Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Easter is the centrally most important time in our church. During Easter we celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus followed by His resurrection. It is a time for reflection and celebration as we journey through the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

All the children have been preparing for Easter with their class group and have grown in understanding to an age appropriate level. During this week, all children will walk through Holy Week by participating in a class-based reflection organized by Mrs Ducksbury and the Year 5 children and teachers. Parents are welcome to join their children at this time – please check with your child’s class teacher to confirm date and time.

The Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated through the week. On Monday at 9.45am, students from Terra Sancta College will present the Stations of the Cross for the children in Years 3 to 6 in the MPA. Also, Stations of the Cross will also be celebrated specifically for parents on Tuesday at 2.30pm at the school. These Stations of the Cross will have the focus of being seen through the eyes of Mary. All parents are warmly welcome.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our families a joyous Easter and I hope that all our children and staff enjoy their holiday.

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.

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P & F Easter Raffle draw

All parents are welcome to join us for the Easter raffle draw to be held on Wednesday 4 April at 2.30pm in the MPA. All raffle tickets are needed back to school by Tuesday please.
Holy Week

Thank you to all the children who participated in the entrance procession at the Palm Sunday Mass yesterday. The children joyfully led the congregation into the Church waving palms and singing ‘Hallelujah! Hosanna!’ Thank you to those families for your support of our parish community. It was a lovely way to commence our journey through Holy Week.

Today some Year 8 and Year 11 Terra Sancta students depicted an environmental themed version of Stations of the Cross to our students in Years 3-6. Their interpretation was based on St Francis of Assisi’s Way of the Cross along with the Columban Missionaries Stations of the Forest. It was a very valuable experience for our students which gave them a wonderful sense of the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ during the events of Good Friday.

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

Holy Week Walk

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April

Join our classes as they journey on a reflective walk through the scenes of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Good Friday which will be depicted by our Year 5 students.

Parents are welcome to join with their child’s class at the allocated time (please see timetable distributed last week).

Parent Prayer Experience

Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary

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.

Easter Liturgy

Monday 23rd April at 9.30am in the Church

Celebrate ‘Jesus Is Risen’

There are many opportunities throughout the week to attend Holy Week ceremonies at Mary Immaculate Church.

First Eucharist Sacramental Program

Forms for enrolment in the First Eucharist Sacramental program are now available at www.maryimmac.org.au or from the Parish office for students in Year 4 and above who have made their First Reconciliation. Forms are due by 27th April.

Project Compassion – Caritas

Many children bought in money to buy a ‘Crafty Creation for Caritas’ last week, the Year 6 students who organised this initiative are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and dedication towards supporting Caritas. The girls donated all the materials themselves and spent many hours finger knitting and plaiting to create the crafty items, what a great sense of mission they displayed!! We raised $243 over the three days, well done Emma, Georgina, Georgie, Amy, Joanne, Nadia, Annika, Katherina, Erica and Mia!

Thank you for your generous support of our Lenten giving for Term 1. Please return any Project Compassion boxes with your donations to the office by this Thursday.

Keep the date………

All families are welcome to join us early next term for:

ANZAC DAY PRAYER CELEBRATION
Thursday 26th April at 10.30am in the MPA.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SUNDAY MASS
Led by students from Mary Immaculate, St. Joseph’s and Terra Sancta College
Sunday 29th April at 9am
**Winter uniform**
The children will officially begin wearing their winter uniform from the third week of Term 2 – week beginning 7 May. If we have unseasonably cool weather before that date, parents are welcome to dress their children in the warmer winter uniform for the children’s comfort. All children are expected to wear their winter uniform from Tuesday 8 May (as Monday 7 May is a Staff Development Day).

**Mr Troy – Long Service Leave**
Mr Matthew Troy, our hard working Assistant Principal, will be taking a short period of leave during the first two weeks of next term and we wish him well for this break. During this time Mrs Tracy Heron will step up to the role of Acting Assistant Principal.

**Day light savings**
Changes to day light savings and returning to standard time can sometimes cause sleep patterns for our children to become unsettled leaving them tired through the day. An earlier bedtime by 30 minutes can sometimes assist at this time as the mind and body gets used to the new time.

**Neighbourhood Watch**
Quakers Hill Police are looking for interested community minded people to join the Quakers Hill Neighbourhood Watch Eyewatch Group. (Facebook Group). This invites people living or working in the suburb of Quakers Hill to join. This group will involve up to date information in relation to crime related issues in Quakers Hill, persons wanted for offences, community topics of interest and crime prevention post.

