Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This marks the start of Lent which is the season of preparation for Easter. During this day, the children will receive ashes marked in the sign of the cross on their forehead. This is to remind them that Jesus lived and died for us all and that we need to live our lives caring for one another.

The children in Year 4 to 6 will attend Mass with the parish at 9:15am and receive their ashes as part of this celebration while the younger children from Kindergarten to Year 3 will participate in a liturgy at 10:15am.

Parents are very welcome to attend these two celebrations as we begin our season of Lent. Lent is a time when we reflect on our lives to ensure that we are loving God and others in the way that Jesus intended. It is often a time when we make personal sacrifices (or alms giving) in order to maintain our focus on living better lives. It is also a time for spiritual renewal when we can reconnect to God through prayer.

Let us pray that during this Lent, we grow closer to God through prayer, reflection and care for others.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

Calendar dates for parents

The school has moved to an electronic calendar and subsequently does not produce a term planner as the central diary. In order to keep parents informed, we are trialling the following:

- On the front of every Newsletter and Update there will be the next two weeks events listed.
- On the back of every Newsletter will also note the next 4 weeks (giving 6 weeks in total).

Please continue to refer to the newsletter for the most up to date calendar events.

Parish Enrolment Evening
Tuesday 24th February at 7pm

The parish enrolment evening will take place on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm. This will commence in the Church followed by separate talks for Mary Immaculate Primary, St Joseph’s Primary and St John Paul II Catholic College.

Please spread the word about this important event for 2016 enrolments.
Date Claimers

Working Bee
Please Note change of time
Saturday 7 March 8am till 12pm.
All assistance is appreciated

Enrolment Open Day
Thursday 12 March
Presentation and School Tours

Application for Leave Forms & Canteen Price List
Application for Leave forms and Canteen Price Lists are available to download from the school Website.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au
- Parent Correspondence
- Whole School

Staffing
Following due process, Mrs Catherine Goodwill has been appointed as Acting Leader of Learning for the year at our school. Mrs Goodwill is currently teaching Year 5 and will be the Leader of Learning for Stage 3 along specific leadership in the area of literacy. We congratulate Mrs Goodwill on this appointment and wish her well for the year in the new role.

Consent forms for parents to go home today - photos / raffle
There was a policy change last year in the areas of permission for the use of students photos and also the distribution of raffle tickets. The new policies indicate that the school needs yearly parent permission to use students’ photos etc and also to send raffle tickets home for fundraising. Subsequently, your child has brought home a form today for your consideration and signing. Please return within 7 days.

MIPS P&F
Family Bingo Night
Friday 13th March 2015
Gates Open: 6:00pm
Bingo Starts: 6:45pm
Venue
Mary Immaculate Primary School
Tickets $10:00
On Sale: Books of 10 games
Single games
Daubers
BBQ—sausage sizzle
Drinks
BYO: Family snacks
Bring your gold coins along for the fun and games!

What is Reading Recovery?
Reading Recovery is an early literacy intervention that provides one to one teaching for children who need greater assistance in learning to read and write following their first year of school.

Reading Recovery is a daily, individualised intervention program delivered by a specialist teacher that engages children in reading books and writing their own stories. It also enhances the classroom reading and writing program and enables children to quickly ‘catch up’ to the average level of their class.

Reading Recovery builds on the strengths of each child and encourages them to become independent, strategic readers and writers.

Mrs Glynnis Smith
And
Mrs Jocelyn Williams
Reading Recovery Teachers
Developing Literacy Partnerships

Dear Parents,

An invitation is extended for you to take part in a programme specifically designed to help you - help your child/children - in their literacy and language development. This programme, called “Developing Literacy Partnerships”, runs over two weeks, one night a week from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child’s learning.

When: Tuesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm
10th and 17th March.

Where: Learning Support Room next to the Multi Purpose Area

I truly hope that you are able to attend.

Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office. Then simply arrive on 10th March to begin.

Thank you

Paola Dimataga

To Paola Dimataga, Learning Support Coordinator

I, __________________________________________, would like to attend the course on Developing Literacy Partnerships.

Child’s name: __________________________________________ class: _________
To our friends at MIPS who celebrate their birthday between 3rd February to 16th February:


### CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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### MIPS Sports Days—Wear Sport Uniform

| Kindergarten | Tuesday | Friday |
| Year 1       | Tuesday | Friday |
| Year 2       | Wednesday | Friday |
| Year 3       | Wednesday | Friday |
| Year 4       | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Year 5       | Thursday | Friday |
| Year 6       | Thursday | Friday |

### Uniform shop trading hours

Normal trading hours will continue as normal:
- Tuesday 8.30 till 10.00am
- Friday 8.30 till 10.00am.

We also do over the phone orders and online orders.

For any enquiries please contact - Elle Phone: 0421216414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**