Dear Families,

This week we celebrate our mums. I look forward to meeting the mums and grandmums this Friday. A call to motherhood is a special vocation and mums do an amazing job with their children. God bless you all!

You would have noticed the changes happening to our Picnic Hill area. Both this area and the space in front of the playgroup/uniform demountables are undergoing resurfacing. The work should be completed over the next two weeks. I am very grateful to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) for their financial support with this and for the timely and efficient manner in which they have responded to my requests. Mr. Paul Easton is the Director of System Performance for the Greater Blacktown area schools who has especially assisted in making this work happen. Paul is also supportive of other improvements I am requesting for our learning spaces. I will follow up with more news.

Of course, learning is not just about the spaces but more so about the interactions and relationships that support student learning. Agile and flexible learning spaces are meant to assist in contributing to the overall learning environment — interpersonal and physical. We are continually working to develop both. Exciting learning times ahead!

Mr. Stephen Dowd  
Principal

Each year at Mary Immaculate, we celebrate the wonderful work of our mothers, grandmothers and caregivers in our community.

On Friday May 6 we will help celebrate Mother’s Day with our Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast commencing at 7:30am and our Mother’s Day Stalls during the day.

Our Mother’s Day BBQ is a chance to enjoy a breakfast with your family before school, prior to the Mother’s Day Liturgy.

A gold coin donation is appreciated to cover the BBQ costs.

Additionally, children will be attending our Mother’s Day Stall. Children will be able to purchase a gift for $5.00.

Week 2

Tuesday May 3rd
• Diocesan Cross Country
Friday May 6th
• Mother’s Day Morning BBQ
  Open Classrooms
  Liturgy 9:15am
Saturday May 7th
• 4:00pm-6:00pm First Eucharist Programme
Sunday May 8th
• 7:00am-10:30am First Eucharist Programme

Week 3

Tuesday May 10th
• 10:00am-2:00pm Year 2 Excursion Muru Mittigar

Wednesday May 11th
• 9:00am-11:00am Reading Naplan
• 7:30pm-8:30pm P&F Meeting

Thursday May 12th
• 9:00am-11:00am Numeracy Naplan

Friday May 13th
• 2:30pm-3:20pm Assembly Year 2

Week 4

Wednesday May 18th
• Year 1 Excursion Sydney

Saturday May 21st
• 4:00pm-6:00pm First Eucharist Programme

Sunday May 22nd
• 7:00am-10:30pm First Eucharist Programme

P&F Meeting—Change of Date

Our next P&F Meeting will be Wednesday 11th May 7:30pm-8:30pm
School Fee Accounts
A big THANK YOU to all the families that have finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for Term 1 school fees has passed. School fee statements for Term 2 will be sent to families in the mail shortly.
Statements and reminder letters for outstanding fees, will be sent out this week from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta office.
Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email or phone, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. The Office Administrator can be contacted by email: cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9626.3999. Thank you.

Car Park Etiquette
New carpark line marking has now been completed. All signage should be adhered to. Parents are reminded that all cars need to be parked in marked spaces only. This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and courteous manner.

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 at 3:20pm but remain under the supervision of teachers until 3:50pm after which they will be taken down to the front concrete with the teachers on bus duty. Any child not collected by their parents or caregivers by 3:40pm are taken to the school office and parents are contacted. After 3:50pm all children continue to be supervised by the Principal and/or Assistant Principal until collected by their parents or caregivers.

Book Club
Book Club brochures will be handed out this week.
Please place your orders via the loop by 12th May. Thank you for your continued support.
Sue Henson
Book Club Co-ordinator

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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HELP NEEDED

School Crossing Supervisors - Work with your community
Casual position x 3- Blacktown LGA (OOOMD5E)
An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, Who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.
The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is $21.37 - $25.65 per hour.
All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work but not full-time.
Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services Is an equal opportunity employer.
For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply.
Applications close Sunday 8 May 2016

TfNSW are committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. TfNSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.