Local police will engage the community to participate in decision making about policing their community. Members of this closed group will be able to facilitate this group along with the local police.

Once the group takes off and there are many members, a NHW meeting will be able to be held and members from the comfort of their lounge room chair will be able to attend the online meeting a couple of times a year.

Police are now seeking people that are interested in joining and will also be calling for some administrators for the site. It will not take up much of your time. If interested please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Quakers Hill Police on 9678 8999 or follow us on Face Book Quakers Hill LAC—NSW Police Force.”

**Enrollment Open Day – 2 May 2013**

**STAR SPOT**
Congratulations to Luke Passmore who last week competed in Melbourne representing NSW in the Under 12 Softball Team.

Luke has also trialed for the Mackillop softball team and was selected. We will keep you posted on his progress with this event.

Well done, Luke and good luck next term.

Good luck to Haylee Kellam and Samuel McGinnon who are representing the Mackillop Team in the NSW Diving Competition this Wednesday. Congratulations on your selection.

**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.

**Week 1 Term 2**
- **Wednesday**: 25th April, Anzac Day
- **Thursday**: 26th April, Rozanne Perera, Angela Jachimowic
- **Friday**: 27th April, Connie Smith, Shirama Peiris, Gina Josey

**Week 2 Term 2**
- **Wednesday**: 2nd May, Sam Scully, HELP NEEDED
- **Thursday**: 3rd May, Phillipa Holtsbaum
- **Friday**: 4th May, Erica Monk, Katherine Josen

Four ladies have dropped out of an already depleted team of helpers.
We are desperate for at least 6 new ladies to help in order for the canteen to continue running smoothly.
A great Mark Taylor Shield match!

Last Tuesday, 27 March, 2012 our Mary Immaculate Mark Taylor Shield cricket team lost their Round 2 match in a very exciting encounter with St Anthony’s, Girraween.

The team:

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St Anthony’s won the toss and elected to bat first. Our bowlers bowled tightly and accurately and the fielding was enthusiastic. Halfway through St Anthony’s innings we had them 3 wickets down for only 25 runs. Cooper Nolland had taken a wonderful catch at deep gully and Bradley Francis had also held on to a terrific catch at mid off.

In the second half of their innings they took more risks with their running between the wickets and tried to play more aggressive shots. Wickets continued to fall and after their 30 overs, St Anthony’s had scored 77 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Easily our most successful bowler was Jason Coleiro with figures of 3 wickets for 15 runs. Wonderful bowling by Alamdar Raza who collected 2 wickets for 15 runs. Wonderful bowling by Alamdar Raza who collected 2 wickets for 15 runs. Wonderful bowling by Alamdar Raza who collected 2 wickets for 15 runs. Wonderful bowling by Alamdar Raza who collected 2 wickets for 15 runs. Wonderful bowling by Alamdar Raza who collected 2 wickets for 15 runs.

Our batting began confidently and aggressively. Armaan Roopra, Alamdar Raza and then Jason Coleiro put on wonderful partnerships and at the 15th over of our innings we were just 3 wickets down for 48 runs. Unfortunately, as we returned to complete the second half of our batting the bowlers made it very difficult for us to score by bowling accurately and on the wickets. As hard as our boys tried they just could not keep scoring at the rate they had done earlier. Eventually after 30 overs we were 9 wickets down for 71 runs. Just 6 runs behind St Anthony’s who won the match and now go on to play in the 3rd round of the competition.

A big thank you to Mr David Nolland who scored for us on the day and to Mr John Noort and other parents who came to watch and cheer the boys on. I hope all the boys enjoyed the trainings and the match and now appreciate even more ‘the great game of cricket!’

Mr Matthew Troy
MTS Coach

A Message from the Uniform Shop

All winter uniforms are now available.

Last day for the uniform shop before the holidays is Tuesday 3rd April 2012 and re-opens Tuesday 3rd April 2012 and re-opens Tuesday 24th April 2012 for normal trading.

However we will be opening during the holidays on Saturday 21st April from 3.00pm-5.00pm for your convenience.

