

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 4 Week 4– 31st October 2016



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Dear Parents and Students,

What a fantastic year it has been! Last week welcomed our 2017 Kindergarten students and their parents to begin their orientation. It was tremendous to have them in our beautiful school.

Looking up and down the stairway from the top car park, it's easy to see the fantastic work that Karen, David and Ryan achieved last Friday afternoon. Our community's thanks goes to them and to all who especially take the time to support projects within the school.

We have a wonderful employee who works tirelessly and efficiently however we have a massive site that continually needs maintenance to keep it in great condition for our students. With the warmer months here, mowing and trimming take up significant time. Repairing, constructing and removing also take a lot of time. Being able to maintain the site is a huge challenge. I have begun talking with our P&F members and our colleagues from CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta), about how we can address this issue together. I will keep you informed of our discussions and the implications.

Our school is clearly one of the best sites that I have worked in. The provision of environment optimized for learning is an important agenda.

This week we have our school disco. We thank in advance all those who will be there to assist to make this a wonderful evening.

With appreciation for your continuing support,

Thank you for your ongoing support,



Yours in Learning
Stephen Dowd
Principal

Attention Kindergarten and Year 5 Students

The Release From Face-to-Face Teaching (RFF) timetable will be different for Kindergarten and Year 5 students for Weeks 4- 6 inclusive.

Kindergarten will now be wearing their **SCHOOL** uniform on **Tuesdays** and their **SPORT** uniform on **Thursdays**.

Year 5 will be wearing their **SPORT** uniform on **Tuesdays** and their **SCHOOL** uniform on **Thursdays**.

This begins this week! Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
Kindergarten and Year 5 Teams

LAST DAY OF TERM

For Students in Year 6:
Wednesday 14th December

For Students in
Kindergarten - Year 5
Friday 16th December

Monday 19th December
Tuesday 20th December
Will be Staff Developments Days.



MIPS DISCO Friday 4th November

Infants Disco 5:30pm—7:00pm

Primary Disco 7:30pm—9:00pm

- * Drink and snack provided in the ticket price
- * Glow stick products will be sold for \$2 each on the night
- * Gates will open at 5:15pm (infants disco). Please do not leave children unattended before this time. Gates open for Primary at 7:00pm for parents collecting children from the infants disco.



Literacy Writing Tips



Skill Focus: Paragraphs

The Hamburger Paragraph

A hamburger is a great analogy in helping your child to write a paragraph. Here's how it works.

Top Bun - Topic Sentence

Explain to your child that the first sentence of a paragraph tells what the paragraph is about. It's called a topic sentence. It's the top bun of the hamburger. It needs to draw the reader in so it should be interesting. It can be a question like, "Did you know that cheetahs are the fastest land mammal on earth?" It can be a fascinating fact like, "Lions are the only member of the large cat family that hunt as a group rather than individually." Or it can be a quote like this one. Napoleon said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." For younger children it is best to just start with a simple topic sentence that explains what the paragraph is going to be about. In that case, it might look something like this, "Dolphins are smart animals." Choose the method which best suits your child.

The Fixings - Details

The next part of the paragraph includes all of the details about the topic. They are the fillings in the hamburger like the lettuce, tomato, and burger. All of these fillings "support" the top bun, so the details should support the topic.

The Bottom Bun - Concluding Sentence

The last part of the paragraph is the concluding sentence. It is the bottom bun of the hamburger and can do one of two things. It can restate the topic sentence in a different way, or it can briefly summarise what was covered in the paragraph.

Go ahead and have some fun constructing some creative paragraphs at home!

SUPERVISION

Supervision at Mary Immaculate commences at 8:25am

Before this time each morning children are not supervised until 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 3:30pm after which they are taken down to the front concrete with the teachers on bus duty. Please contact COSCH for before and after school care if you need to have your child otherwise supervised. Students are not to be left unsupervised outside school supervision hours. COSCH is established to provide this supervision.

School Fees 2016

Term 3 2016 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2016 school fees. Any outstanding accounts, will receive a reminder notice from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta this week. Please complete final payment as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding fees or are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the School Office on 9626.3999 or by email cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.
Claudine Nalletamby
Office Administrator

Visitors at Mary Immaculate Primary

It is vital to know who is on the school site in the case of an evacuation/lockdown during school hours. It is imperative we can account for all visitors here at MIPS during these procedures or in the case of a real emergency.

For clarification in regards to who is required to sign in digitally, the following visitors will need to continue to sign in.

- Parent helpers—reading groups, disco setup etc.
- Parents meeting with staff members
- Representatives for sports clinics
- Guest speakers
- Contractors—uniform shop staff, electricians etc.

Uniform Shop

Any further enquiries please contact
Elle: 0421 216 414 or
email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Normal Trading Hours

Tuesday 8:30 till 10:00am
Friday 8:30 till 10:00am



to students who celebrate their birthdays
between 18th October and 31st October

Kyra Dsouza, Pinchat Limsintaropas, Jayden Muffatti, Lorelei Payne, Angelena Seguna, Elena DLima, Lily Moore, Antonia Barbagiannakos, Oliver Pettit, Charlotte Loughlin, Samantha Johnson, Evan Parnaby, Zaraina Mahajan, Zara Holmes, Bhavjot Singh, Hayley Pfitzner, Jenali Jenkins, Sebastian Anwar, Qwayn Lumba, Sharon Joseph

MIPS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MEAL DEAL



TRAVELLER MEAT PIE

or

SAUSAGE ROLL

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JUST JUICE OR QUENCH

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GLAZED DOUGHNUT WITH A CHOCOLATE SANTA



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Wednesday
24th
November