**Report survey**

Today, a report survey has been sent home to all families. We ask you to complete the survey if possible and return it to the school by the end of the week. Your assistance in completing the survey is greatly appreciated.

**School Fees – 2012**

The Catholic Education Office, Parramatta, is offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for the payment of all school fees this year. Details of this option are explained in the Term 1 school fees. This option offers a very convenient way of paying fees throughout the year. Please note that if you wish to take advantage of the FPP, forms need to be completed and received by Friday 17th February.

**Terra Sancta College Enrolment**

Parents are informed of two important dates for the enrolment of children at Terra Sancta College.

**24th February**

The TSC Co-operating Principals will visit Mary Immaculate and address the Year 6 students

**19 March**

TSC Open Enrolment Afternoon / Evening 4.00pm—8.00pm

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

**Ash Wednesday**

All parents and families are invited to join us next Wednesday, 22nd February as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent and commence our journey towards Easter.

**Year 4-6 - 9.15am Mass (Church)**

**Year K-3 - 10.30am Liturgy (MPA)**

‘Faith In Our Future’ is a Pastoral letter from Bishop Anthony Fisher for the people of the Diocese of Parramatta. A copy is included in the February edition of the Catholic Outlook. At last weekends Masses, parish communities listened to and watched Bishop Anthony’s message. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to read the pastoral letter and to contribute your thoughts to the consultative planning process by sharing your vision, suggestions and ideas as we plan for the years ahead in the Diocese of Parramatta.

**Some questions to ponder:**

How can we serve families better as a Church, build a true sense of belonging, and equip people for Catholic life in the 21st Century? How might we better support our schools and parishes and better meet the needs of our people, especially our children and future generations?

For more information visit www.faithinourfuture.org.au

**ICAS**

A note has come home today to students in Years 3-6 regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools program. These are optional external assessments conducted at school that students can participate in and are offered in the subject areas of: Computer Skills, English, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Spelling.

Please refer to the note for the dates and costs of each of these tests. If your child/ren will be participating please return note and money by Monday 19th March.

**Term 1 Week 3**

**Monday, 13th February 2012**

**Parent Teacher Interview Week**

**Thursday, 16th February**

9.15am Parish Mass Year 1 & 5

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3.00pm—7.00pm Twilight Working Bee

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**Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill**

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Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity

Phone: 9626.3326

Fax: 9626.1613

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

**Mass Times**

**Mary Immaculate Church**

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 7.00pm

**Weekend Mass:**

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm

**St. Joseph’s Schofields**

Sunday 7.30am
Quality Catholic Schooling Project – A Survey for our School Community

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2012.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school’s cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 12 -23 March all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning.

If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Devlin or Mr Troy.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON
‘P&F TWILIGHT WORKING BEE’
FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.
Anytime from 3:30 – 7:00pm

This term the P&F have two Working Bees. Already seven families have committed to attend this FRIDAY (‘Twilight’ 3:30 – 7:00pm) 17th FEBRUARY, 2012.

Also nine families have nominated to attend on SATURDAY (8:00 – 12:00pm) 10th MARCH, 2012.

In organizing the Working Bees it is possible to keep the school in good order.

This week we hope to complete the following

Weeding large bank near top car park
Whipper snipping around car park
Weeding and tidying up K – Yr 1 play area
Maintaining Veggie Garden
Blowing and washing paths and paved areas
Mowing lawns in front entry of school
Trimming trees and shrubs in around walk ways
Collecting rubbish from around the school

It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater the impact we have on keeping our school grounds in wonderful condition for all to enjoy.

It is in partnership that we can achieve great things together!

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal
Nicholas Varlet
P&F Co ordinator
George James
General Assistant

MIPS Swimming Carnival 2012

Last Thursday, all Primary students braved the changeable weather conditions to compete in our schools swimming carnival.

As it turned out, the weather wasn't too bad and the carnival had no interruptions.

Congratulations to all the children for their competitive spirits and their good behaviour.

A huge thank you goes to all those parents who volunteered to assist with timekeeping, marshalling, toilet patrol and crowd control in the colour house groups. Without your help the day would not have run as smoothly.

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Congratulations to these children who will be competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt in two weeks time.