Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the school year of 2011 at Mary Immaculate Primary School. This is the first newsletter of the year and my first opportunity to communicate with the parent community of our school. I am very excited to join the staff of Mary Immaculate as Principal and feel privileged to lead this school. As I replace Mr Ian Jordan, I would like to publically thank him for all he did for the school during his time at Mary Immaculate and also for all the discussions we had as part of the handover between principalships. I know that Ian will be excited as we continue to develop the many areas of school focus and life.

We have one focus at Mary Immaculate Primary School. That is to develop all our children’s potential academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. We do this within the Catholic culture and practice of the school with the support of all the parents, staff and parish. I look forward to working with Fr Ian, all parents and staff as we sharpen this focus throughout the years ahead.

Personally, my family and I live in the Emu Plains area. I am married and my three teenage children attend local Catholic high schools. I look forward to getting to know the families and staff of Mary Immaculate as we work together and share the responsibility of education of all the children at our school.

This year we also welcome two staff members to the school leadership team. Linda Ducksbury joins the staff as Religious Education Co-ordinator and teacher, while Tracy Herron joins the team as stage 1 co-ordinator and teacher. Both these staff members come to Mary Immaculate with a wealth of experience in contemporary education and I am sure that you will welcome these staff members personally when you get the opportunity. We also welcome Narelle Boatfield to the role of sport teacher. Narelle will take her classes on Wednesday every week.

Please make a priority of reading the newsletter every Monday as it will contain the most current school news and celebration of the children’s learning throughout the year.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

♦ Tue 1st Feb
  - Kindergarten Parent/Child Interviews

♦ Wed 2nd Feb
  - Kindergarten Parent/Child Interviews

♦ Thur 3rd Feb
  - Kindergarten Children begin 1/2 Days (8.55-12.30pm)
  - P&F “Tears & Cheers” Morning Tea

♦ Fri 4th Feb
  - Kindergarten Children 1/2 day 8.55-12.30pm
  - Whole School Assembly 9.15am

♦ Mon 7th Feb
  - Kindergarten begin full days
  - Newsletter day
COSHC – Catholic Out of School Hours Centre

Today marked the start of a very exciting initiative for the Mary Immaculate community as we welcomed the very first children into the COSHC. This facility provides a valuable service to the families of this school by allowing families to access before and after school care that is affordable and convenient. The centre is co-ordinated by Donna Sweeney and she liaises constantly with the school to ensure a smooth operation of the centre within the Mary Immaculate site. We welcome all the staff of the COSHC to the Mary Immaculate site and hope they enjoy the new opportunity that the COSHC provides.

School Fee Statements

The Catholic Education Office is scheduled to send out School Fees next week with payment due within 30 days of the date of statement. Any family requiring financial consideration or assistance is asked to place their request in writing to our Financial Manager Mrs Michelle Brien, Michelle will be available each Monday and can be contacted through the school office.
Kindergarten starting dates and times
Kindergarten children begin half day on Thursday 3rd February and Friday 4th February 2011 from 8.55 to 12.30 pm.
With Full days commencing from Monday 7th February 2011.

Welcome to the following families
Mary Immaculate would like to welcome three new families to our school community:
Sonique Thind 2G
Nicholas Garbutt 1P
Luke Garbutt 5P
Shang Abol 3M
Ageg Abol 6P

Canteen Helpers Needed
Each Friday Carmen Sammut will be working in our Canteen and is in need of some parent helpers, please contact the office if you can volunteer to assist. Thank you.

In our Prayers
Please keep the Sheehy family in your prayers. Emma Grapulin Grandmother to Bianca 5G, Nicolas 5P, Sarah 4M recently passed away, may she rest in peace.

P & F NEWS
P & F “Tears & Cheers”
Morning tea for Kindy parents on Thursday 3rd February 9 to 10.00 am.

Bingo Night
All families are invited to our Bingo Night Friday 25th February More details to follow.

On 28th /29th /30th January 2011
The girls represented Quakers Hill in the North West Metropolitan Zone Carnival.

Results:
Abby Pitt year 2
1st 200 meters
1st 100 meters
2nd 500 meters
2nd 70 meters

Michaelo Attard year 2
3rd 50 meters