

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 4 Week 8—24th November 2014



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Christmas is close—Advent

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yes, it is scary but it is true. In only a matter of weeks we will commence our school holidays knowing that Christmas is 'just around the corner'. We are constantly reminded that Christmas, to many people in our society, is dominated by the commercialism of the event where values are measured by what we buy each other and how much we spend.

Advent commences next weekend in our church, and we are called to focus on the true meaning of this special time. **Christmas is about the gift of giving and this is centred around LOVE.** We know this because at the first Christmas, God gave us his only son, Jesus, to show us how to live our lives and love each other.

Christmas is actually very simple. It is a time where we are called to show our love for each other by caring for those in our lives. As we commence **Advent** next weekend, let us pray that we are open to the simple Christmas this year and not be pulled into the complexities and expectations of the commercial Christmas.

This week, the Kindergarten children will lead the school in prayer as they present "Christmas through the eyes of Mary". This is a wonderful time where our youngest students have the opportunity to share with us the true meaning of Christmas.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal

'Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary'

Kindergarten will be presenting

'Christmas through the Eyes of Mary'

on

- **Wednesday 26th November** at 12:30pm in the MPA to Years 1-6 students and their parents.
- **Thursday 27th November** at 12:30pm in the MPA to Kindergarten parents and families.

We look forward to seeing you there to help celebrate the Story of Christmas as seen through the eyes of Mary.



Important Dates

Wednesday 26th November

Kindergarten 'Christmas through the eyes of Mary'

12:30pm—students

7:30pm P&F Planning Meeting

Thursday 27th November

Kindergarten 'Christmas through the eyes of Mary'

12:30pm parents and families

Parish Reconciliation Practice Night

Friday 28th November

2:30pm Assembly Year 6 item

Twilight Working Bee

3:30pm-7:00pm

Sunday 30th November

1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Reconciliation
Certificates Masses

Monday 1st December

Newsletter Day

'Cool Kids' Music lessons

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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

Our Mini Vinnies team has officially launched 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.



Parents and Friends Association—Working Bee

The new date for the Working Bee 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



accept respect



Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight's Social Skill is:
STAYING OUT OF FIGHTS

Stop

Count to 10

Think about your choices

-Walk away

- Talk to the person in a friendly way

- Ask someone to help you solve the problem

Act out your best choice

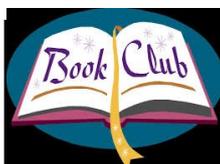
Parent Links: Discuss with your child that when they are faced with a problem to solve they need to think of as many ways as they can to solve it. Once lots of suggestions have been made, help them to decide which is the most likely to work. Ask them to try that idea and talk about why it did or did not work, try some other ideas. Discuss feelings openly with your child. Acknowledge that it is OK to have certain feelings, like anger and frustration but because you felt that way doesn't mean that you can smash a window or hit someone. Discuss alternatives to taking anger out on someone or something or bottling it up. Instead you could kick a football around, go for a run, play with the dog, have a bubble bath or listen to some music.

Kiss and Drop guidelines

The car park area immediately outside the school office (near the Grotto) is a Kiss and Drop area. This Kiss and Drop operates from 8.25am till 8.55am every school morning. The purpose of the Kiss and Drop is to provide an efficient way of dropping your children at school in a safe environment where they can easily access the playground. Parents are asked to assist in the functioning of the Kiss and Drop by doing two things:

- Do not park in the Kiss and Drop area between 8.25 and 8.55am
- Do not get out of your car to say goodbye to your children - do this while they are in the car.

Ideally, your car should pull up in the Kiss and Drop and your children will get out of the left side of your car with their bag and they head off to school. (Parents do not get out of their car). If we all follow these guidelines we all help to move our children into school safely and efficiently without causing undue lengthy queues of cars waiting to drop off their children.



Issue 8 Book Club orders need to be returned by tomorrow, 25th November. No late orders can be accepted as Scholastic have a cut off date for orders.

Thank you for your ongoing support of book club.

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.

