

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 3 Week 8 - 31st August 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was a chance to celebrate Book Week and reading. We had many initiatives and activities throughout the week to ensure that reading was portrayed in a healthy and positive light. The students and staff were involved in many activities that were thoroughly enjoyed and will be talked about for many months to come. Book Week also gave us the opportunity to host a Book Fair which allows the families access to quality books and literature for the students to enjoy. This week occurred due to the hard work and dedication of many staff and I take this opportunity to thank them for their continued commitment to Mary Immaculate.

We would like to thank the following families for purchasing books at the Bookfair and donating them to the school:

- * Higham Family - Patrick 3P, Bethany 2P and Cassandra KM
- * Marks Family - Lucas 4G, Isabella 2P and Siobhan KP
- * Palenzuela-Lim Family - Gabriel 6M

STAFFING

In the first three weeks of next term, I will be taking Long Service Leave. During this time the following staff will be promoted to ensure that the school continues to function efficiently.

- Acting Principal - Mark Boss
- Acting Assistant Principal - Glynnis Smith
- Acting Leader of Learning - Jocelyn Williams

I thank these staff for taking on these roles of increased responsibility during my leave.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Next Monday, 7th September, is a Staff Development Day. This day was advertised in the school calendar at the start of the term. All staff will be attending a Spirituality Day at Mamre House at St Mary's. **Children do not attend school on this day.**

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 area 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 8.25am 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.

Week 8

Monday 31st August

- Peer Support

Tuesday 1st September

- Spelling Bee Finals

Wednesday 2nd September

- Spelling Bee Finals

Thursday 3rd September

- Spelling Bee Finals

Friday 4th September

- Spelling Bee Finals
- P&F Father's Day Breakfast - 7am
- Open Classrooms 8.25am
- Liturgy - 9.15am
- Stall: TAS - 10am

Week 9

Monday 7th September

- **Staff Development Day**
No Classes

Tuesday 8th September

- Stage Talent Quest
- Year 4 Captivate Concert
- Voice of Youth Semifinal

Wednesday 9th September

- Stage Talent Quest
- Maths Olympiad

Thursday 10th September

- Stage Talent Quest
- Parish Mass:
Years 3 and 2 - 9.15am

Friday 11th September

- Stage Talent Quest
- Year 1 Fairy tale Fiasco
- Assembly:
Kindergarten Item
- MI Youth Ministry
P.A.R.T.Y: MPA - 7pm

SUPERVISION

Supervision at Mary Immaculate commences at 8:25am and continues until 3:50pm. In the morning children are not supervised before 8:25am when 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 after 3:50pm by the Principal or Assistant Principal until collected by their parents or caregivers.

DOGS AT SCHOOL

With the exception of Guide Dogs, no animals are to be brought onto the school grounds without the permission of the Principal. Regardless of how placid a pet may be at home, animals can react differently when surrounded by many children in an unfamiliar place. We make this rule for the safety of all children in our care. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours in education,



Paul Devlin
Principal

2015 SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Our annual school 'Spelling Bee Championships' is nearing its exciting conclusion. The top spellers from each grade will be determined by the end of this week and will compete in Week 8 in their grade 'Spelling Bee Championship Final' to be held in the MPA.



The Finals schedule is:

Week 8 Venue: MPA

DAY	TIME	GRADE
Tuesday 1 st September	10:00am	Kindergarten
	2:20pm	Year 6
Wednesday 2 nd September	10:00am	Year 1
	2:20pm	Year 4
Thursday 3 rd September	10:00am	Year 2
	2:20pm	Year 5
Friday 4 th September	2:20pm	Year 3

Parents are welcome to attend.

Mark Boss - Acting Assistant Principal

MATHS



Week 8

A large square is made up of small squares. How many squares are there?

Answer from week 7: Jasmine has 182 books left.

MIPS FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Fathers Day to all our fathers and grandfathers, and those who are like fathers to the children in our community. We look forward to seeing lots of dads during our BBQ breakfast, open classrooms and special Liturgy of the Word this Friday, 4th September.

Father's Day Breakfast - 7am

Open Classrooms - 8.25am

Father's Day Liturgy - 9.15am



UNIFORM SHOP - SUMMER UNIFORM

Summer uniforms are now available for purchase. Online and phone orders are available to parents who cannot make it to the uniform shop during opening hours. (Order form available on school website) These orders will be taken to the office on Tuesdays and Fridays and placed in to the children's class office bags.

