

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 — 6th May 2013



Mothers' Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The celebration of Mother's Day next weekend reminds of the importance of mothers and mother figures in our life and society.

Jesus always loved and respected his mother throughout his life. She played a very important and central role whilst supporting his ministry on earth. Even at the foot of the cross as her son was dying, Mary's love and respect for her son remained unchanged.

The role of mothers in our society is a very varied and changing one with the dynamics of family also changing. While the role of mothers has changed dramatically in the past decades, the need for mother and mother-like figures in our lives has never been greater.

Let us pray as we prepare for Mother's Day this year that we take a moment to thank and appreciate all mothers worldwide for the wonderful and constant contribution they make to our families and society.

As a school we will celebrate Mother's Day this year again as the Parents and Friends Association will again host the community for the annual Mothers Day breakfast (gold coin donation) on Friday 10 May at school. The breakfast will be served from 8:00am followed by Open Classrooms at 8:30am and the Mother's Day liturgy at 9:30am. All families are invited to attend, enjoy the breakfast and open classrooms and join with us in prayerful thanks at the liturgy.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal



Important Dates

Tuesday 7th May

Diocesan Cross Country
Eastern Creek

Wednesday 8th May

7:30pm First Eucharist Facilitators
Training

Friday 10th May

7:30am Mother's Day BBQ
on paved area
8:30am 'Open Classrooms'
9:30am Mother's Day Liturgy in Church
Mother's Day Stall
11:50am Year 4 Captivate

Sunday 12th May

Mothers' Day

Monday 13th May

Parish First Eucharist
Home Groups sessions

Mary Immaculate
Quakers Hill
www.maryimmac.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity

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9626.1613

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Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 7.00pm

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm

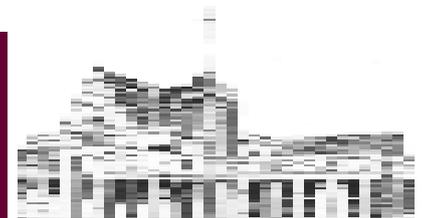
St. Joseph's Schofields

Sunday 7.30am

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'Principal's Mathematics Problem of the Week'

Commencing this week children will have the optional challenge to complete a Maths Problem if they wish.

There are 4 problems in total each week – one for Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 children.

All children will receive a copy of their grade problem this week.

They will take them home and have till Thursday morning to complete. Once completed children need to place their sheet in the boxes in the student foyer.

On Friday, next week's problem will be available and so on. At the end of the term a certificate from 'Maths Man' will be given to children who participated in the challenge.

Enjoy this extra Mathematical challenge and good luck with the first problem!



Reporting to Parents 2013

In 2013 the following is the timeline for reporting to parents re children's learning progress.

Term One

Kindergarten parent & child interviews (Week 1)

Parent Information Evenings – 'Open Learning' (Targeting Year 1) (Week 3)

 - Personal Development & Extra Excursions – Year 5 (Week 3)

 - Kindergarten Information Night (Week 4)

Parent / Teacher Interviews Years 1 – 6 (Week 4)

Term Two

Special Needs children IP Meetings (Week 5)

Semester 1 Written Reports go home (Week 9)

Term Three

Parent -Teacher - Child interviews (Optional) (Week 2)

Term Four

Semester 2 Written Reports go home (Week 10)

As always, if a concern arises Parent / Teacher meetings can be arranged as required.

Matthew Troy

Assistant Principal



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools throughout Australia to earn educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fantastic program and I look forward to seeing that collection box overflowing!! Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming newsletters and happy shopping!!

COLLECT! COLLECT! COLLECT!

Mothers' Day Gift Wrapping—Wednesday 8th May at 2pm at the school

Medication

From time to time, children require medication administered at school. This may follow illness or the development of medication condition. The school will follow the Catholic Education Office policy for medication administration in all events. All prescription medication needs to be bought to the school in the original container which indicates the name of the child and dosage required. No medication other than prescription medication can be administered by the school unless under doctors orders. If non prescription medication needs to be given, it must be accompanied by a letter from a doctor with the child's name and dosage required.

Clarification of these matters is available from the office staff if required.

Any parent assistance would be gratefully appreciated.



Punctuality to school

Parents are reminded that the school day commences at 8:55am. Students need to arrive before the bell everyday so that they are ready to assemble with their class when the bell rings and commence the lessons promptly. Please assist this matter by ensuring that your child arrives by bell time.

If your child is unavoidably late for school, please bring them to the front office so that they can be signed in by a parent or caregiver. In the same manner, if you need to collect your child early, please send a note to the class teacher and collect your child from the front office.

Agile Learning Spaces, what about my child? Will they be missed?

