Welcome back to Term 2

A very warm welcome back to term 2 for all staff and children. I hope the Easter break was one full of joy and celebration. This term promises to be a wonderful learning time for all students as we approach the mid point of the year. During the holidays the sound of wedding bells could be heard for one of our teachers. Miss Pickering (Year 6) was married and will return to us as Mrs Robyn Jolly. We welcome Mr Andrew Matulewicz to our school as he replaces Mrs Robyn Jolly.

Term 2 promises to be a very busy term and I encourage all families to thoroughly read the newsletter every week to remain informed of all the wonderful events planned for the next 10 weeks.

THE 2012 / 2013 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!!!!!!!!!

Entertainment Books are filled with 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, and leisure activities. Don’t forget $13 from every book sold will go towards our school fund-raising - so please forward an email, or tell your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise.

Choose from three editions of the 2012 | 2013 Entertainment Books, at $65 each. Sydney Greater West (Parramatta, The Hills, Blue Mountains), Sydney, Sydney North

Buy Online Now at: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/12609w8 or forward your order form and payment to the school office!

When you purchase your Book online, please don’t forget to reference Mary Immaculate when registering your 2012 / 2013 Entertainment Membership. Thank you for your support!

Any enquiries please contact: Glenda Marks 0414 348 426 or email glenda.marks@det.nsw.edu.au

WINTER UNIFORM

All children are expected to wear their winter uniform from Tuesday 8th May. If we have unseasonably cool weather before that date, parents are welcome to dress their children in the warmer winter uniform for the children’s comfort.

WINTER UNIFORM

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Term 2 Week 1
23rd April 2012

Important Dates

Tuesday 24th April
Year 6 Peer Support Training Day

Wednesday 25th April
Anzac Day

Thursday 26th April
10.30am MPA Anzac Day prayer service

Friday 27th April
P&F Mothers Day wrapping Peer Support Session 1

Saturday 28th April
Hawkesbury Show P&F Fundraiser

Sunday 29th April
9.00am Mary Immaculate Parish Mass

Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill
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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
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Did you know that Friday 18th May 2012 is ‘National Walk Safely to School Day?’
Walking is not only a great way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets you and your child’s health on the right track. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.
So that’s why our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18th may 2012.
Watch this space for more information about this important initiative in the coming weeks.

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL UPDATE
New date Thursday, 19th July 2012
Week 1 Term 3

BLACKTOWN CITY FUN RUN
Continue the spirit of our Cross Country Day.
WHERE: Olympic Park, Rooty Hill
WHEN: 20th May 2012
WHO: Parents, teachers and MIPS students.
(Past and present)
COST: $10.00 (4km) $15.00 (10km)
All are welcome to enter to walk or run.
Training will be on Tuesday at lunch and after school on Fridays on Paterson Reserve.
Children can compete as a team or with a parent.
Many teachers will be taking part as well.
If interested or would like more information contact Paul Devlin, Cathy Vogt or Kylie Clark.
KEEP ON RUNNING

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
A staff Development Day has been arranged for Monday 7 May. On this day the staff will be involved in a series of workshops and discussions around the school goal of literacy development. If you wish to engage in the use of COSHC on this day please do not hesitate to give them a call. If you have not used COSHC before you need to obtain a form from them first.
Please mark this date in your calendar, as children do not attend school on this day.
Thank you for your understanding

ANZAC Day
All parents and family members are invited to join us on Thursday 26th March at 10.30am in the MPA for our ANZAC Day prayer celebration.
NEWS ON ROMBE
Rombe is feeling much better and is back at school part time. Rombe wrote some lovely words to all his MIPS friends.

“Thank you God for saving my life. I would like to thank Father Ian and all my teachers who visited me in the hospital and all my friends. I’m happy to be back in school with all my friends. May God bless you all.  Rombe

P&F NEWS

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED
This weekend the Hawkesbury Show will be held in Windsor from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 of April. Over the last 2 years, Mary Immaculate have supported the Rotary Club with volunteers to assist with various tasks at the show, which has helped us raise over $2,000 for our school. Thank you to those parents who have offered their support for this year. There are still many spaces to be filled, and our support allows Richmond Rotary to donate funds back to the school for our fundraising. To help, please contact myself on 0410 668 481.

Ryan Hutton
President

BBQ’s NEEDED
In only a few weeks, Mary Immaculate will be celebrating and thanking the mothers, grandmothers and caregivers in our community as part of Mothers Day celebrations. Each year we start these celebrations by sharing a BBQ breakfast on the Friday. In recent years we have had the benefit of utilising BBQ’s borrowed from various sources. This year however, as similar celebrations take place in other schools, we are in need of BBQ’s from our own community. If you are able to lend or know of anyone who has a large flat plate BBQ, it will help the P & F finalise planning for our Mothers Day Breakfast. If you can help, please contact myself on 0410 668 481.

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REMEMBER....
A reminder to parents wishing to assist with the Mothers Day gift wrapping, that this will be held this Friday morning after the morning bell. Wrapping will take place in the P and F Room opposite the “Friends and fun for Kinder and Year 1 playground”. Any parents wishing to help are welcome to attend.

Reema Hani
Fundraising Coordinator

STAR SPOT
Congratulations to Samuel McKinnon and Hayley Kellam who competed in the NSW Catholic Schools Diving Competition in early April. Sam came 7th overall and Hayley came 10th.

Well done to you both!
Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. (No lunches are available) Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Week 1 Term 2
- **Wednesday**: 25th April, Anzac Day
- **Thursday**: 26th April, Rozanne Perera, Angela Jachimowic
- **Friday**: 27th April, Connie Smith, Shirama Peiris, Gina Josey

Week 2 Term 2
- **Wednesday**: 2nd May, Sam Scully, HELP NEEDED
- **Thursday**: 3rd May, Phillipa Holtsbaum
- **Friday**: 4th May, Erica Monk, Katherine Joson

Four ladies have dropped out of an already depleted team of helpers. We are desperate for at least 6 new parents to help in order for the canteen to continue running smoothly.

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**FREE PARENT WORKSHOP—HOW TO BULLY PROOF YOUR KIDS**

The Parent Representative Council Parramatta Diocese proudly presents Brett Murray, leading Anti-Bullying Authority and Youth Speaker. This Power of Parenting seminar:

- Gives the keys back to the parents
- Keys that unlock the tools to PREVENT BULLYING and protect our child

This seminar is a MUST for parents of children both primary and high school age who have been bullied, have bullied. All welcome—parents, grandparents, interested carers and school educators and staff.

**Tuesday 1 May 2012**
- Our Lady of the Way Hall, 49 Forbes St, Emu Plains

**Thursday 3 May 2012**
- The Holroyd Centre, 17 Miller St, Merrylands

**Friday 4 May 2012**
- St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

Tea and coffee from 6.30pm. Seminar starts at 7pm sharp.

Bookings essential—limited seats! Please email your venue choice with your name, school and contact number to **prcparraevents@hotmail.com**

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**MIPS Sunday Mass for Catholic Schools Week**

**Sunday 29th April at 9am, Mary Immaculate Church**

Each year the students from Mary Immaculate participate in a Sunday Parish Mass. This Sunday we will join with St Josephs and Terra Sancta for a Parish Schools Mass to launch Catholic Schools Week 2012.

We would love to see as many children as possible involved in this Mass and will need children for reading, offertory, singing and actions. A note was sent home today with a return slip due by Thursday 26th March if your child would like to be a part of this community celebration.