For any enquiries please contact Elle—0421 216 414

Come and Join in the FUN of Scouting

1st Quakers Hill/Doonside Scout Group
Gollan Park, Doonside Rd Doonside
6 - 8 years- Joeys –Tuesday 5:45 – 6:45pm
8 -11 years – Cubs – Wednesday 6:30 – 8pm
11-15 years – Scouts – Friday 7:30 – 9:30pm
Boys and Girls WELCOME!!
For more information Ph: 9831-3770 (Neal)

COSHC VACATION CARE

If you are interested in using COSHC these school holidays please contact Tara - email: taraborg.catholic.edu.au
Applications close 2nd April
Happy Birthday to our friends:
From 2nd April to 22nd April

Jordan Faleono, Joanne Pakura, Aron-Will Canlas, Aaron Preller, Jacob McFarlane, Jayden Kemp,
Nicholas Garbutt, Marcus Wheeler, Cooper Pettit, Bronty Walsh, Kahlani Johnston, Paolo Marcial, Sarah
Dicerson, Mikaela Ladrillono, Madelyn Peters, Taylah Barbeitos, Jazz Boulatsakos, Alan Nebu Cherian,
Harrison Gordon, Natalie Milkovic, Jeremy Head, Bradley Francis, Jack Acheson, Liam O’Leary,
Molly Higham,

EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY 8TH APRIL, 2012

- 7.30am Mass at St Joseph’s Church, Grange Avenue, Schofields
- 9am, 10:30am & 6pm at Masses at Mary Immaculate Church, Quakers Hill (Baptisms within 9am & 10.30am Mass)

Project Compassion Gifts to be returned today.

Easter Week Day Masses 10th - 16th April, 2012

- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday: 9.15am
- Wednesday and Thursday: 9.15am
- Friday: 7.00pm

Sunday Octave of Easter 15th April, 2012

Masses as usual
Vigil 6pm, 7.30am (Schofields), 9am, 10.30am, 6pm.

RECONCILIATION

Monday 2 April: 5 - 6.00pm Confession in Maltese, Mary Immaculate
5 - 6.00pm Individual Reconciliation, St. Johns, Riverstone
7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation,
St. Monica’s, Richmond

Tuesday 3 April: 9 - 10am & 6 - 7pm Individual Reconciliation,
St. Johns, Riverstone
7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Blessed John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens

Wednesday 4 April: 9 - 10am & 5 - 6pm Individual Reconciliation,
St. Johns, Riverstone

Saturday 7 April: 3 - 4.30pm Individual Reconciliation, Mary Immaculate

Tuesday 3rd April, 2012
7.30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Joint Celebration for Q.Hill / Schofields & Stanhope Parishes
Blessed John XXIII Church, Cnr Perfection Drive & Bentwood Terrace, Stanhope Gardens

PLEASE NOTE: Quakers Hill-Schofields parishioners will be celebrating the 2nd Rite at Stanhope Gardens. There is no celebration at Quakers Hill.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Parents and Friends raffle has been a very successful initiative that has run for many years. This year’s raffle was launched two weeks ago and we have received many sold books of tickets.

There are many prizes to be won. Last year there were over 70 lucky winners who took home Easter egg packs.

*All raffle tickets are needed back to school by Tuesday please.*

All parents are welcome to join us for the Easter raffle draw to be held on Wednesday 4 April at 2.30pm in the MPA.

Yours in support,

P & F Association
Dear Mr. Devlin
I have been learning Maths in year 1 and the maths is adding. I love maths, maths is the best.
Libby Hartley 1P

Dear Mr. Devlin
I learnt about many different rainforests. I'm studying the Congo rainforest in Western Africa and the Toco Toucan that also lives in Africa.
I also learnt how to finger knit and French knit with my friends. It is very interesting, fun and so easy to do. I had great fun with my friends making them. I had so much fun and learnt many things this term.
Annika Jason 6G

Dear Mr. Devlin,
Year 2 are learning about waterways. There are lots of them, there are rivers, glaziers, and there is also pollution. Pollution is a bad thing for the water. It could kill animals. Birds could get their beaks stuck in it. Other animals could eat it and die.
Heidi Varlet 2M

Dear Mr. Devlin,
This year in year one we have learnt about friendship. I learnt that friendships are very special. I am lucky to have lots of friends and they are kind and caring. I also learnt that it is not nice to be a bully.
Hannah 1P

Thank you to the following students who put a letter in the Learning Letterbox for Mr. Devlin.
I enjoyed looking at these students wonderful work that was in the Learning Letterbox.
On Friday, 23rd March the whole school competed in a cross country event. Due to the wet weather this event took place within the school grounds and pathways. The children competed so well and were very enthusiastic leading up to it.

A huge thank you goes to our Year 6 students who assisted with the younger children and who eagerly accomplished any job that was asked of them.

Also, thank you to all those parents who assisted around the course, helping to direct the way for the children. It is very much appreciated.

The results are below.

### MIPS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL RESULTS 2012

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Good luck to all those children competing in the Diocesan Zone Carnival next term.