SCHOOL NEWS

Our School Uniform

Last year, there was discussion as to the possible modification of the Mary Immaculate uniform. This involved the discussion with the current uniform supplier along with other possible suppliers. Over the past couple of weeks, the situation has become clearer and the school is in the position to make a decision regarding the future supplier and design of our uniform. Once we have undertaken agreements to assure that the best decision for the school has been made, a letter will go to all families. During any transition to a modified uniform there will be ample time given to all families to allow them to make the necessary changes. We look forward to this development at Mary Immaculate.

Early Arrivers

Thank you to all families who are understanding of the need to drop their children to school after 8.25am. This is a duty of care matter. The COSHC is a very affordable option for families who start work early and they are able to accept children on every day of the week. Please contact the COSHC if you wish to enrol your child for morning and / or afternoon care. They can be contacted on 0417 203 333.

Kiss and Drop

We are very fortunate to have the car park facilities and kiss and drop area for the school. Parents are reminded to use the car park legally and courteously while also using the kiss and drop efficiently. The kiss and drop is not intended for parents to get out of their cars to farewell their children. Please use the following guidelines when using the Kiss and Drop.

Approach the Kiss and Drop area at a “walking pace” in your car.

Come to a total stop in the Kiss and Drop area.

Parents remain in their car.

Children exit their car by the ‘safe’ left side.

Parents move out of the Kiss and Drop area at “walking pace”.

Please assist the school by following these simple guidelines.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 23rd Mar
Year 5 Reconciliation

Fri 25th Mar
9.15am Feast of Annunciation Liturgy in MPA

P&F wrapping Easter baskets

Mon 28th Mar
National Young Leaders Day
RE NEWS

Feast of the Annunciation

This Friday 25th March is the Feast of the Annunciation, which celebrates the occasion when Mary was told that she had been chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus.

Please join us for our prayer celebration this Friday morning in the MPA at 9.15am

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Welcome to the 2011 Premier’s Reading Challenge, the biggest children’s book club in Australia! It has been a great response to the challenge this year and I am very excited to hear lots of children saying that they are on their way to earning their certificate and a place on the 2011 Honour Roll.

All children now have been allocated their PRC usernames and passwords to complete their online reading records (if you have not received yours as yet please see your class teacher.)

Parents, you can assist your child to fill in their personal reading log at the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website. This is available from https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Explore the web site and check regularly for updates and news.

Happy Reading!
Kylie Clark
Leader of Learning

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who successfully completed the Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge.

Nicholas Sheehy
Sarah Sheehy
Bianca Sheehy
Liam Warda
Joy Decelis
Sarah Dickerson

Learning Letterbox

I learnt that children should get less homework and more play.
Zoe, 2M

This week I learnt how to do the 9 times table trick.
Alana, 3M

I learnt that cyclones, tsunamis and earthquakes are very scary.
Tamara, 2P

I learnt that the Blacktown City Council plans everything before building anything. And…

When you do something for your Mum or Dad, like hanging our the washing, you shouldn’t expect a reward because you will get your reward in heaven.
Bronty, 4P

Thank you

P & F – Mufti Day

Thanks to all families who supported the Mufti Day last week. This day was used to celebrate St Patrick’s Day by allowing the children to wear green while the children were also asked to bring in Easter Eggs for the P & F Easter Raffle. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of this term and raffle tickets have gone out to all families.

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**Paul Kelly Cup**

On the 15th of March, girls and boys from year 5 and 6 participated in the Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day at Kareela Reserve, Doonside.

**Girls Team**

The girls did really well, out of 4 games we won 2 of them against Sacred Heart and lost the other 2 against St Josephs, but it was close in the second game. The big achievement that all girls achieved is that everybody scored a goal in the games.

The girls that participated in Year 6: Selena, Tamara, Chloe, Kate-lyn, Nina, Samantha, Hannah, Rachel and Rebecca. Girls in year 5: Danika, Nadia and Mia.

We all had fun although it was very hot.

