Cancellation of Working Bee

Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled Working Bee on Friday 27th November 2015 has been cancelled. Thank you to the many parents and children who have supported us through previous Working Bees this year.

Together we have been able to complete many maintenance and school enhancing projects. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Star Spot

Congratulations to Miguel Del Valle 4G and Kyan Gonzales 5G who received gold medals in their Taekwondo Festival matches on the weekend.

Miguel for the 45-50kg Blue Belt Category and Kyan for the 50-54kg Cho Dan Bo Category.

Congratulations and well done boys.

Uniform Shop

Last day of trading will be on Tuesday 15th December 2015 (8.30-10.00) and will re-open on Friday 29th January 2016. (8.30-10.00)

These are the following dates for holiday trading in January 2016.

THURSDAY 7th JANUARY 10.00am-12.00pm (by appointment only).
SATURDAY 9th JANUARY 10.00am-11.30am
SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1.00pm-3.00pm
Parents and Friends Association

Many thanks to the 2015 P&F Executive Committee. Your work and dedication to our school through the year is greatly appreciated by all in the community.

President  Ryan Hutton  
Vice President  Natalie Trotnar  
Secretary  Sue Quigley  
Treasurer  Tanya Dickerson  
Fundraising Coordinator  Karen Collins  
Maintenance Coordinator  Nick Varlet

The 2016 P&F committee was voted in at last weeks AGM. The office Bearers are:

President  Ryan Hutton  
Vice President  Natalie Trotnar  
Secretary  (Interim) Deanne Holmes  
Treasurer  Sarah Wisely  
Fundraising Co-ordinator  Nicole Eason  
Maintenance Co-ordinator  Melanie Mitchell

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 8 Scholastic Book Club brochures were handed out last week. Please complete your orders via the LOOP or please attach cheques (payable to Scholastic Australia) to completed order form and return to school by 9am this Wednesday, 18th November. **Please remember we are unable to accept cash payments.** If you are ordering gifts and do not wish orders to be handed to your child please send an email to shenson1@parra.catholic.edu.au and alternative delivery arrangements will be made.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club throughout the year. We have earned approximately $1500 this year in Scholastic Rewards which are used to purchase additional books for the library as well as teaching resources.

Happy Reading!

Sue Henson (Book Club Coordinator).

Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight’s Social Skill is:

**A Positive Attitude**

Having a positive attitude comes from positive thinking and self-awareness. Some people naturally have a positive outlook on life, whilst other people may seem to have a negative outlook on life. If you have a negative outlook and only see the problems or the disappointments in your life, you can develop a self-doubt and may not experience success.

By learning to have a more positive attitude you can learn to focus on your good qualities, and not your problems. We can start to turn negatives into positives for example: “I’m not a good soccer player” with a positive attitude turns into “I can practice soccer everyday”

You can learn to think about things you want to improve in your life and then work to make them better. When you do, you will feel better about yourself. This can also have other effects, such as, your friends and family will probably feel better about you too.

1. Can you think of some things you did last week that you think were positive?  
2. Consider how did these things make you feel? How did they make others feel?  
3. What can you try and do this week to help strengthen your positive attitude?

Parent Links: Discuss with your child what the benefits are on having a positive attitude. Share with them some examples you may have experienced at school, home or at work. Ask your child to share one thing they’ve done positively and explain why they think they do that thing well or why they would like to do it better.
Join us for a fun filled evening where all students will be performing as we celebrate the joy of Christmas

GATES OPEN 5:00PM FOR 6PM START

Enter via Main Gate, Farnham Road or Paterson Reserve. Parking will be limited, walking is encouraged!

* Food (sausage sizzle), cake stall, drinks, slushies and coffee available for purchase on the night.
* Families are also welcome to bring your own food/drink - strictly no alcohol will be permitted.
* Glow Candles available for sale on the night
* BYO Chairs/Rugs to sit on

This year we are also running a Christmas Raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won. Raffle ticket books will be distributed and sent home with students with additional tickets on sale at the event

1st Prize : Apple iPad Air Wi-Fi 16 GB
2nd Prize : 2 nights’ accommodation and park entry into SeaWorld
3rd Prize : Signed/framed 2014 Rabbitoh’s Premiership Jersey

To assist with planning/catering please let us know if you will be attending the event by filling in the RSVP slip below and return to the school office

MIPS CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2015 - Yes! We will be attending the Christmas Carols

FAMILY SURNAME ____________________________ Adults ☐ Children ☐ (please indicate number attending)

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT! (gate meet&greet, traffic control, BBQ Chefs, stall sales).

Yes I would love to help! Name : ____________________________ Contact phone ____________________________
2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements
We are committed to ensuring that no child will be refused enrolment due to a family’s financial situation. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016
Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016
The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by $33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be $735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal. We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

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SCHOOL FEES 2016

Annual Diocesan School Fees for Kindergarten 2016
These are: 1st child $1098.00  2nd child $825.00  3rd child $549.00

Accounts are sent out as 3 instalments in Terms 1, 2 & 3 and are:
Per Term  1st child $366.00  2nd child $275.00  3rd child $183.00

Annual Diocesan School Fees for Years 1 - 6
These are: 1st child $1,419.00  2nd child $1065.00  3rd child $711.00

Accounts are sent out as 3 instalments in Terms 1, 2 & 3 and are:
Per Term  1st child $473.00  2nd child $355.00  3rd child $237.00

Diocesan School Building Levy 2016
This is $735.00 per family paid over Terms 1, 2 & 3  $245.00 per term.

The above amounts are remitted to the Catholic Education Office and not kept by the school. These amounts are set by the Catholic Education Office.

Resource Fee 2016: (Non Refundable)
This is $126.00 per pupil per year and covers the cost of all craft materials, literacy material, mathematics equipment, folders, exercise books, copying and some stationery each child needs over the year. (Children may be expected to supply tissues, pencils, rubbers, rulers etc.) This fee is payable over Terms 1, 2 & 3.

Excursion / Incursion Fee 2016: (Non Refundable)
This is $75.00 per pupil per year and covers the cost of bus and pool entry for the annual swimming carnival (years 3-6), athletics carnival (K-6) Life Education (K-2), The Alpha Show (Theatrical) and incursions (visits of educational programs to Mary Immaculate) and class excursions throughout the year. No profit is made by the school and this arrangement prevents many collections from parents. It is also a valuable saving of administration time. This fee is payable over Terms 1, 2 & 3.

Please note: The cost of Year 6 Canberra trip, Year 5 Camp and Bathurst excursion or representative sport events are not covered by this fee.

Technology Fee 2016 (Non Refundable)
This is $75.00 per pupil per year and covers the purchase of new computers, printers and software that is made available to all students at Mary Immaculate. This fee is payable over Terms 1, 2 & 3.

Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee (DTREF)
The Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee for 2016 is $1,815 per student, payable in three equal instalments of $577 in terms one, two and three. The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 445, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Families enrolling students after leaving the system will be charged the fee on a per student basis.