BLACKTOWN CITY FUN RUN

Congratulations to all the competitors who took part in the Blacktown City Fun Run yesterday at Blacktown Olympic Park. We had 46 very enthusiastic students, parents and teachers taking part, which was fantastic for our first year.

We had a wonderful morning with some outstanding efforts. The extra training at lunch times and after school on Fridays certainly paid off.

The results will be placed on the Blacktown Council website after 1pm today.

We are now inspired to keep going so stay tuned for our next fun run. It would be great if we could get even more people involved.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS

All Parent / Teacher interviews will be arranged for week 7 (4th-7th June) of this term. During the coming week, a letter will be sent home to all families to arrange the dates and times of the interviews. Please return the reply as soon as possible to enable the teachers to confirm the date and time of your interview. Following this interview the Semester 1 report will be sent home to all families on Monday 25 June.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday, our school celebrated “Walk Safely to School Day” to reinforce the message of pedestrian safety for our children. Thanks to Mrs Vogt and Mrs. Smith who coordinated the school’s response to this important focus. Thanks also to the teachers and parents who walked children in from various intersections last Friday to encourage children to focus continually on safety. Please continue to remind your children about pedestrian safety.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders were sent out on Friday. If you have any questions please ring the school and speak to Cheryl Belcastro in the Library.

More information in next weeks Newsletter.

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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
MUMS DADS GRANDPARENTS
WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are in need of your assistance in supporting young readers with their Literacy development. If you are able to spare some time at the start or end of the school day we would be most grateful for your help. Our children can only benefit from your extra support.

Please meet Paola Dimataga in the Learning Support Room on Tuesday or Wednesday, after school, to register and receive information that will help you in this role.

BABY NEWS
Congratulations to Bronty Walsh 5P who has a new baby sister, Emersyn.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 8TH JUNE
As noted in the Parent Calendar sent home previously, our next Staff Development Day is due to be held on Friday 8 June. On this day the staff will be focusing on the spirituality of our school with particular emphasis on the Marian devotions we have with our school name ‘Mary Immaculate Primary’. Please mark this date in your diary, as children do not attend school on this day.

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS
This week the parent programme, called “Developing Literacy Partnerships” commences. We encourage you to take part in the programme which is specifically designed to help you help your child/children in their literacy and language development.

This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing, listening, talking and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child’s learning.

The programme runs over four weeks-

When: Thursday afternoons 1.30 – 3.00pm
24th May, 31st May, 7th June & 14th June.

Or Thursday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm
24th May, 31st May, 7th June & 14th June.

Where: Learning Support Area next to the old Library

We truly hope that you are able to attend.

Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office. Then simply arrive on 24th May to begin.

I, ____________________________ would like to attend the course on Developing Literacy Partnerships.

Child’s name: ____________________________
class: ______

Please circle: Thursday Afternoons or Thursday Nights

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS TEST
The Computer Skills test will be conducted this Tuesday 22nd May at 12 noon for all students in Years 3 -6 who have registered for this assessment.

COOL KIDS MUSIC COMPANY
Cool Kids Music Company will be offering group music tuition classes at Mary Immaculate commencing on Friday afternoons in term 3. Courses are offered in keyboard, guitar, drums and singing or a Prep course for Kindergarten students. Information forms were sent out last week. If you are interested in this for your children, please return the expression of interest slip to school by this Thursday 24th May.

FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
The Primary children enrolled in the sacramental program for First Eucharist start their preparation in their home groups this week. We keep all of these children in our prayers as they continue on this next step of their sacramental journey.

Children will receive their First Eucharist at all Masses on the weekend of June 9-10, except the Sunday 6pm Mass.

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
The Catholic Education Office sent out the Term 2 School Fee Statements on Friday 27th April to all families with payment due on the 25th May 2012. Prior to the School Fee due date, 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.