



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

**Term 1 Week 8: Monday 18th March 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

This current week has certainly been extremely tumultuous. A week when many of us questioned so much and were struck by so much tragedy. At the end of last week, we invited our students to have a voice in calling out bullying at MIPS. This is a vital part of stopping bullying - to lift any veil that might cover up what is happening.

The brutal and repulsive acts of violence in Christchurch appropriately received global condemnation and outrage. Those acts were meant to terrorise, to divide and to proclaim one sector of society as being more superior than the rest. Instead, they have unified the world in denouncing these acts and their intent.

The fact that the perpetrator is an Australian adds quite a layer of confusion for all of us. This occurred of course following the conviction of George Pell which has raised many thoughts and feeling across the globe and locally.

These events were at the forefront of my mind over the weekend. And then when I was at Mass on Sunday evening we heard the reading of the Transfiguration of the Lord - revealed as the Son of God. I wondered why this reading struck such a chord in me at this time and then it became clear. People - the people who spoke up this week for the values of Love, Justice, Inclusivity and Compassion - are people revealing Jesus to us by their Christian values and actions. Repeatedly on the news over the weekend, people reinforced their commitment and belief that "Love will always conquer Hate". I am sure that we all rally to that at MIPS.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

Congratulations to our Stage 3 Cricket teams who participated in our  
Inter-school cricket tournament last week.



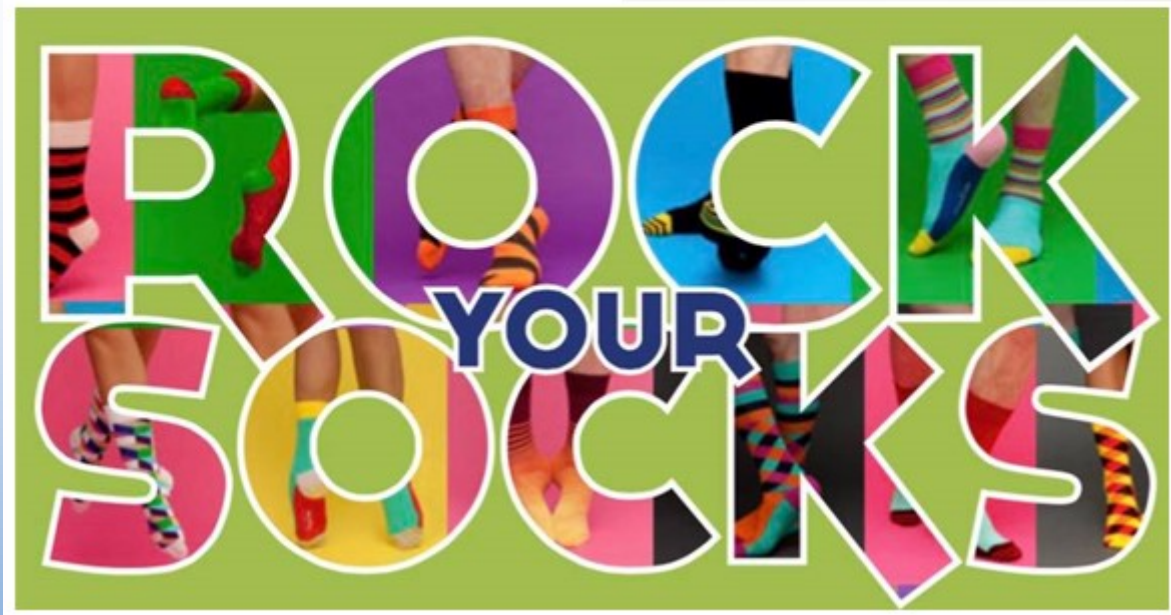


# MIPS CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN

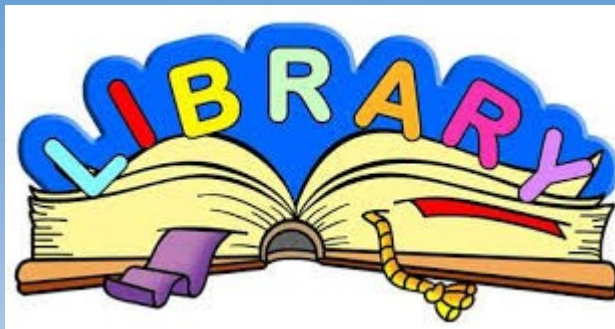
Thursday 21st March is our school Cross Country Fun Run. It's a day where we can show everyone how fantastic we are at running by running around our Cross Country course. It is also World Down Syndrome Day. A day where we want to get the world talking about Down Syndrome. How can you help, I hear you ask? By wearing #Lots Of Socks!

