Dear Parents

I have tried to meet as many of you as I can over the last two weeks. I am usually around the K/1/2 classrooms each day just before the afternoon bell, the Monday morning assemblies, the Friday MPA assemblies and I am out and about in the mornings. You have a wonderful school and a dedicated hard working staff and I am very much enjoying the company of the children who are forever telling me about their holidays, families and of course their jokes!!

Communication is very important to me and I am keen to meet parents informally and happy to discuss any issue. If a more formal meeting is required about any matter please make arrangements through my personal assistant Angela Martyn. Thanks.

Several parents have asked about teachers/classes/spaces for 2010 and this is to be expected given the time of the year. As you can appreciate, with the movement of Principals, it has taken a while to ‘catch up’ with the 2010 staffing decisions of the School’s Leadership Team. Most full time/part time teaching staff have now been interviewed and next week I will send home an information summary as to where classes will be and who is teaching them. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. (Year 5 and 6 will be in different learning Spaces in 2010).

I have been talking to the children about bullying and how hugely important it is to feel happy and safe at school. ‘Never take the happiness away from anyone else’ and ‘speak to please not to tease’ has been the focus. Please talk to them about this, especially as to what they have to do if this happens to them. No one deserves to be bullied, but as I have explained to the children, it can happen to anyone. The thing is what you do about it!! Ask you child if they know what to do! (Let me know How you get on!).

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the school’s grooming policy of which all parents agreed to on enrolling their child at Mary Immaculate. For the most part the children are impeccably groomed and parents are to be congratulated. However, I would ask parents to particularly note the grooming and hair expectations of students. Thanks.

Finally, Fr Ian and the Catholic Education Office are progressing with the important process of the appointment of the principal for 2010. I will immediately keep parents in the loop when the decision is made.

Kindest regards

Ian Jordan
Acting Principal
REC NEWS

Sunday’s Gospel is a shining light in a world of indifference and disinterest. It is Jesus delivering the Beatitudes. Or Be – Attitudes. This is not the usual advice to hear on how to succeed; in fact it is just as countercultural now as it was in Jesus’ own time. Here is a code of living that is a non-competitive, non-grasping way to lead our lives. To be poor in spirit, to be gentle and not selfish, to feel for and with others and be prepared to weep alongside the unfortunate rather than avoid them; to work for justice and peace; to be merciful and look for good, to be ready to take ridicule or to be shunned because of our commitment to our beliefs and to be faithful to the gospel. This is not the recipe for a trouble free life, but it is the promise of a life well lived; a life that does not end in darkness or nothingness. Rather it offers a future of hope, of being blessed, of being comforted, of being a child of God. These are the values we are called to live out in our daily lives. This is the promise of a life lived with meaning and true purpose. This is the life that makes sense. That is why those who, following Jesus, adopt this way of life, are to be ‘congratulated’, why they are ‘Blessed’.

Maria Boyd
Religious Education Coordinator/4G

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITION
ENGLISH AND MATHS

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results in the academic competitions held last term. These children competed against children from across Australia and twelve other countries around the world.
They should be very proud of their excellent achievements.

ENGLISH

Distinction:
Cynthia Mather, Matthew Fung, Rachel Foong, Telissa Fernando

Credit:
Issabella Rose-Bissaker, Gabriel Sandel, Andre Kamel, Taylah Hallab, Alannah Brock, Rose Kennedy, Jacob Forster, Stefan Arulthasan, Sally Richards, Claudia Pecora, Rizelle Pan, Ashlyne Ocampo, Lachlan Kellam, Benjamin Ha, Johanna Cusack, Joshua Zavone, Monique Sharma, Riana Jacob-Flores, Madison Gonzales, Bradley Francis, Brianna Deverell, Mia Barbeitos

MATHEMATICS

Distinction:
Sean Zorilla, Stefan Arulthasan, Anthony Jong

Credit:
Brandley Francis, Nicholas Howarth, Riana Jacob-Flores, Monique Sharma, Johanna Boncato, Matthew Fung, Lachlan Kellam, Benjamin Ha, Rizelle Pan, Gurveer Sunner, Christine Gutierrez, Thomas Munday, Jennifer Yu, Megan Foong, Andre Kamel

PARENT NEWS

U-CANN
Understanding Children’s Additional Needs

Network meeting
Tuesday 10th November 7pm
Diocesan Assembly Centre
Marion St. Blacktown
All Welcome—come along and talk to other parents of children with additional needs.
These are Canteen Bandana Fashion Winners.
We made $2400 for kids with cancer.
Well Done everyone.

