

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 4 Week 10 – 7th December 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday evening was a wonderful community celebration, where we were able to claim some time to gather as a parish and focus on the meaning of Christmas. It was a time where both primary schools of the parish and the parish itself all contributed to the festive feel of the occasion.

Many thanks to all families who were able to attend and join with the singing and festivities. Thank you also to all the teachers who prepared their children in the past week and particularly Scott Carroll who helped to co-ordinate the event. Thanks to the parish team for the band, singing and wonderful cake stall. Particular thanks to the Parents and Friends Association who provided the energy behind the event and helped in so many ways on the night.

Today, the school reports will go home to all families. These reports are a celebration of learning and I encourage the families to see them as an opportunity to talk with their children about the successes of the year and also name learning goals for the future.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal



Uniform Shop



Last day of trading will be on Tuesday 15th December 2015 (8.30-10.00) and will re-open on Friday 29th January 2016. (8.30-10.00)

These are the following dates for holiday trading in January 2016.

THURSDAY 7th JANUARY 10.00am-12.00pm (by appointment only).
SATURDAY 9th JANUARY 10.00am-11.30am
SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1.00pm-3.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Thursday 24 Dec: Christmas Vigil

5.30pm and 7.30pm—Family Masses

9.30pm—Youth & Young Adults Mass

12:00am—Midnight Mass

Friday 25 Dec: Christmas Day

8.00am and 10:00am

NB: There is no 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Please take home purple advent leaflet at the door of the church for Advent, Reconciliation and Christmas Mass Times.

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Tuesday 8th Dec.

- 9:30am-10:30am
End of Year Mass
- 10:30am-11:30am
Parent Helper Morning
Tea

Wednesday 9th Dec.

- 10:00am-11:00am Meet
the teacher morning

Thursday 10th Dec.

- 9:00am - 12:00pm
Year 6 Don Bosco
Fun Day

Friday 11th Dec.

- 9:30am Farewell
Assembly

Term 4 Week 11

- **Tuesday 15th Dec.**
Year 6 Graduation Mass
and Ceremony - 7pm
- **Wednesday 16th Dec.**
Last Day for students

2015

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Wednesday 16th
December

2016

Years 1-6 resume

Monday 1st February

Kindergarten begin

Tuesday 2nd February

Staff listing for 2016

Kindergarten - Jocelyn Williams, Glynnis Smith, Joanne Wolffe, Lindsay Scarlett

Year 1 - Sarah Hutton, Stephanie Francis, Nicole Whittaker, Rebecca Jones, Sonya Crooks

Year 2 - Andrew Matulewicz, Stephanie Francis Kirsten Cooper, Scott Carroll, Emily Colussi

Year 3 - Sandra Dunphy, Sheridan Kelly, Angela Cooper, Christine Leach,
Alison Shanahan

Year 4 - Loren Jackson, Gerard Kearney, Robyn Jolly, Kirsty Zahra
(Helen Moore returning T2)

Year 5 - Patricia Davis, Catherine Goodwill, Anna Seymour, Helen Milne,

Year 6 - Anne Kelly, Narelle Boatfield, Jacky Noort, Kylie Behrens, Bernadette Fenech-Soler

Learning Support - Paola Dimataga, Helen Ridley, Joan Bell, Sr Marie Butcher

Reading Recovery – Glynnis Smith, Jocelyn Williams

EMU – Sarah Hutton, Nicole Whittaker

Specialist teachers - Narelle Boatfield (Art), Karen Cauci (Music), Monica Dann (PE)

Teachers Aides/Canteen - Carmen Sammut, Josephine Desira, Michelle Hartigan,
Laraine Fawns, Sam Scully

Clerical - Anne Grima, Lynn Borg, Cheryl Belcastro, Lorraine Ewer, Claudine Nalletamby

Maintenance - Peter Vincent

Leadership Team - Stephen Dowd (Principal), Sharon Mizzi (Assistant Principal), (Leader of Learning Stage 2), Scott Carroll (REC) Glynnis Smith (Leader of Learning ES1), Sarah Hutton (Leader of Learning S1), Catherine Goodwill, (Leader of Learning Stage 3), Narelle Boatfield (PDHPE)

Parish Team– Fr. Ruben Elago, Aylyn Yu, Gerald Oblea

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Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight's Social Skill is:
CONGRATULATING YOURSELF

Congratulating yourself or being proud of an achievement you have made is a hard thing to do. We are so used to others feeling proud of us or congratulating us, we often do not take the time to be proud of ourselves. Sometimes it is hard to congratulate yourself as it means that you have to recognise and identify the success you have made without being explicitly told. Take time to think, "Do you feel good about something you have achieved?" "Do you feel good about yourself?" "What makes you feel good about yourself?"