Regular Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday 8.30 - 10am

Friday 8.30 - 10am

Additional Opening Hours during the School Holidays:

Wednesday 23rd September from 9.30 - 11am

Saturday 26th September 9.30 - 11am

For any further enquiries please contact: Elle 0421216414 or via email: elle@ozfashions.com.au



SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2015 school fees. School fees are now overdue. Any families that are on an arrangement, please continue your regular payments until the final date. Any outstanding accounts that are not finalised this week, will receive a second reminder notice from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. If you have any queries regarding fees or did not receive your statement, please contact the School Office on 9626.3999 or by email to mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you - *Claudine Nalletamby* - Office Administrator

Happy Birthday to students who celebrated their birthdays between 18th August and 1st September

Sanjog Atwal, Aliyah Bonora, Jessie Cole, Zachariah Diab, Zoe Douglas, Christian Grech, Isabella Houseman, Aiden Keen-Grimes, Tristan Kemp, Matthew Liberatore, Sandra Mankrious, Tamata'ane Manuha'apai, Vivian Miller, Gabriel Niduaza, Thomas Sahlieh, Matthew Tadros and Ethan Whitby.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thank you everyone who has helped to support the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets are available from the student foyer. Simply pop the labels onto the sheets and once it's completed, just bring it back to school and drop it into the Collection Box in the student foyer. If your sheet is not completed, or you don't have a sheet, just pop the stickers in the box in the student foyer.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

On Tuesday 11th August a team of students represented Mary Immaculate at the Zone athletics carnival. The team represented the school with pride and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Jayden Weymark who broke a Zone Record for Senior Boys 800 m race and to Luca Margiotta who was Junior Boys Age Champion runner up.

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school at the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 21st August. Michaela Attard, Zsolt Bakon, Blake Collins, Christian Grech, Ethan Holtsbaum, Kahlani Johnston, Jacob Kami, Luca Margiotta, Jayden Weymark, Byron Wolffe, Jaxon Cole, Jayden Kemp, Sheryas Gurelli. Adrian Baker, Luke Hanson, Christelle – Anne Pascual, Elizabeth Barbagiannakos, Thalia Caruana, Caitlin Corapi, Imogen Grech, Ella Stewart, Sophie Johnson.

Congratulations to Luca Margiotta and Ella Stewart who will be representing our school as part of the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Team. We wish them all the best at the NSWPCS MacKillop Track and Field Championships. *Sarah Hutton (Leader of Learning, Stage One.)*



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 2nd September Lisa Piskor

Thursday 3rd September Angela Portelli Jacqueline Cheadle

Friday 4th September Nicole Eason Carine Sfeir

Term 3 Week 9

Wednesday 9th September Krys Waddington

Thursday 10th September Natalie O'Donoghue

Friday 18th September Connie Smith Nilangi Abeywardena



P&F ASSOCIATION FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

If you have not returned your RSVP slip please do so as soon as possible to assist the P&F with planning for adequate catering. The note and return slip was appended to the last P&F newsletter distributed in Week 3. We are also excited to announce some fantastic prizes we will be drawing via a raffle on the day. The prizes include :

1st prize: 1 month free training with Step Into Life, Training t-shirt, Football, \$30 Rebel gift card

2nd prize: \$50 gift card plus 4 movie tickets

3rd prize: \$25 gift card plus 2 movie tickets

4th prize : 4 movie tickets plus a delicious box of chocolates

Tickets will be sold on the day for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the prizes drawn at the conclusion of breakfast.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

After a very successful first 12 months of trading, the P&F funded annual subscription to Sustainable School Shop will be renewed which means the cost for families to utilise the service will remain absolutely FREE.

342 advertisements were placed in the 2014/2015 year with approx. 130 items traded and about 64 items still currently in stock. The demand for second hand uniform items is still very high. As we head toward summer uniform change-over in Term 4, the school holidays are a great time to take stock of items you may like to sell or look for items you may require as this is the most active trading time. You can also list items you wish to donate or anything else educationally-related (text books, musical instruments, sporting gear, software etc). If you have not registered already, please log on to <http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

Please also remember to de-list and mark your ad as SOLD when trading is complete to assist all buyers/sellers.

P&F ASSOCIATION Continued ...

eBAY SALE OF “NRL 2014 PREMIERS RABBITOHS”

JERSEYS

We have been very fortunate to have been donated two framed Rabbitohs jerseys signed by the premiership winning team from last year from the grandfather of Rylan Cossey (Year 2). A sincere “thank you” for the kind and generous donation. The P&F will sell these on eBay over the next few weeks and the school will be the recipient of the money raised. Parents and community members can bid for these items or simply track the value. The link is: <http://www.ebay.com.au/itm/Signed-2014-South-Sydney-Rabbitohs-Premiership-Jersey-Framed-/171908867085?hash=item280691240d>



The bidding closes on this jersey this Friday 3rd September so that delivery can be made before Father’s Day on Sunday. The next jersey will go onto eBay before the end of term. Spread the word and help make this fundraising initiative successful.



JERSEY DAY

On Friday 11 September our school will hold “Jersey Day”. This is a day to promote Organ and Tissue donation. Although the official day is this Friday, it clashed with Father’s Day celebrations so we have chosen to promote this day on the following week. This event is not a fundraiser but simply serves to promote organ donation by allowing the students to wear their favourite sports jersey. There are more details on the flyer being sent home during the week and on the “Jersey Day” website - <http://jerseyday.com.au/>



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Take advantage of free postage when you buy your Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership from us before 31 August 2015 and you will automatically be in the draw to **win a \$1,000 Woolworths WISH eGift Card!** Plus, if you are the lucky winner, we **win a \$1,000 WISH eGift Card** too!

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