Emma Bruce, Anthony Barraket, Madylyn Peters, Jacob Dulalia, Rochelle De Sousa, Ishaan Rajpal, Alannah Brock, Rebecca Sampson, Natalie Milkovic, Cameron Heenan, Brody Nolland, Benjamin Dickson, Danika Gasanz, Riley Hawkings, Luke Kalogiera, Liam Mates, Alex Middleton, Jake Williams, Rizelle Pan, Courtney Turner, Hannah Grech, Liam Cassar, Sami Poulllos, Dominic Mura, Zahra Johnston, Tori Williams, Sarah Henson, Georgia Holtsbaum, Ian Pulczynski, Bailey Abela, Daniel Geraghty, Diana Obcemia, Jacqueline Siewert, Michelle Monoz, Laura Fulton, Sophie Johnson, Sarah Michelle Cooper, April Kearney, Jayden Campion, Mia barbeitos, Nicola Watts, Daniel Mangion, Will Ligget, Brayden Sherry, Reece Gallagher, Raylan Miralles, Dylan Sullivan, Chris Doran, Angela Espero, Ryan Morales, Armaan Roopra.

CRICKET NEWS

Mark Taylor Shield Team vs St. Francis of Assisi, Gledenning

Matthew Camilleri (C)
Matthew Ryan (VC)

Jason Tisseverasinghe, Lachlan Williams, Jaron Mendez, Sean Bennett, Harrison Leonard, Alex Leonard, Cameron Radburnd, Jacob Foster, Simon Aquilina, Jeremi Bondoc (12th Man).

The game will be played at Glendenning Reserve on Thursday, 5th November. Starting time between 9.30 and 10.00am.

STAR SPOT

Congratulations

To Harrison Leonard 5P who has been selected in the Parramatta District Cricket U/11 Representative Team.

To Corey Fisher who has been accepted to perform with The Australian Ballet to participate in The Sleeping Beauty.
HEALTH ALERT

Parents are advised that if your children are ill with symptoms like vomiting, diarrhoea, serious colds, please keep them away from school until they have recovered as these conditions are highly contagious.

With thanks
John Noort
Assistant Principal

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Aaron Caruana 1M is going into Hornsby Hospital next week to have his tonsils out. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back at school soon.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why can't you tell a joke in Antarctica?
The ice will crack up!
Carley Gemmell 5M

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The School Newsletter is our number one means of communication with the parent community.

Newsletters are sent out via email every second Tuesday (odd weeks).

Updates are sent out every second Wednesday (even weeks)

There are roughly 250 families receiving their newsletter via email and around 340 receive a paper copy of their newsletter.

If you are having problems opening your newsletter or wish to change the way you are receiving it, could you please let the office know A.S.A.P.

The newsletter is also available to be viewed via the Website.

Website address is:
www.parra.catholic.edu.au/maryimmaculate
RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE
SHOPPING EVENING

Get in before Santa does...
Grab yourself an amazing bargain
At rock bottom prices!
Indulge in a child free shopping extravaganza

DAY: Wednesday

DATE: 2nd December 2009

TIME: 6.30pm sharp—8.30pm

Please give your name at the school office.
Hurry or you'll be disappointed
$5.00

!!! Very Limited !!!

WORKING BEE

The working bee for term 4 will be held
Saturday 14th November from 8am—11am.
Please come along and help out to make our school a tidy and
safe place for our children.

We have a morning tea at the conclusion of the work.
Please bring along any whipper snippers, or other garden tools you may have to help.

Thank you for your help.
We are having a Market Night on Friday 6th November

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BOOKING A STAND ON THE NIGHT PLEASE CONTACT KAREN BUCKLEY on 0414 417 937 or GLENDA MARKS on 0414 348 426
Limited stands available

DAMES FOR YOUR DIARY
Ladies Market Night – 6th November
Bring yourself and friends to share a night of shopping & browsing in time for some early Christmas presents

Canteen Roster

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Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their birthdays between 21/10/2009 and 3/11/09
Sohil Sahgal, Katherina Pati, Jessica Khalil, Malakai Manunaapai, Daniel Geraghty, Helen Cameron, Jenali Jenkins, Luke Passmore, Sienna Sergi, Danika Gasanz, Alexandra Papadatos, Conor De Cruz, Sean Zorilla, Emma McDonnell, Samantha Bulatuo, Marissa Marks, Beth Russell, Dominique Demagante, Alamdar Raza, Richard Owusu, Emerson Williams, Kathy Cameron, Mai Cameron, Paramveer Bassi, Logan Glover, Dylan Sullivan, Subeksha Raj,
UNIFORM POLICY

Jewellery and Accessories
Apart from one pair of sleepers or small plain studs and a wrist watch, jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. A chain with cross or religious medallion may be worn under shirt line. No rings (birth/baptismal rings excepted), make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Nails should be kept clean and neatly trimmed. Boys may not under any circumstances wear earrings.

Wet Weather Protection
Protective wet weather clothing may be worn to and from school. It is not to be worn during school.

Hats
Only the correct school hat may be worn – purchased through the school office. The school has a ‘no hat no play policy’.

School Bag
Books etc. may be carried to and from school in the correct maroon school bag.

Lapses in the Wearing of Uniform
Parents will be notified and their co-operation sought for any lapses in this area. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Grooming and Hair
Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.
Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of “styles” that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts (specifically grades No. 1 and No. 2)
Girls’ hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.
Ribbons, hair slides etc. if worn should be in the uniform fabric or maroon or pink.

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