Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mary Immaculate Primary School is a wonderful community. It is a community where the children learn about themselves, others the world and our God. It is also a community where we are all invited to be active and involved.

You are invited to participate in many events at Mary Immaculate throughout the year. In the next two weeks, we will be asking parents opinions about how we should celebrate the school's successful completion of 25 years of quality Catholic Education at Quakers Hill. This is an important moment in time for our community and we need to celebrate this occasion after considering the opinions of staff, parents, children and parish. Please keep an eye out for the survey that will be go home during the week. We look forward to your reply.

Secondly, in preparation for Easter, we will be holding ‘Stations of the Cross' for all parents who are able to attend. This will be a prayer that highlights the major events of the passion of Jesus through Holy Week. This prayer will have the special emphasis of being seen through the eyes of Mary, Jesus’ mother. The details of the Stations of the Cross for parents are in the RE news section later in the newsletter.

I warmly invite parents to participate in these two events.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

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Staff Development Day
A staff Development Day has been arranged for Monday 7 May. On this day the staff will be involved in a series of workshops and discussions around the school goal of literacy development. If you wish to engage in the use of COSHC on this day please do not hesitate to give them a call. If you have not used COSHC before you need to obtain a form from them first. Please mark this date in your calendar, as children do not attend school on this day. Thank you for your understanding
HOLY WEEK

At Mary Immaculate we will commemorate the events of Holy Week with a number of prayer experiences for students, parents and family members.

Join with us during this most sacred time of the Church year as we reflect on the journey and sacrifice of Jesus through the events of Holy Week.

Please come along for one or more of the following prayer experiences

Stations of the Cross
Monday 2nd April at 9.45am in the MPA
Presented by Year 8 Terra Sancta students.
Years 3-6 attending

Holy Week Walk
Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April
This will be a reflective walk through the scenes of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday which will be depicted by our Year 5 students. Classes will be timetabled to journey through the Holy Week Walk over these two days.
Parents are welcome to join with their child’s class at the allocated time (times to be advised).

Parent Prayer Experience – Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary
Tuesday 3rd April at 2.30pm
in Sr Marie’s Learning Support room

Mr Devlin will lead a prayer experience for parents reflecting on the Stations of the Cross told from the experience of Mary, mother of Jesus.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Next week we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, which marks the occasion when Mary was told by the Angel Gabriel that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son.

Please join us for our prayer celebration on Monday 26th March in the MPA at 2.40pm to celebrate this very important Marian feast day.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to recognise the many ways in which Australia is culturally diverse and to celebrate the benefits that living in our diverse country brings.

The theme for Harmony Day 2012 on March 21st is ‘Sport: Play, Engage, Inspire!’

Sport has the power to foster a sense of belonging, acceptance and an understanding of different cultures.

This week all students at Mary Immaculate will be participating in Harmony Day activities including playing the Harmony Game. Each student will receive a Harmony Day memento to remind them at Mary Immaculate and across the world……

EVERYONE BELONGS!!

COSHC VACATION CARE

If you are interested in using COSHC these school holidays please contact Tara -
email: tara.borg.catholic.edu.au

Applications close 2nd April

BOOK CLUB

If you have any Book Club enquiries please ring Cheryl in the Library.

Book Club has been very successful. Students will receive their books very shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

EVERYONE BELONGS!!
**Uniform Sale**

Today a flyer has gone home to all families regarding the final sale of the old PSW uniform. All items are being sold for $5.00. The shop will be open Wednesdays 21st and 28th March 2.30pm—3.30pm and Thursdays 22nd March and 29th March 8.30am-9.30am.

This uniform can still be worn until the end of 2013, as the new uniform will become compulsory in 2014. This is the final opportunity to purchase the uniform at greatly reduced prices. Following the holidays, any surplus uniform items will be donated to charity. Make the most of this sale that runs for the next two weeks only.

**Terra Sancta College – Open Afternoon**

Terra Sancta College has an Open Afternoon and Evening tonight from 4.00pm till 8.00pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the school to see and experience the many facilities that they offer for secondary education. This is not limited to just the Year 6 students but the invitation is open to all Mary Immaculate families.

**STAR SPOT**

Congratulations to Georgia Holtsbaum who took part in the Corporate Games on Saturday 17th March in a 5km fun run.

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**LEADERS LOG**

By

School Captains – Tyrelle Toilalo & Natham Ta
Vice Captains – Mia Barbeitos & Samuel McKinnon

‘IMPACT LEADERSHIP DAY’

Recently, on Tuesday 28 February, we all travelled to the Impact Leadership Day Conference for Primary school leaders at the State Sport’s Centre, Homebush.

We arrived at 9:00am and joined the audience of over 1,000 primary students ready for a fun day of learning about being good leaders.

The conference was divided into 5 sessions. Each session gave us an insight into leadership skills that we would benefit from in our roles this year.

Session 1 was titled: ‘The School Bus Leadership Principles. This session gave us a variety of tips and ideas as to how we can lead. A very valuable session!

In session 2, titled ‘Lead Like a Strawberry Not like a Watermelon.’ A funny title but a great message. This session encouraged and equipped us as student leaders to always be the same on the inside and the outside so we can always be positive role models.

Session 3 ‘Meeting the needs of your school’ encouraged us to focus our leadership influence on things that we can have a positive impact on at school.

The 4th session ‘How to Motivate Others’ impressed on us that it is important for us to be able to motivate the other students who are following us in order to achieve success.

The 5th and final session was a chance for us to ask the student Leaders panel some questions or concerns we had that would help us become better leaders.

What a great day! We had so much fun and came back to school with many ideas to work on at school.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Reminder: he 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.

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**JELLY On Sale now in the canteen 60c**
Office Procedure
If parents need to send money to the school for any reason, they are asked to enclose the money in an envelope with your child’s name, class, amount enclosed and the purpose for the money. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday to our friends:
From 19th March to 1st April
Gabriella David, Ashley Donaldson, Hayley Marshall, Tabetha Parnell, Danielle Zorilla, Mikayla Barrientos, Elia Perez, Campbell Byrd, Angela Nguyen, Zuhanah Rashed, Jacob Addison, Sophia Trotmar, Tanner Zadravec, Caleb Forson, Victoria Williams, Benjamin Dickson, Em Libot, Bradley Felton, Jayden Weymark, Luke Garbutt, Natham Ta

From the Learning Letterbox

Thank You
To Mrs. Forster (Michaela 4M) and Mrs. Howarth (Nicholas 6P) who painted our book case in the library. It looks wonderful.