

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

## ~ Newsletter ~



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Term 3 Week 8 – 1st September

### Captivate

Since the start of Term 2, the students in Year 4 have been participating in the Catholic Education Office sponsored Captivate program. This program helps students to develop various elements of the Arts like singing, playing an instrument or dance. Our students have been involved in the singing program and will perform at St Dominic's College, Penrith on Tuesday evening. We wish them well for this terrific learning experience and look forward to hearing about their performance.

### Fathers Day Celebrations

This Friday, we celebrate Father's Day with the community. The Parents and Friends Association will be hosting a breakfast for the school and all families are invited to attend. The school will then have 'Open Classrooms' so that our families can move around the learning spaces and allow the children to 'show and tell' their work. The school will then gather in prayer in the church as the Year 2 children lead us in the Father's Day liturgy.



### Anaphylactic students awareness

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox to school that may contain nuts, nut products or egg. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Please check jumpers

Parents are asked to check the jumpers that their children bring home for their correct name. We have found that some children have accidentally taking the wrong jumper home in the past few weeks.

### Parents and Friends Association

**Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 5th September**  
Breakfast will be served from 8a.m. (Gold coin donation)

**Open Classrooms from 8:30a.m.**

**Liturgy 9:15 Church**

For more details of upcoming events, please refer to P&F Newsletter, available from the school office.



### **Staff Development Day - Monday 08 09 14**

Parents are reminded of the Staff Development Day that has been organised later this term on Monday September 8. During this day, the teachers will meet to discuss the literacy and numeracy focuses of the school and continue to plan for future development.

**Children do not attend school on Staff Development Days.**

### Important Dates

#### Tuesday 2nd September

Year 4 Captivate Performance  
Penrith

#### Wednesday 3rd September

Responsible Pet Program  
K-2 12:30—3:00pm

#### Thursday 4th September

7:30pm Parish Reconciliation  
Information Night

#### Friday 5th September

P&F Father's Day Breakfast  
Open Classrooms  
9:15am Liturgy—Church  
P&F Father's Day Stall  
2:30pm Assembly Year 5 item  
'Cool Kids' Music Lessons

#### Sunday 7th September

Happy Father's Day to all MIPS  
Dads and Grandfather's

#### Monday 8th September

**Staff Development Day**  
**No Students attend**

**Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill**  
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#### Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday 8.30am

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am;

7pm - Novena Mass for  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 8:30am;

7pm - Mass/Holy Hour

**Sunday Masses:**

6.00pm Saturday

7.30am Sunday

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

6.00pm Sunday

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## Father's Day

Father's Day is a time of celebration and giving thanks, but it also offers an opportunity for fathers to reflect on their important roles. As Catholic men, we are called to be supportive fathers and husbands, active community members and humble followers of Christ. We can look to the inspiring example of Saint Joseph, patron saint of fathers, for his obedience, humility, selflessness, courage and the love he showed to Mary and Jesus. If we can emulate St Joseph even a little each day, we will be that much closer to becoming the men we are called to be.



## Parish Raffle

All families received a letter explaining the Parish raffle. Any assistance in buying or selling the tickets would be greatly appreciated by the parish. Tickets are being sold from the school office or if you wish you may pick up a book of tickets to sell on behalf of the parish. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 28th September. Can we please request all books to be returned by Friday 12th September, sold or unsold. Thank you.



## Uniform requirements

The current uniform policy is listed on the school website for parents information. It is important that all children are dressed in the correct uniform at all times. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform please address a letter to their classroom teacher explaining the situation. Please note the following:

- The new school uniform is compulsory for all children which includes the school bucket hat. The old style legionnaire hat is not part of the uniform.
- The policy lists white sandshoes as the requirement for all children. This element is outdated and unrealistic and will be reviewed in the coming weeks - watch this space.