Selena Coleiro

**Competitive Boys AFL**

Our first game was against Bidwill and we lost 34-10. Our second game was against Plumpton and we won 24-13. Our third game we played Bidwill and lost 37-12. Our last game we played Plumpton and won 41-13. Over all we had a good day and had lots of fun. At the end we played in the finals and won 31-16. Over all we came third of sixteen. In our team were Dominic, Patrick, Jeremiah, Ayden, Camp-bell, Luke, Rhys, Adam, Allessan-dro, Luke, Samuel

Jacob Ford.

**Boy’s non competitive**

We played three games but we lost all our games. Our first game we played Scared Heart we lost 38-19. Second we versed St Josephs, we lost 13-30 and our last game we lost again 0-35 against Shelley.

The people on my team were Bro-die, Ben, Liam, Aron, Nicholas, Joshua, Jacob, Jordan, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Caleb. Overall I think the day was a good day even though we lost all games.

Marc Adan

We would like to, especially, thank the following parents who helped us with not only transport, but, also, cheering us on throughout the day. Mrs. Passmore, Mrs. Zammit, Mrs. Zekasko, Mr. Foong, Mrs. Pola, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Horder, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Mura, Mrs. Dickson and Mr. Howarth. Also, an extra thank you to Mrs. Zelasko for her wonderful photography in helping us capture the spirit of the day.

Marc Adan

Parents are reminded that only cars with a RTA Disability sticker are allowed to park in the disabled parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.
NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hello Parents & Friends of MIPS,

I would like again thank all of the parents who assisted at the last working bee, your support and generosity in giving up time was very much appreciated by the entire community. Parents, friends, and parishioners have all commented on how great the school is looking and it is through your support that this is possible. I would also like to thank the following families who made a financial donation to the school working bee:

Khalil family—Kiara KM & Jessical 3G
Bondoc family—Jenna 5P
Macaraeg family—Isaac 5M
Tromp family—Aimee 3G & Max 3M
Nolland family—Brodie 5P & Samuel 3M
Adan family—Marc 6G

This weekend will be the NSW State Election, and again the P & F would like to ask parents to consider the Education Policy of all parties at the upcoming Election, particularly the view of the Greens.

If you would like further information relating to this, please feel free to discuss with a member of the P & F, or with Mr Devlin or Mr Troy who will be able to point you in sourcing additional information. On Election Day, Barnier Drive Public School is the closest Polling Booth. On the day, the Barnier Drive P & C will be hosting a BBQ and Cake stall which you also may be interested in. As a school with obvious close ties to our own community, please support their initiative when registering your vote.

Take Care and God Bless,

Ryan Hutton
President
Mary Immaculate P & F Association

2nd Reminder for OVER DUE School Fee Accounts

The due date for all School Fee Accounts to be paid by was Friday the 11th March 2011, if you have overlooked your account please ensure that payment is made this week as the Catholic Education Office was scheduled to follow up on the unpaid accounts last week.

Thank you to all the families that have made contact with the school regarding their account, these families will receive a written response.

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty and therefore not able to make payment is asked to contact the school in writing, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. Office Administrator Mrs Michelle Brien can be contacted by email mbrien@parra.catholic.edu.au or by addressing a letter to the School office.

Just a reminder that this Friday 25th is the Easter Hamper Wrapping at 9:00am. Please meet in the MPA. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in their rsvp already. I look forward to seeing you on Friday and if you haven't sent it in and are able to come you are more than welcome. Again, thank you for all your help.

Vicki Vella

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
22nd to 28th March

Mikayla Barrientos, Monique Sharma, Campbell Byrd, Angela Nguyen, Zuhannah Rashed, Jacob Addison, Sophia Trotnar, Tanner Zadravec, Caleb Forson, Victoria Williams, Maylea Hales, Luke Zelasko, Benjamin Dickson, Edrianna Libot

PARISH BASED SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation / First Eucharist have now closed for this year. The Parents Only meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 March. Groups that families have been assigned to will be confirmed at this meeting. IT IS AN IMPORTANT GATHERING AND IS COMPULSORY. Parents should contact the Parish Office or email Jocelyn Williams at sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au prior to the meeting if they are unable to attend either the meeting or Enrolment Ceremonies for whatever reason.

We remind all those involved of the following gatherings:
- Saturday/Sunday 2/3 April: Enrolment Ceremonies - All Masses.
- Wed 6 April: Facilitators’ Training Meeting - 7.30pm - Parish Meeting Room.