Staffing - Meet the teacher

Classes for next year are being formed by the teachers and they will be announced at 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 10 December. During 'Meet the Teacher', the children get to spend some time with their teacher and class for 2015. This allows the children to begin their orientation to the new year group and teacher and also for the teacher to have a brief conversation with the class regarding the exciting learning for 2015.

The Newsletter

The newsletter is used throughout the year to inform parents about the faith celebrations, beliefs and events of the school and parish. The newsletter is also used to inform parents about the policies and practices that are its legal responsibilities or Catholic Education Office policy. These areas include but are not restricted to school policy and practices relating to supervision, enrolments, communication, anti-racism, grievance, child protection and pastoral care.

Farewell Mr. Leydon

Mr. Leydon our well known and well liked crossing supervisor and Assistant at the school, is retiring after an injury to his knee. We wish Mr. Leydon all our best wishes.

Mr. Paul Leydon will be visiting our school on Friday 28th November at 3:20pm to say his goodbyes to parents and students.



Student Talent Showcase 2014

**Thursday
4th December**

Our Student Talent Showcase is to display the many talents of children at Mary Immaculate.

Parents are invited to attend on Thursday 4th December with the rest of the school in the MPA.

Performers will receive a certificate.

SRC Team

Supervision

Supervision at Mary Immaculate commences at 8:25am and continues until 3:50pm. In the morning children are not supervised before 8:25am before the teacher commences duty. In the afternoon, all children are dismissed from their classrooms but remain under the supervision of teachers until either collected by their parents / caregiver, commence walking home or board a bus to go home. Any child not collected by their parents or caregivers by 3:50pm are taken to the school office and parents are contacted. All children continue to be supervised until collected by their parents or caregivers.

UNIFORM SHOP ADDITIONAL HOURS

The uniform shop will be open the following days for all uniform purchases:
For an appointment, please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or
elle@ozfashions.com.au

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER

1:30 - 3:00pm

happy
birthday

To students who celebrated
their birthday between
11th to 24th November

Sarah-Michelle Hooper
Adut Domkuch
Alat Domkuch
Lucas Wise
Christian Castueras
Patrick Higham
William Hart
Gusshaan Dhaliwal
Chiara King
Payton Whitney
Laura Trinder
Michael Scarlett
Taylah Shuetrim
Ethan Perera
Renee Pisani

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 8

Wednesday 26th November	Sulee Somyaying
Thursday 27th November	Angela Portelli, Jacqueline Cheadle
Friday 28th November	Melissa Loughlin, Sue Campion, Nicole Eason

Term 4 Week 9

Wednesday 3rd December	Angela Cooper
Thursday 4th December	Tanya Dickerson
Friday 5th December	Michelle Attard, Belinda Campbell

Mary Immaculate Primary School
and Parish

Christmas Carols



Friday 5th December 2014

Join us for a fun filled evening where all students will be performing as we celebrate the joy of Christmas

GATES OPEN 5:15PM FOR 6PM START

Enter via Main Gate, Farnham Road or Paterson Reserve. Parking will be limited, walking is encouraged!

- * Food (sausage sizzle), cake stall & drinks for sale or bring your own.
- * Strictly no alcohol will be permitted.
- * Glow Candles available for sale on the night (limited stock)
- * BYO Chairs/Rugs to sit on



Hosted by MIPS P&F



MIPS CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2014

To reduce cash handling and queues on the night, we are encouraging the pre-purchase of Glow Candles for the event. On receipt of the completed slip below and payment, a pre-paid voucher will be sent home which you can exchange for your candle(s) at the event at a designated collection point.

All completed slips to be returned by Wednesday 3rd December 2014.

Number of Glow Candles required at \$3 each (or 2 for \$5) _____. Total enclosed \$_____

Eldest child's name and class _____
(Name) (Class)

Please enclose correct money and completed slip in envelope and return to School Office
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT! (gate meet&greet, traffic control, BBQ Chefs, stall sales).

Yes I would love to help! Name : _____ Contact phone _____