Pool.

Participants: Years 2 - 5 students

Time: 9am – 2pm

Transport: Travelling to and from Mount Druitt Pool by bus.

Results from this carnival will determine the children representing Mary Immaculate at the Blacktown Zone Carnival on 14th February 2019.



STUDENT STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Ani L of 6P on receiving Junior Defender of the Year from Quakers Hill Netball Club.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Stage 3 Students

Good luck to our Stage 3 teams participating in the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day next Monday 29th October.



YEAR 6 MOTIV8 SPORTS DAY “BIG DAY IN”

Tuesday 4th December

The Year 6 children will participate in a Motiv8sports ‘BIG DAY IN’ on **Tuesday, 4th December**. The Motiv8sports Big Day In is an exciting day full of non-stop team building activities and sporting fun. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun day with the students!

Yours in learning - Year 6 Team

Mrs Behrens, Mrs Fenech-Soler, Mrs Kelly, Mr Matulewicz & Mrs Boatfield

P&F ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday November 28th**. An invitation is extended to all of the MIPS Parent Community to join the P&F Association and partake in this important meeting for the planning of 2019.

Clause 8.5.3: At each Annual General Meeting all positions shall be declared vacant. The members of the Association shall elect an Executive Committee as required by 5.1. Other positions and sub-committees as determined by the meeting may also be elected at this time. The Parish Priest or the Principal or the Assistant Principal shall conduct each election and declare the result.

Regards, David Smithson - P&F Association President



UPDATE REGARDING THE NEW SKOOLBAG APP

In September a new SkoolBag App was released. A small number of iPhone users have been having issues accessing the new SkoolBag App. This can be caused by having larger font sizes enabled on your device. If you are experiencing issues, please temporarily switch off this setting by following these steps: On your Apple Device > Settings > General > Accessibility > Larger Text - OFF. Then try to open the SkoolBag app and log in.

SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST



Can we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. Little accidents may occur, particularly in this cold weather. Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office can you please return them to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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TRADING HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 5:30pm
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Thursday	9am - 8pm
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Sunday	10am - 3pm



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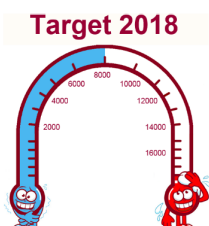
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Prizes, giveaways and lucky door prize, fun games on the night.

Please email mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com to secure your table of 10.

Please return your money through the class office bags with table name by Friday 19th October.

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This event is BYO food with soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night.

Complimentary tea and coffee also available.

Don't forget your gold coins for additional games during the night



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National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

A reflection for all the agencies, ministries, parishes, clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta for 11am on Monday 22 October 2018

This reflection is to acknowledge and recognise the importance of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being delivered today by the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.

Today is a very important day when the prime minister will say sorry to all those people in Australia who, in the past, were hurt as children in places where they were supposed to be loved and cared for, including our churches and schools.

The prime minister will not only be saying sorry to the people for the hurt they have suffered, but also to acknowledge and recognise their courage in telling their stories.

With their voice, these brave people were able speak out and ask for help. It has meant that many of those who caused the harm have been brought to justice, and other children have been saved from harm. It has also helped us as a Catholic community to learn from the past so that this does not happen again.

The Diocese of Parramatta, including our parishes, schools, ministries, agencies, staff, clergy and volunteers are joining together today to acknowledge the National Apology, to remember the children who were hurt, and to give thanks to those who found courage and strength in speaking out.

We stand together to acknowledge the harm caused by those within Catholic institutions who sexually abused children or responded to abuse in a way that was ineffective or inadequate, and to honour the immense courage of those who found their voice and spoke the truth which saved others from harm.

For more information about the National Apology, please visit www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au or call 1800 604 604.