**Father's Day celebrations**

All families are invited to attend the Fathers Day celebrations on Friday. There is a tradition that the Parents and Friends Association host a breakfast for the community before school.

The celebrations continue with Open Classroom till 9:15 and will follow with a Fathers Day Liturgy at 9:30am.

We hope to see many of our wonderful families on Friday.

**Choir – Hawkesbury Eisteddfod**

Last Friday 50 students from years 2-6 represented our school at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod in Windsor. These students have been giving up their recess and lunch breaks every Wednesday and Thursday for the last 2 terms.

I was very proud to stand up in front of these girls and boys and conduct them. Not only did they present themselves beautifully in their uniforms, but their behaviour during other school performances was exceptional.

As a choir the children performed beautifully. They sang wonderfully and we received very encouraging comments from the adjudicator.

We were awarded 4th place! A great achievement. I am very proud of everyone for their performance.

Thank you also to all the parents and family members who came out to support the children. It was greatly appreciated by myself and the children.

Thank you Mr Devlin for attending the eisteddfod with us and supporting the choir.

Well done to the following students. You should be very proud of your achievement.


Mrs. Caucli

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**Lost Keys**

A set of keys has been handed into the office. If you have misplaced your keys please ring or call in.

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**Staff Development Day**

Last Day of Term 3—20th September 2014

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**Mary Immaculate Primary School**

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Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight’s Social Skill is:

**HOW AND WHEN TO INTERRUPT APPROPRIATELY**

Say “Excuse Me”, Stop and Wait

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School Fees Now Overdue

Thank you to those families that have paid their School Fee accounts. School Fees are now overdue and would appreciate if all accounts could be settled within 7 days. If you are having difficulties in paying School Fees please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Blewitt Acting Financial Secretary to discuss payment options.

Jenny Blewitt

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Staffing

In the last three weeks of the term, I will be taking Long Service Leave. Mr Troy will assume the position of Acting Principal and Mrs Herron has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal for this period. I thank Mr Troy and Mrs Herron for taking on these promotional positions.

Yours sincerely, Mr Devlin

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Spring Time Meal Deal

4th September—see flyer

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Maths Olympiad 2013

Mary Immaculate have entered an enthusiastic team of 43 children from Year 5 and 6 in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Competition. It is estimated that over 40 000 Year 5 & 6 children will compete this year.

Last week the 4th of the five Maths Olympiad competitions for 2013 was held. The Olympiads consist of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim of the competitions is to encourage mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable contest environment.

The top Mary Immaculate scores for Olympiad 4 were:

4/5  
Sarah Sheehy (6P) Daniel Pearce (6M) Angela Nguyen (6M) Andren Franje (6P)  
Joshua Phillips (6P) Raylan Miralees (6M)  
Alan Nebu Cherian (5G) Fady Farid (5P) Stephanie Arulthasan (5M)  
Nathan Mackey (6M) Thomas Wagner (6M) Andrea Papelera (6M)  
Jacqueline Phillips (6M) Joshua Armistead (6M) Sarah Henson (6P)  
Lachlan Miller (5P) Jean Kim (5M)  

3/5  
Nathan Mackey (6M) Thomas Wagner (6M) Andrea Papelera (6M)  
Jacqueline Phillips (6M) Joshua Armistead (6M) Sarah Henson (6P)  
Stephanie Vella (6M) Erin Felton (6M)  
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Congratulations to these children on a strong 4th Olympiad result.

The next and final Olympiad for 2013 will be in Week 9 of Term 3.

Here’s a sample question from Olympiad 4 for you to try:

Time: 4 minutes

Two distinct prime numbers are selected from the first eight primes.

When these two primes are subtracted one from the other what is their least possible positive difference?

Answer can be found in this week’s Newsletter!

Matthew Troy & Mark Boss – Maths Olympiad Co-ordinators

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Peer Support

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week help your child practice these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings family or friends.
TERM 3 P&F SATURDAY WORKING BEE

A mighty team conquered many projects!

Last Saturday’s ‘Working Bee’ was a wonderful success due to the energetic efforts and time of the following families:

Marks (Isabella KP Lucas 2P) Kendall (Kai 3P) Jachimowicz (Mitchell 3M & Dylan 5G) Tomas (Sabrina 2G)
Walsh (Scarlett KG Ava 2P) Calafate (Kai 3P) Williams (Emerson 4P) Preller (Aaron 3G & Trinity 4M)
Hutton (Mikayla 1G Kierra 3P) Bakon (Zsolt 2G Monika 6P) Perera (Joshua 4G)
Smith (Evie-Rose KP Joshua 2G) Clouston (Rhiannon 3M Andrea KG) Leydon (Paul)

Wonderful weather greeted the working bee on Saturday and we had many generous families offering their time and skills. We were able to do many jobs including painting, gardening and cleaning. Many thanks to all the adults and children who attending the ‘Working Bee’ as your efforts have helped to keep the school in prime condition. Thanks also to Mr George James, Mr Ryan Hutton and Mr Matthew Troy who helped to co-ordinate the activities. Certificates of thanks will be given to all families at the next Friday assembly.

