Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Mary Immaculate Primary School. I trust your children had a restful holiday and I hope your family was able to celebrate Easter together.

The term has started with great excitement and energy. Last Friday, we celebrated Easter with a whole school liturgy that was led by Fr Ian. The liturgy linked the events of Holy Week with the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It was a liturgy where children and community fully participated in prayer and song to celebrate the most important event in our Church’s calendar. Many thanks to Mrs Ducksbury, our Religious Education Co-ordinator, for her organisation of all the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter and also to all the teachers who assisted in the preparation of the children for these events.

This week is Catholic Schools Week. It is a week where we celebrate the great learning that occurs in our Catholic schools and I invite the community to celebrate with us. On Friday, your Parents and Friend’s Association will host a breakfast for all our parents in celebration of Mothers’ Day. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited. Following this, there will be the opportunity for all parents to visit the classrooms during the “Open Classroom” experience before joining with us in a liturgy to celebrate both Catholic Schools Weeks and Mothers’ Day. Please feel free to come along and join with us on this special day.

This term we also welcome two new members of staff. As Mrs Rebecca Jones begins her maternity leave, we welcome Miss Stephanie Mizzi who has joined the year 5 team. Miss Mizzi is well known to our school as she has completed blocks of work previously as well as working casually last year. We also welcome Mrs Katrina Rindfleish who joins the office team for two days of the week. Mrs Rindfleish will work on the newsletter on Monday and other administrative tasks on Friday. I know that the Mary Immaculate community will make our newest members of staff feel most welcome.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal
RE NEWS

Healing Mass: Saturday 7 May
Come and experience God’s healing gift of body, soul and spirit. Celebrant: Fr Fernando Suarez of the Companions of the Cross Healing Ministry. Where: St Patrick’s Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Time: 10.30am.

News Students to our school.
We warmly welcome the following new students and their families to the Mary Immaculate Community:
Rafael Mateo who has joined 5M and Phoebe Lague who has joined 3G. WELCOME!

Happy Birthday to our friends! 9/4/11-7/5/11

Uniform Requirements
All children will officially move into the school winter uniform next Monday 9th May, 2011. Parents are asked to please note the following:
- Tracksuit pants are only to be worn on sports day
- Sandshoes/joggers are to be low cut and predominately white (Not high cut basketball type)
- Girls stockings (winter) are to be light grey (Socks are not to be worn over stockings)

Wearing the correct Mary Immaculate school uniform helps instill great school pride!

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal

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Staff Development Date Change
In the calendar sent home last week there was notice made of a Staff Development Day planned for 10 June. Unfortunately, the presenter contacted the school last Thursday to indicate that she has had something unavoidable come up and she would no longer be available for the date. Once we have a new date for the Staff Development Day, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Chicken Pox
We have had the report of a number of cases of chicken pox in the school community recently. Please be aware that that chicken pox is extremely contagious and all families need to seek medical advice if they suspect that their child maybe effected.

Sport News

Diocesan Girls Soccer Gala Day
On Wednesday, 6th April two teams of 14 girls competed in the Diocesan Girls Soccer Gala Day. The weather was not the best with many games being played while it was raining. Even so, the girls had a great day and quite enjoyed the wet conditions. I couldn’t say the same for myself, and the enthusiastic, but cold parent supporters.

Both teams played very well with the Maroon team coming equal third and the Blue team coming fifth in their divisions. Thank you to the parents who assisted by transporting and supporting their girls.

Thank you to Mr Vella who volunteered to referee on the day and to Selena Coleiro who became our team photographer through injury.

P & F News

Just a friendly reminder to please return your RSVP slip if you are attending the Mothers Day Breakfast on Friday, 6th May at 8.00am.

Please remember that the Mothers Say stall is on Friday as well and the cost of a present is $5. If you could please send in the money with your child it would be greatly appreciated, as the children love purchasing something small for their parent. Thank you to all who have notified me that you can help at the breakfast and/or the Mothers Day stall on Friday. Could all helpers for the breakfast please meet outside the demountable where the COSHC is between 7 and 7.30am. Helpers for the mothers day stall are to meet in the old library at 11.45am. If anyone is able to help and haven’t notified me as yet, please feel free to turn up on the day. Thank you again for all your support.

Thank you
Vicki Vella
P And F Coordinator
Agile Learning Spaces, what about my child? Will they be missed?

Every child at Mary Immaculate is seen, as a special individual with their own needs, interests and learning styles. Roll class teachers within an agile learning space are the primary source for teaching, nurturing and caring for your child’s individual needs.

It is the ‘roll class’ teacher who tracks and monitors your child’s learning progress and informs you as parents how your child is progressing. However in an agile learning space all teachers share in the responsibility of teaching and learning of your child. All teachers within the space develop effective teaching and learning relationships to ensure maximum learning growth of every child. Teachers talk about your child and work together to meet their needs. Instead of one set of eyes observing your child’s learning in an agile learning space you now have three, what a unique opportunity to ensure your child is never missed.

**Tracy Herron**
Leader of Learning