LEARNING LETTERBOX

STUDENT LETTERS TO OUR PRINCIPAL

Today I learnt how to hyperlink and that friends are the best thing.
Mia 5G

At the swimming carnival I learnt about all the different kinds of people and the races they are doing. I also made some friends along the way.
Lauren 3M

I have learnt that everyone is your neighbour. I have learnt that water can be purple, green, brown or blue.
Matthew 2M

Today I used a laptop for my lexile test. My score was 682. It was the first time I have used a laptop. I love year 3, it is cool.
Michaela 3M

I learnt this week even if you don’t know a person who is hurt you should still help them.
Daniel 2M

I have learnt that times tables can be hard or some are easy.
Luke 3P

RE NEWS.

Sunday Masses:
6.00pm Saturday
9.00am Sunday
10.30am Sunday
6.00pm Sunday

St. Joseph’s Schofields - 7.30am
Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 8.30am
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Friday 7.00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity
Pastoral Assistant: Jim Eves (JP)
Parish Secretaries:
☐ Aylyn Yu: Mon, Tues, Wed : 9am - 3pm
☐ Claudine Nalletamby-Sandel: Thurs & Fri 8.30am - 4pm

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 23rd Feb
♦ 9.30am Year 6 Talk
   Re: Terra Sancta.
♦ Year 3 & 4 Parish Mass.

Thurs 24th Feb
♦ School Photos
   Kindergarten, Year 3 & Staff.

Friday 25th Feb
♦ Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival Mt Druitt.
♦ Year 2 Bondi Beach Excursion.
♦ 7pm P & F Bingo Night.

Monday 28th Feb
♦ National Young Leaders Day — School Captains.
♦ Year 4 Blacktown Council, Library & Arts Centre.
PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation and First Eucharist Dates have now been finalised for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist for 2011. For families involved in this program, please note the following dates in your diaries and refer to the Parish Bulletin in the coming weeks for further information. Thank you. ~ Jocelyn Williams, Sacramental Coordinator

- 26 / 27 February - Enrolment forms available for Confirmation/Eucharist Program.
- 18 March (Fri) - Enrolment forms due for Confirmation/Eucharist Program.
- 30 March (Wed) - First Parent Meeting 7:30pm.
- 2 / 3 April - Enrolment Masses for Confirmation/Eucharist.
- 6 April (Wed) - Facilitator's training for Confirmation/Eucharist Program 7:30pm.
- 2 May (Mon) - Home groups for Confirmation begin (3 Weeks).
- 24 May (Tues) - Confirmation Practice Evening 7:30pm.
- 1 / 2 June (Wed/Thurs) - Confirmation 7:30pm.
- 6 / 13 June - Home Groups for Eucharist (2 Weeks).
- 25 / 26 June - First Eucharist - Corpus Christi - (all Masses).
- 23 / 24 July - Presentation of Certificates - (all Masses).

Year 3 Incursion

Last Thursday, 17th February Year 3 had their first incursion for the year. Jacqui Love brought her Travel bugs Mobile Mini-Beasts display to the school and gave the children a presentation on mini-beasts. She had a wide range of material to share with the children along with the expertise she has developed over her years of teaching this very interesting topic. Her presentation ties in well with our Integrated theme which is bases on Mini-Beasts.

Uniform Shop News

The Mary Immaculate Uniform Shop has relocated to the demountables (near Kindergarten)

It will be open on Tuesday mornings from 8:35 – 9:30am.

Come along and purchase second-hand uniforms for a reasonable price! Items range from $5 to $25, and include shorts, shirts, jackets, dresses and sports uniforms.

Zone Swimming Squad

Congratulations to these children who will be attending the Blacktown Zone Carnival this Friday.

Girls

Michaela Forster, Alana Zelaska, Lara Morales, Alana Head, Erin Felton, Jessica Menzie, Caitlin De Cruz, Brianna Weymark, Johanna Cusack, Samantha Poullos and Nadia Mura.

Boys


SCHOOL NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 22nd Feb
Helena Misic & Mina Djohan

Wed 23rd Feb
Tania Peiris & Karen Bouatsakas.

Thurs 24th Feb
Philipa Holtsbaum, Sue Henson & Sharon Hooper.

Friday 25th Feb
Angela Jachimowicz

HELP NEEDED

Monday 28th Feb
Marie Falempmp & Margaret Deshe.
School Photographs
School Photographs were taken today for Years 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 children. Some children did not hand in their payment envelopes. If you wish to purchase photographs, please return payment envelopes by this Thursday 24th February 2011. Kindergarten & Year 3 photographs will be taken this Thursday.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

P & F
Hello parents and friends of MIPS,
We are certainly well and truly into the school year with many events already having been run, and a great deal more coming up. If your household is anything like mine, this week was all about school photos, from neatly pressed uniforms, to last minute dashes to the hairdresser, but the results will I'm sure be worth the effort!

This week will also be the first of many P & F social events. Our second Annual Bingo Night will be held this Friday night in the Multi-purpose area. It is a fantastic opportunity to have a great family night out and to catch up with or meet some other families within our community. Last year, the event was an amazing success, with much of the entertainment coming from our special guest caller Mr Troy, who I believe is back by popular demand this year. I have been told tickets are selling very quickly, and the night is expected to be a sell-out, so come along, and hopefully you will take away one of the many cash prizes on offer.

For those who haven't had the opportunity to meet our new principal Mr Devlin, he has volunteered to assist on the evening, and will be a great opportunity for him to meet the families in our community. Another quick reminder that next Saturday 5th of March will be the first Working Bee of the year. I understand Rowan Russell (P & F Maintenance Co-ordinator) has been busy behind the scenes preparing for the upcoming weekend, and I would like to thank Rowan for his work in our community, particularly as the last of his children finished at MIPS last year, and he has offered to stay on and support the work of the P & F. There will be a wide variety of jobs which will be undertaken on the day, and any time in the morning you can dedicate would be greatly appreciated.

A special request for any parents who are professional tree loppers to speak with Mr Devlin...there are many trees around the school which are affecting school drainage and the guttering around the buildings, and a solution to these problems is needed.

Take care and God Bless,
Ryan Hutton
President
P & F Association - Mary Immaculate

Make your own picture book:
A three week workshop for children 9-12 years.

These workshops are at the Max Webber Library Function Centre, First floor.

Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Alpha St, Blacktown.

Attendees MUST attend all three sessions which run for two hours.

The morning sessions will run from 9am to 11am and the afternoon session will run from 12noon to 2pm.

Week 1 – Saturday 5th March 2011: Sue Whiting will talk about writing the story.

Week 2 – Saturday 12th March 2011: Sarah Davis will talk about illustrating the story.

Week 3 – Saturday 19th March 2011: Both of these published authors will talk about bring it all together.

This is a FREE* event, however participants are limited to 25 for each session and so bookings are essential Bookings will be taken in person at the Reference Desk which is located on level 1 of the Max Webber Library. Your ticket is essential for entry into the workshop.

SCHOOL NEWS cont
MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH 2011
8am–noon

Try and attend any part of these

The jobs to be attended to are:

- Cleaning of drains.
- Trim trees.
- Cleaning windows.
- Paving.
- Weeding and mulching of gardens, whipper snipping.
- General watering
- Spray weeds.
- Clean air conditioner filters
- Disinfect and hose down demountable verandahs.

Help! Help! Help! Please bring what you think you may need to use.

Please fill out the slip below if you are able to attend the Working Bee Saturday 5th March 2011.

I will be able to attend the working bee on Saturday 5th March 2011.

NAME: ___________________________________________ PHONE: ___________________