But not just any socks, brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock, even 3 socks, sports socks, odd socks any socks. You can wear them to school to run our Cross Country. Remember to wear the socks that will help you run fast.

Let's show everyone that at MIPS we support World Down Syndrome Day by wearing different socks. MIPS remember to Rock your Socks next Thursday 21st March for our Cross Country.



## Library News



Students are enjoying all of the wonderful books we have in our library. The students are able to borrow 2 books each week. The students walk in to their library lesson with a smile which tells me they are happy to come in and borrow. We are very fortunate to have our volunteers doing book club and with rewards we receive some wonderful books to add to our collection.

Students are asked each week to make sure their books are in their library bags or if not a plastic bag to transport their books. Unfortunately there are a lot of books that come back wet or damaged from drink bottles or food that cannot be repaired. We ask students to please take care of their precious library books. We ask parents to please remind students to return their books each library day in the same condition as it was borrowed.

We have also a lot of reading packs that are returned to the library with one or two books missing. We are not able to replace some of these titles. As we tell the students, if we have to replace books that are not returned we won't be able to buy other resources that are needed. Books that are lost or damaged will of course need to be paid for.

We are very proud of our library and its resources available to both teachers and students so please help us out by returning our books on time.

From the library

## SCHOOL FEES 2019

**Statements were posted from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)  
on Friday 8th March 2019.**

If you have not received your statement, please contact the office.

A reminder that payment plan forms are to be returned to CEDP by Friday, 22nd March 2019.

**Due date for instalment 1 is Friday, 29th March 2019**

Please contact the school on 02 9933 7800 or via email [imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to enquire about your account.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) 2019

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

In May 2019 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. This year your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

Prior to the official test, students will partake in a practice test to help familiarise them to the online formatting and test conditions.

The NAPLAN online **PRACTICE** test will be conducted on  
**Tuesday 2nd April (Year 5)**  
**Wednesday 3rd April (Year 3)**

NAPLAN will be conducted from 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Writing Tests (Year 3 paper & Year 5 online)	Reading Tests (Year 3 & Year 5)	Conventions of Language (Year 3)	Conventions of Language (Year 5)	Numeracy (Year 3)	Numeracy (Year 5)
Tuesday 14th May, 2019	Thursday 16th May, 2019	Monday 20th May, 2019	Tuesday 21st May, 2019	Wednesday 22nd May, 2019	Thursday 23rd May, 2019

\*\*\* The written test can only be completed on the 14th or 15th of May as per NESA requirements.

Students who miss a test or are absent on a test day, will resume testing when they return to school during the testing period.

Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

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- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have a significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

**All other students are expected to participate in the tests.**

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal, Mr Dowd. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Forms are available from the school office and must be returned by this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Parents and students are encouraged to access the **Public Demonstration** site to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and functionalities of NAPLAN Online. The demonstration site covers sample questions but does not reflect the range of skills which will be assessed in the NAPLAN test. The demonstration tests can be found at <https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Parents are required to download the **NAP browser** onto their child's device to give them secure access to the official and practice tests. This will need to be done as soon as possible so we are able to rectify any issues with devices. Parents are asked to download this at home using the following link  
<https://naplan.parra.catholic.edu.au/download>

All students **will require headphones** for all test sessions and we ask that this is organised prior to the date of assessments. In the numeracy tests students **will not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors**.

Please make an appointment with Mr Dowd, if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

With appreciation of your ongoing support,  
Stephen Dowd, Principal





Vacation Care begins on the 15th of April and bookings for the upcoming holidays close on the 29th of March.

If you are interested in attending Vacation Care please contact the COSHC service for more information or drop into the service to grab a form!

Phone: 0417 203 333

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Ballet

Lyrical Jazz

Hip Hop

Musical Theatre

Acrobatics

Salsa

Rock & Roll

Drama

Privates

Toddler's

Mini's Elite Performance



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