This is a large school and the support and assistance of families in completing projects like these is invaluable.

The Term 4 ‘Twilight Working Bees’ for 2013 will be held on Friday afternoons from 3:30 – 7:00pm on November 1 and November 8.

Already a number of families have committed to attend. It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater impact we have on keeping our school grounds in wonderful condition for all to enjoy.

It is in partnership that we can achieve great things together!

Yours sincerely,
Paul Devlin
Principal
FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES 2013

Children in Year 3 and above.

4 September (Wed) – 7.30pm
Information Evening 2013 Sacramental Program

7 / 8 September
Enrolment forms available online for 2 weeks

20 September (Fri)
Enrolment forms due

17 October (Thurs) – 7.30pm
Parents Meeting (Compulsory)

19 / 20 October
Enrolment Masses for Reconciliation (All Masses)
(please bring your purple Enrolment Card)

23 October (Wed) – 7.30pm
Facilitators Training

Week commencing 28 October
Home Groups begin (3 weeks)

21 November (Thurs) – 7.30pm
Practice Night for Reconciliation (Compulsory)

28 November (Thurs) – 7.30pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation

30 November & 1 December
Presentation of Certificates (All Masses)

A reminder also that Sunday Masses are celebrated at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday evenings at 6pm and on Sundays at 9am, 10.30am and 6pm. A special Children’s Liturgy for young children is held within the 9am and 10.30am Masses every Sunday except during school holidays.

Your participation and example are the best witness to your children of the commitment you have to your Christian faith.

Thank you so much for continuing the commitment made at your child's Baptism to bring your child up in “the practice of the faith” in the midst of a world that often has many competing priorities. If you require any assistance please contact the Parish Office. May God bless us all.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Ruben Elago MSP,
Parish Priest Quakers Hill – Schofields

Doodle 4 Google

Doodle 4 Google is inviting all students to design the new Google logo. The theme this year is “If I was an explorer I would...” If your child is interested in entering this competition please collect the forms from Mrs. Boatfield. Entries close 20th September. Happy Doodling

Hills Hornets Touch Football

Registration night:
Wednesday, 18 September
Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville
6:30-7:30pm

Contact
Or
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www.hillshornetstouch.com
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Learning Difficulties:
The Role of the Paediatrician
Presenter: Dr. Patrick Concannon
Consultant Developmental Paediatrician
Tuesday 3rd September
For Parents, Teachers and Health Professionals
Phone number 9806 9960
Sterling Room Parramatta Leagues Club
Enrol Online

Dr Concannon will be talking from his perspective as a consultant developmental Paediatrician. He will discuss his role in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and management in the home and classroom of Specific Learning Difficulties and other developmental disorders, such as ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please join us to celebrate Father’s Day with a BBQ Breakfast on Friday 30th August. Bacon and egg rolls, juice, tea and coffee will be served from 8 – 8.30am. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, caregivers and children are all welcome to attend.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated on the day. Please fill in the form below if you would like to attend in order to assist us with catering.

The Father’s Day Stall will also be on Friday 30th August, from 10am, immediately after the Liturgy. Gifts are available to be purchased by the students for $5 each. If your child would like to purchase a gift, please bring money in on the day of the Stall.

Wrapping of the Father’s Day gifts will take place this Tuesday 20th August at 2pm. We have over 600 gifts to wrap this week, so if you can spare an hour, please come along. No special skills required! Please meet at the front office.

We need lots of helpers to make the day a success. If you can help with cooking or serving at the breakfast, or manning the stall, please fill in the form below and return to the classroom teacher, marked “Father’s Day”.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you!

Mary Immaculate Parents and Friends

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Father’s Day Breakfast RSVP:

Please complete 1 per family.

Eldest Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class:___________

No. of Adults: _________________ No. of children: _________________

Father’s Day Volunteers:

I will be able to assist with the Fathers’ Day events:

Name:_________________________ Phone:____________________ Eldest Child:___________________

☐ Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Friday, 30th August at 7.30am (meet at Kindy rooms)
☐ Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday, 30th August at 10.00am (meet at the canteen)