PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS.

Learning Letterbox

The children are invited to reflect on their learning and write to Mr Devlin to tell him what they have learnt recently. This is an attempt to develop the children’s ability to reflect on their own learning. Some of the letters will be included in the newsletter every week while others will be read at Friday assembly. Please encourage your child/ren to reflect on their learning by using the Learning Letterbox regularly. The Learning Letterbox can be found in the student foyer.

Reminder about the early arrivals

Parents are reminded that the school gates open for students at 8.25am. There is no supervision for the children before this time. Parents are asked to co-operate with the school in this matter. The Catholic out of School Hours Centre operates every morning, Donna Sweeney COSHC Co-ordinator can be contacted on 0417203333.

Welcome to the following families

The following new families that have joined us this week.
Maylea Hales KP,
Nathan Hartman KM,
Jade Shan 1M,
Samantha Van Diemen 2M,
Symbria Hales 3G,
Karen Hibbard 4P,
Owen Hibbard 5G,
Jack Robinson 5G.

Parent Info nights

This week parents are invited to attend an information evening for Year 2 – 6 on Wednesday 9th Feb. The Year 2 - 4 session will begin at 7.00pm in MPA while Years 5 and 6 session will begin at 7.45pm in stage 3 area. These evenings are designed to provide parents with information regarding the year ahead and initiate good communication between home and school.

Opening school mass

Our Opening School Mass will be celebrated this Friday 11th February 9:15am in the Mary Immaculate Church. All parents and friends of the Mary Immaculate community are warmly invited to attend and join with us as we celebrate the start of the school year. Thanks to Mrs Ducksbury (our new Religious Education Co-ordinator) and all the teachers who have helped to prepare this celebration. Parents are invited after Mass to join us in the MPA for morning tea.

School Calendar

The school calendar that went out last week had some errors. These errors occurred in a file transfer and was only realised after the newsletters went home. As a result, we are sending home a ‘correct’ calendar for term 1. Please dispose of the previous calendar and replace it with the new one. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 9th Feb
7pm Year 2,3,4 Parent Info Night in MPA.
7:45pm Year 5-6 Camp & PD Info night stage 3 area.

Thurs 10th Feb
MIPS Swimming Carnival Year 3-6 at Riverstone Pools.

Fri 11th Feb
9:15am Opening School Mass followed by parent morning tea.

Mon 14th Feb
Valentines Day
MacKillop Sports Trials
Students are given the opportunity to trial for the Open Parramatta Team to compete in the MacKillop Trials held each year. These sports include Tennis, Netball, Touch Football, Soccer, League, Union, Hockey, Softball and Diving. Notes have been handed out to interested students over the passed week.

Students need to be of a Representative level or similar to compete at the trials.

It is requested from PDPSSC (Parramatta Diocese Primary Schools Sports Council) that no school sends more than two competitors per sport. More than this number makes it too difficult for fair selection given the time allowed.

Where more than the requested number wish to trial, students will need to go through a pre-selection process competing in their chosen sport at school. A selection of teachers will choose the students deemed to be of the highest standard. These will then progress to the Parramatta trials.

If you have any further questions that need clarifying please see Cathy Vogt.

Catholic Out of School Hours Care
We are pleased to advise that the Catholic Education Office, working closely with the school, opened our Catholic Out Of School Hours Care (COSHC) service at Mary Immaculate Primary on Monday 31 January 2011. This is a welcome and innovative care service for our families. Some places are still available at our COSHC service.

Hours of care Monday to Friday
Morning: 7:00 am to school start time;
Afternoon: school finish time to 6:30 pm

Contact Details:
Supervisor: Donna Sweeney
Telephone: 0417 203 333
Email: OSHC.MaryImmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au
Mailing address: 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill NSW 2763 (school mailing address)

Please direct all enquiries to Donna Sweeney by email or by telephone.

Head Lice
We have discovered an outbreak of head lice at this school. This is not a case for serious concern, as your child may be affected. However, head lice are extremely contagious.

In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their child’s hair. We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that could indicate the presence of head lice.

General: child scratching his/her head excessively. On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material

In the hair: signs of lice eggs (nits) – cream or coffee coloured specks close to the roots

Lice: small white or greyish parasites the approximate size of a pin-head

If you notice any of the above signs, or if you require further information, please contact your local pharmacy, as treatment is readily available and easy to apply. Additionally, we have some further information here at the school.

Student Leaders
We would like to congratulate all Year 6 students who nominated themselves for the position of Year 6 Leaders. Our 2011 leadership positions have been finalised, and the following children will be commissioned and presented with their badges at our whole school mass this Friday 11th Feb. Congratulations to the following children:

School Captains
Jake Williams and Tiana Gracia

Vice Captains
Benjamin Ha and Claudia Pecora

SRC (School Representative Council)
Kristen Daley, Johanna Boncato, Matthew Fung and Samantha Puma.

Colour House Leaders
Blue - Caitlin Catford & Marc Adan
Green - Brooke Pearsall & Tehan Peiris
Gold - Sarah Milne & Dominic Mura

We wish them all the best for their leadership positions and look forward to seeing them supporting the school community this year.

The Year 6 Team