Every child at Mary Immaculate is seen, as a special individual with their own needs, interests and learning styles. Roll class teachers within an agile learning space are the primary source for teaching, nurturing and caring for your child's individual needs. It is the 'roll class' teacher who tracks and monitors your child's learning progress and informs you as parents how your child is progressing. However in an agile learning space all teachers share in the responsibility of teaching and learning of your child. All teachers within the space develop effective teaching and learning relationships to ensure maximum learning growth of every child. Teachers talk about your child and work together to meet their needs. Instead of one set of eyes observing your child's learning in an agile learning space you now have three, what a unique opportunity to ensure your child is never missed.

Entertainment Books for this year

REMINDER: These books contain savings of approximately \$15000 through vouchers and special offers.

Purchase these books quickly to take advantage of the savings.

Exemption From School

Due to new legislation, the Catholic Education Office is requesting an "Application of Exemption from Attendance at School" form be completed by families seeking extended leave other than for sickness.

Therefore, if your child is going on holidays or participating in a sporting activity that results in them being absent from school, you must complete an "**Exemption from Attendance at School**" form seeking the Principal's approval for such leave.

Please contact Michelle Brien in the office, 9626 3999, to advise us of your child's leave intention so that the required paperwork can be completed prior to the leave commencing.

'Seeking 'Exemption from school leave' is required well in advance of time and generally for periods of planned time greater than 3 days absence. Otherwise a letter explaining the reason for leave is required for single or 2 or 3 days to the teacher on the return of the child to school. Also leave related to sickness is required as per usual on the return of your child to school."

Help Wanted

If you can spare just 1 hour after you drop your children to school it would be greatly appreciated.

The lunch bags need to be emptied by 9:15am if the frozen foods are to be ready for the children at lunchtime. It is not possible to do this with only one mum helping.

Thank you
Michelle Hartigan

Winter Uniform

As the weather gets cooler the children are able to wear their Winter Uniform during Term 2 and 3. If we get unseasonably warm weather in the first two weeks of the term, the children are able to wear the cooler summer uniform. It is expected that all children are wearing their full winter uniform by the start of week 3 this term. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Blacktown City Fun Run

Last year Mary Immaculate entered a team in the Blacktown City Fun Run for the first time. And we had a fabulous morning. We had many participants and were highly successful, winning the Primary School Team event.

We are entering again for 2013 but note, it is on May 19 at **Eastern Creek Raceway** this year.

The children are entered under the Mary Immaculate Team but **all family members are welcome to enter separately**. You are able to walk/ run with your children on the day. There is also entry for a parent and child categories if you wish to compete together. We had great success in this category last year as well.

Entry will be via the website on www.blacktowncityfunrun.com.au and costs \$10.

Entries close on May 17.

All children will receive a drink bottle, medal, race cap and McDonalds certificates.

The Runners Club will be training for this 4km event during lunch times at school and Friday afternoons at 3.45pm but it is encouraged that they also train outside school time.

Please let me know when you enter so I can make sure the process runs smoothly for you.

Hoping to see all those team members back again for 2013 and welcome many more new members to join in the fun.

If you have any questions please feel free to see me.

Cathy Vogt



2013 Parent Conference



All enquiries or to register:

prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

Saturday 25 May 2013 and Sunday 26 May 2013

Shaping your child's genius! Mighty Knights – Dads and their daughters 21st Century classroom-are you equipped? How to motivate your child The Future of Catholic Education Schools and Families

CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS OUT? Have you registered yet?



The Novotel Parramatta

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS

2nd April to 6th May



Jordan Faleono, Jason Attard, Aaron Preller, Jacob McFarlane, Jayden Kemp, Nicholas Garbutt, Zsolt Bakon, Cooper Pettit, Bronty Walsh, Marissa Ursino,

Kahlani Johnston, Paolo Marcial, Sarah Dickerson, William Rogers, Gracelle Alonzo, Mikaela Ladrillono, Lado Sule, Madylyn Peters, Taylah Barbeitos, Jazz Boulatsakos, Alan Nebu Chieran, Harrison Gordon, Natalie Milkovic, Liam O'Leary, Molly Higham, Vanessa Peiris, Taylor MacRae, Taylah Griffiths, Adrienne Onglingchuan, Hannah Nolland, Nathan Hartman, Samuel Pfitzner, Joshua Smith, Jade Oliver, Riley Oliver, Kai Calafate, Emma Ricci, Geleinne David, Byron Wolffe, Aaliyah Steimanis-Capuno, Miguel Villa, Sophia Grech, Guy Shepherd, Holly McFarlane, Simone Singh, Natalie Sawires

CANTEEN NEWS

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. (No lunches are available)
Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 8th May Alicia Larsen

Thursday 9th May Phillipa Holtsbaum

Friday 10th May Michelle Attard HELP NEEDED

Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 15th May Sue Quigley HELP NEEDED

Thursday 16th May Angela Portelli HELP NEEDED

Friday 17th May Melissa Loughlin, Leanne Corapi