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As families are aware, Monday 8th September 2014 is a Pupil Free Day at Mary Immaculate Primary School. We are able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served

basis, with priority given to families already enrolled at the service. Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions. For further enquiries or to collect a form for a position, please contact the COSHC Supervisor on 0417 203 333 or [COSHCMaryImmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:COSHCMaryImmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## 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 3 Week 8**

**Wednesday 3rd September** Charlene Aloisio, Lisa Piskor

**Thursday 4th September** Angela Portelli

**Friday 5th September** Sue Campion, Nicole Eason

**Term 3 Week 9**

**Wednesday 10th September** Angela Cooper

**Thursday 11th September** Tanya Dickerson

**Friday 12th September** Michelle Attard, Connie Smith, Melissa Loughlin



**To our friends at Mary Immaculate who celebrated their birthday between 19th August and 1st September**

Jessi Cole, Kayla Scully, Ethan Whitby, Cristiano Jimenez, Sandra Mankrious, Sanjog Atwal, Aliyah Bonora, Taata'ane Manuha'apai, Sameh Megalla, Lucas Estera, Christian Grech, Gabriel Niduaza, Isabella Houseman, Aiden Keen-Grimes, Matthew Liberator, Zachariah Diab, Vivian Miller

## Maths Olympiad 2014 – Olympiad 4

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

The fourth of the five Maths Olympiad competitions for 2014 was held last week. 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.

It was another challenging Olympiad and the top Mary Immaculate scores for Olympiad 4 were:

**4/5 Stephanie Arulthasan**

**3/5 Helen Pati (6P) Lara Morales (6G) Kirsten Ocampo (6M)**

**Alan Nebu-Cherian (6P) Gabriel Palenzuela-Lim (5G)**

Congratulations to these children on a super 4<sup>th</sup> Olympiad result.

The next Olympiad will be in Week 9 of Term 3.

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

Time: 5 minutes

'Sheila went shopping. She spent  $\frac{1}{4}$  of her money on a hat and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of her remaining money on a shirt. After those two purchases she had \$20.

How many dollars did Sheila have at the start of her shopping trip?'

*Answer can be found in next week's Newsletter or just ask one of the team!*

### Book Club

Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club is being sent home today. Please return completed order forms by **Monday 8th September**.

Due to the volume of Book Club orders we receive, we are unable to accept **CASH**. We accept: cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Credit card phone payment: free call 1800 557 908. Credit card online payment: [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment).

Please remember to write your child's name and class on ALL order forms. Happy Reading!

### Naplan 2014

The Naplan results have not yet been received by the school. Once these results have been received and processed by the school they will be forwarded to the families of the children in years 3 and 5.

### School Fees

**School fees statements for Term 3 have been sent to all families and are now overdue.**

Reminder letters will be received for accounts that have not been finalised. Payment can be made by Bpay, cheque, or by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). If you have any queries or did not receive a statement, please contact the School Office on 9626.3999 or by email to [mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au).

### 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 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 8.25 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.

# 2014 SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 'Grade Winners'

Last week was a great week for finding out our champion spellers across the school. The conclusion to the 'Spelling Bee Championships' attracted a number of parents to school to see their children compete in their grade groups to find the best spellers for 2014.

The winners are:

Kindergarten	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Lucas Wise</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Harrison Northey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Himasha Fernando
Year 1	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Hannah King</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Konnor Gonzales	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Elisha Nanayakkara Andrea Clousten Ceant Esterado Andre Sathiavan Isabelle Eduardo
Year 2	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Vivian Miller</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Anita Quigley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Arthur Grigoryan Brishti Bajracharya Sophie King Ah In Cassar Rohan Ranginemi
Year 3	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Chelsea Onglingchaun</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Isabel Portelli Ethan Mangion Samuel Sartori	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Gabby Niduaza Ramit Nand
Year 4	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Jayden Kemp</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ethan Zuliani	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Joanne Owuso Leo Maisnam Samuel Pfitzner
Year 5	<b>Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> <b>Lachlan Barker</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Joshua Perera	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Hannah Castueras

Champion Spellers of each grade will be presented with their Spelling Bee Trophy at Assembly once the trophies arrive.

I would like to thank the staff for their assistance and encouragement of the children during this learning initiative. Also a special thanks to parents for encouraging and motivating their children to 'Do their best!' We can't all be the best speller but we can all strive to be the best we can! I trust you found this to be a rewarding enrichment experience for all.

