

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update



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Term 4 Week 1



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Mary Immaculate for the last school term of 2014. The year certainly has gone quickly. Term 4 is always a busy time at school. The central focus continues to be on the students learning with many other 'events' also taking place. This term we will launch the newly formed school Mission Statement, get our Kindergarten children ready for next year, prepare our year 6 students for secondary school, conduct our Skip-a-thon and formally report on all students learning for the year. In addition to these, the Parents and Friends Association have planned a disco, working bees and a wonderful combined parish Christmas celebration.

Parents are always invited to be active members of the school community and I invite you to 'keep up to date' with all events and participate in the life of the school.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

Staffing

Mr Troy is planning to return to Mary Immaculate in Week 3 of this term. We look forward to him resuming his role of Assistant Principal.

Particular thanks to Mr Mark Boss and Mrs Sarah Hutton who have stepped up into promotional roles during Mr Troy's absence. We are blessed to have such leadership capacity at Mary Immaculate.

Mission Statement launch and Blessing of The Allabyrne Space and Father Callose Library

To celebrate the launch of the new school Mission Statement and also the naming of The Allabyrne Space and the Father Callose Library, all parents are warmly invited to attend a Blessing and Naming Ceremony at Mary Immaculate on 13 October 2014 at 9:15am. This promises to be a wonderful occasion for our school and we look forward to sharing it with all members of the community.

Check out our Official Mary Immaculate Primary School Facebook Page.



Check it out!

<http://maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au/home>

We now have a Facebook page to help keep all members of our MIPS community up to date and informed about our school.

Important Dates

Wednesday 8th October

Students return in summer uniform

Friday 10th October

'Cool Kids Music'

Monday 13th October

'Cool Kids Music'

Wednesday 15th October

7:30pm P&F Meeting

Friday 17th October

'Cool Kids Music'

2:30pm Assembly

Monday 20th October

'Cool Kids Music'

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MASS TIMES

Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Masses:

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:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am

Sunday: 9.00am

Sunday: 10.30am

Sunday: 6.00pm

Staff Development Day

Yesterday was a Staff Development Day during which the teachers focussed on the school's religious Formation goal. The staff commenced the day with mass which was celebrated with the parish. We then spent time developing our own knowledge and also teaching aids around the area of Religious Literacy. The day concluded with some guided personal reflection time for the staff. There are no more staff development days this term before school closes on Wednesday 17 December.



School Website

Did you know that the school newsletters and current school calendar are on the school website? This offers parents the chance to check information and dates during the year. We will endeavour to maintain these elements as current as possible.



Skip-a-thon 2014

On Friday 24th October (Week 3) students will be participating in the 2014

Skip-a-thon. This will be our major Fund raising event for our school, with all money raised going towards the purchase of resources and equipment.

Notes and sponsor cards have been sent home outlining the day. Please see your teacher if you have not received either of these.

Just a reminder to get your Skip-a-thon Meal Deal in as well by Monday 20th October as there will be no other lunch orders provided on the day.

Students will receive a raffle ticket for every \$5 raised and will go in the draw to win some exciting prizes, with 2 winners per grade. The more money you raise, the more raffle tickets and chances you have in the prize draw!!!!

Don't forget to get your coloured clothing ready as well- this should match the colour of your sponsorship card!!!

More information will follow in the newsletter next Monday. Thank you once again for your support of this event!!

Mrs Glynnis Smith
Reading Recovery Teacher/ Early Stage 1 Leader of Learning



Social Skills Focus at MIPS



This fortnight's Social Skill is:
ACCEPTING CONSEQUENCES

- Decide if you were wrong
- If you were wrong say to yourself
"I have to accept the consequences and be responsible for my behaviour".
- Say to the person "Yes I did...(describe what you did)"
- Say something else: - "I will try not to do that again"
- "Sorry"

Parent Links: There are many ways to discipline children. You as a parent can choose ways that suit you as an individual and that fits your beliefs and values. Letting children accept the consequences for their behavior is just one of many discipline methods. Children learn from experiences, just like adults. We call it "learning the hard way." The child learns that every act has a consequence. And, they learn to be responsible. You should tell your child, before it happens, what the consequences are for breaking a rule. If your child knows the consequences of not getting to the dinner table in time to eat with the family, then your child has a choice--whether to get there in time and eat, or to be late and not eat. Children must understand that they have choices and must accept the consequences of their choices. Children also need to know the reason for the consequence; for example, it is extra work for parents to keep food warm and inconsiderate to expect someone to clean up the kitchen twice. It is important, too, that you are willing to accept your child's decision; that is, you must be willing to allow your child to go without dinner if they choose to miss the meal.