Being able to congratulate yourself comes from having a positive attitude—feeling good about yourself, the things you do, the way you do them, and the important things and people in your life. All of these things can make you feel confident and secure and it will help you in school and when interacting with others. Being able to recognise what you do well will help you develop through sharing your skills and achievements with others.

As Jesus reminds us in the parable of 'The Talents' we must use the special gifts that God has given us. Maybe you're not sure what your special abilities are yet, ask your parents or teachers what they think you're gifts are. Listen and watch when others compliment you or notice something good about what you're doing. To you it might be something small but to God it's a special and very valuable gift that only you can give and if you keep using it God will continue to make it bigger and better. Also try to encourage and congratulate others if you notice something special in them. Your friends, teachers and parents might forget that God put something special in them and you might see it. Tell them that they're good at it and remind them that it's a special ability given to them by God.

Parent Links: Ask your child to think of recent experiences that made them feel good. List these experiences on a large sheet of paper. They might include: a trip, a favorite activity, time with friends, time with family, and so on. Discuss with them and talk about which experiences had the biggest impact on how they felt about themselves, and why. Congratulate them on their success.

LEAVING STUDENTS 2016

Many changes happen with a new year and relocation of families is an occurrence. If any of our families will not be returning in 2016 and moving on to a different school, a Leaving Student form is required to be completed and returned. These forms are available from the office, please return once completed to the office.
Thank you for your cooperation.

School Fees 2015

Thank you to all our families who have completed payment of all their school fees for 2015. Can I please request that all accounts be finalised by the end of this week. Any family accounts with an outstanding amount, will not be offered a Flexible Payment Plan by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta in 2016. If you are unsure if you have an outstanding amount, please contact the office for a balance of your account. Thank you for your cooperation.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snacks and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. (No lunches are available).

Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December Lauren Lynch

Friday 11th December Leanne Corapi Nilangi Abeywardena

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Wednesday 16th December Connie Smith

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to students who celebrated their birthdays between 24th November to 18th December

William Hart, Ah Cassar, Angelica Deconongon, Noah Swift, Oliver Hartley, Logan Mackey, Lauren Milne, Samuel Milne, Ryan Munro, Isabelle Boshell, Elijah SmithKhaled Kataieh, Emma Gat, Lucas Shaw, Shani Torres, Jacob Jeroncic, Jasmine Hooper, Chelsea Borges, Mollie Wilding, Natarsha Simic, John Ybuan, Thalia Caruana, Siobhan Turner, Mirafaith Estrada, Caleb Macaraeg, Tamara Whitby, Kyzac Wilding, TTatiana Padilan, Kiara Borges, Amelia Williams, Kiani Robert, Lily Gordon, Emma ODonoghue



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Mary Immaculate Children's Christmas Masses

There will be two Family Christmas Masses at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. The first one is at 5.30pm and the second at 7.30pm on Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December, 2015.

We require several children and adults to be involved in the following roles: Readers, Commentators, Gospel Actors (Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds), Readers of Prayers of Intercession and Offertory Gift Bearers.

If you and your child/children would like to be involved in one of the roles above, please contact Clare at creiherlyons@hotmail.com or call 0416077549 by Friday 11th Dec or write your name down on the sign up sheets in the foyer of the church.

Practice times for everyone who would like to play one of the roles mentioned above:

Thursday 17th December

3.30 – 4.30: Allocation of roles for both Masses

Monday 21st December

10.00 – 11.00am practice for the 5.30pm Mass

11.15 – 12.15pm practice for the 7.30pm Mass

We would also like to invite all other children who will be attending these two Masses to come dressed as angels, kings, shepherds or towns people of Bethlehem. At the reflection after Communion they will all be invited to gather around Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus for a special reflection song.

Clare and Kevin Lyons, Sarah Hutton and Jocelyn Williams

Christmas Giving Tree



This weekend, the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to take a tag from the Christmas tree in the church, to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in our local community, with gifts and non-perishable food.

This year we are aiming for 45 hampers to Quakers Hill-Schofields residents, & 25-30 to assist the Doonside conference.

Christmas is not far away and we would be grateful if all gifts could be returned by Monday 14th December, so we can deliver the hampers the following weekend. If you are donating a present, it will help us if you can label it with the gift tag from the tree.

We are looking for volunteers to sort & pack hampers Wednesday 16th December, 7-10pm, continuing in the day from 10am on Thursday 17th. If you'd like to help, please contact Michael on 0425 362 043 or michael.s@plansource.com.au. You can also write your details on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church.

*God bless, and thank you for your help.
SVdP Quakers Hill-Schofields Conference*