THINK U KNOW Seminar - Report

On Tuesday 6/3/12 we had an informative seminar from THINKUKNOW by Hayden Lord. The seminar spoke about cyber safety and how we can keep our kids safe while using the internet.

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia which aims to raise awareness amongst parents, carers and teachers of how young people are using technology and how to keep them safe whilst doing so.

ThinkUKnow is divided into 3 themes of Have Fun, Stay in control and Report.

Have Fun describes the popular applications, devices and websites used by young people.

Stay in Control – outlines the major risks to young people, including online grooming, inappropriate content (both self – created and accessed), cyber – bullying and e – security risks.

The final theme in the ThinkUKnow presentation is Report. Unfortunately, sometimes things do go wrong and we want to encourage people to report these to the appropriate authorities.

The presentation showed how we much all be vigilant and active in being active participants in our children’s use of the internet.

ThinkUKnow provided the school with an informative handout titled “Cyber safety and security for you and your family.” Copies of this very informative document are available at the school office.

Sarah Hutton.

School Care Insurance

All children enrolled in Catholic Schools in the Parramatta Diocese are insured by Catholic Church Insurances Limited (CCI). A Notice will be sent home to all families this week that explains the insurance cover that is in place for all our students. If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to call CCI or visit their website on the address listed on the notice.

Parking in the Car Park

Parents are reminded of the need to park legally in the school car park while considering others also using the car park. Only cars that display the current Disabled Permit are permitted a to park in the Designated Disabled Car Spaces.

Trucks and Trailers in the Car Park

Parents are asked not to drive either light or heavy trucks through the car park or pull heavy trailers. The car park surface and design has been planned for normal car use only. We are developing potholes in the carpark which are adversely effected by heavy vehicles. Some heavy and /or long vehicles are also running over the gutter and travelling through the garden. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Term 1 Week 7
Monday, 12th March 2012

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th March
10.00am Reconciliation Year 4

Thursday, 15th March
9.15am Parish Mass Years 3 & 6
7.00pm Parish Enrolment Night

Friday, 16th March
9.15am Assembly Year 5
Mufti Day - P & F Easter Eggs
Easter Egg Wrapping

Saturday, 17th March
St. Patrick’s Day
Project Compassion Mufti Day
Thank you to all the families who contributed so generously with their donations of gold coins for our Project Compassion Mufti Day. Last Thursday we raised a total of $668.15, all of which will go towards Caritas.

Each class has been learning about the work of Caritas around the world and hopefully your children were able to share this news of compassion, justice and mission with you.

Feast of the Annunciation Prayer Celebration
Please join our classes as we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday 26th March in the MPA at 2.40pm

ICAS – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
A reminder that if your child/ren will be participating in any of the ICAS assessments for Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing that notes and payment are due by next Monday 19th March.

Book Club Update
Thank you to all the families that purchased books from our first Book Club catalogues. We hope you enjoyed selecting books with your children and because of your generous support Mary Immaculate has received $451 worth of free books for our school library and $569 worth of Scholastic reward points to spend on future books.

A big thank you to Sue Hansen one of our mums who has volunteered to run Book Club this year. We appreciate all the hard work that you have done with collecting, collating and organising the Book Club for the kids of Mary Immaculate.

Your Book Club order is expected to arrive by the end of the term.
Happy Reading!!!

School Banking—Reminder
Student banking is available to all students in Mary Immaculate on Friday’s. If you do not have a Commonwealth Student Banking account, you can open one at any branch or collect a form from the office.

Star Spot
Congratulations to Luke Passmore who has been selected to represent NSWCPs MacKillop at the NSW PSSA Softball—Boys State Carnival in September.

Congratulations to Fady Farid, Miguel Villa, Jayden Waymark, Corey Smith and Brianna Waymark for making it to the Inter Diocesan Swimming Trials on 26th March 2012.

Congratulations to Dominic Vella for his Encouragement Award for his Artwork at the Blacktown Show.

Congratulations to Benjamin Dickson for his first place award and Champion of the show for his Artwork at the Blacktown show last weekend.
P&F TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
A strong turnout! Many projects achieved!

Last Saturday’s ‘Working Bee’ was a wonderful success due to the energetic efforts and time of the following families:


Under the coordination and organization of George James (General Assistant) the following projects were completed:

- Weeding large bank near top car park / drive
- Weed spraying large bank near top car park
- Trimming plants on car park bank
- Trimming shrubs around covered walkways
- Weeding of gardens
- Whipper snipping around car park, behind Demountables and Picnic Hill
- Blowing paths and paved areas
- Removal of trees in Grotto
- Weed spraying perimeter fence and paths
- Mowing outside fences on Farnham and Barnier Roads
- Collecting rubbish from around the school
- Collecting balls and toys off demountable roof
- Cleaning demountable gutters
- Cleaning sandpit and weeding garden in ‘Kindy & Year 1 Play Area’
- Washing windows
- Washing down Kindergarten and demountable verandahs

Also, a special ‘Thank you’ to the following families who made a donation to assist with purchasing of materials and equipment used at the Working Bees.

Onglingchaun (Adrienne 3G & Chelsea KP)  Willcoxson (Lachlan 2P)  Bonboc (Jenna 2P)

This is a large school and the support and assistance of families in completing projects like these is invaluable.
The Term 2 ‘Working Bee’ for 2012 will be held on Saturday morning 2 June from 8:00 – 12:00pm. Already a number of families have committed to attend. It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater 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

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**CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 Week 7 & 8**

*If you would like to help in the canteen please contact the school office!*

**Week 7**

*Wednesday 14th March*  Sam Scully, HELP NEEDED  
*Thursday 15th March*  Phillipa Holtsbaum, Sue Henson  
*Friday 16th March*  Erica Monk, Katherin Joson

**Week 8**

*Wednesday 21th March*  Sue Quigley, HELP NEEDED  
*Thursday 22nd March*  Rachel Harris, Carmen Baker  
*Friday 23rd March*  Melissa Loughlin, Leanne Corapi
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Enrolments 2013
Parent Information Night

All Welcome

Thursday 15th March 2012 7.00pm
Mary Immaculate Parish Centre
125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

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