Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday our church celebrated Pentecost. It is a wonderful time for the church as we recall the time when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles and gave them the necessary gifts to allow them to go out and preach the Good News of Jesus’ love.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the traditional Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met together, when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

Acts 2:1 - 4

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would sent His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called “the birthday of the Church.” With the coming of the Holy Spirit the Church was born to spread the word of Jesus.

Let us pray that we have the courage to use the gifts of the spirit as we live within our community.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

Enrolments now taken for 2013
Parents are reminded that enrolments are currently being taken for 2013. Please contact the school office for an enrolment pack and also to arrange an interview time. Enrolments at this time assist the school in planning for next year.
YEAR OF GRACE ~ Pentecost 2012-2013

The ‘Year of Grace’ was officially launched yesterday and will run from Pentecost 2012–2013.

The theme is ‘Starting Afresh from Christ’.

A Year of Grace encourages us to deepen our unity through prayer, listening to Sacred Scripture and focussing on encountering and responding to Jesus Christ in our daily lives. During this Year of Grace we want to foster a relationship with Jesus Christ and not just know about Jesus. You may like to pray this prayer as we commence this Year of Grace together:

NATIONAL PRAYER - A YEAR OF GRACE

Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ON 08 06 12

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.

SOCCER GALA DAY

On Wednesday 9th May, 25 girls from Stage 3 participated in a Soccer gala Day at Rooty Hill. They played 7, fast pace, high quality games of soccer. Congratulations to the “Pink Team”, Alyssse, Erin, Sarah S, Maxine, Madison, Tyrelle, Jenna, Jasmine, Georgia, Brianna, Olivia, Bronty, Danika and Breanna and the “Grey Team”, Lauren, Bianca, Zahra, Haylee, Georgia, Alana, Hayley, Stephanie, Riana, Tiana and Sarah H. A big thank you to Mr Maloney for coaching a team and all the parents who came along to support.

A program commenced last year for the children in Year 4 was the Captivate Program. It was a program that allowed the children to further develop their singing and dancing skills which culminated in a combined schools performance at the end of Term 3. Mary Immaculate has enrolled in the same program this year and we look forward to seeing the current Year 4 children develop their creative arts skills as they prepare for their performance. Details of this performance have gone home with the Year 4 children today and we wish them well as they develop singing and dancing routines for their performance in Term 3.
Many Catholics ask such questions as: What is the basis for an annulment of a marriage? How does an annulment differ from a divorce? How much does it cost? How long does it take? What does it involve? Each year the Solo Parent Ministry and the Catholic Marriage Tribunal present an Information Night regarding the process of Annulments within the Catholic Church. These and other questions will be answered on this night. Come along to the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown, on Wed. 30th May at 7.30pm. Bookings made with Sr Eileen Quade 9933 0205, eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

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.

We truly hope that you are able to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered items through book club. Book Club is going very well with the library receiving a lot of free pick books and bonus points for items for classrooms.

Books are available for borrowing and the students are very excited to be able to borrow new books.

We have also been able to start restocking our classroom reading circle packs which is great.

We hope that you continue to support the school ordering through book club.

Order forms for the next series will go home soon.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

“Developing Literacy Partnerships”

If you were unable to attend the first session of the Parent Programme it’s not too late… I encourage you to join us this Thursday 31st May at 1.30-3.00pm or 7-8.30pm.

You are most welcome to join us whether you have enrolled or not.

Where: Learning Support Area next to the old Library.

Work BEE

Saturday 2nd June 8.00 – 12.00pm

Working Bee

This Saturday the P&F are holding our MIPS Working Bee for Term 2. Already eighteen families have committed to attend. If you have some spare time on Saturday you are most welcome to come along and join in. In organizing the Working Bees it is possible to keep the school in good order. If it is raining the working bee will still go ahead as there are indoor jobs that need to be done. Projects to be attended to include: Whipper snipping, Weeding carpark hill, Trimming trees, Spraying, Washing down kindergarten verandahs, Cleaning rubbish from around school, Removing cobwebs.

It is in partnership that we can achieve great things together.

Paul Devlin  Matthew Troy  George James
Principal  Assistant Principal  General Assistant
Mary Immaculate have entered an enthusiastic team of Year 5 and 6 children in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Competition. It is estimated that over 40 000 Year 5 & 6 children will compete this year.

Last week the first of the five Maths Olympiad competitions for 2012 was held. The Olympiads consist of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim of the competitions is to encourage mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable contest environment.

We have entered a team of 46 children from Years 5 and 6.

The following children are representing Mary Immaculate for the first time:

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The top Mary Immaculate scores for Olympiad 1 were:

5/5 Mia Barbeitos (6P) and Joshua Phillips (5P)
4/5 Jacob Mangion (6G) Marcus Wheeler (6P) Philo Farid (6M)
Bradley Francis (6M) Nicholas Howarth (6P) Kristian Prelleer (6G)
Skye Keenan (6G) Olivia Date (6P) and Sarah Sheehy (5P)

Congratulations to these children on a great 1st Olympiad result.

The next Olympiad will be in Week 9 of this term.

Here's a sample question from Olympiad 1 for you to try:

Time: 5 minutes

In a group of dogs and their owners, there are exactly 20 heads and 64 legs. How many dogs are in the group?

Answer will be in next week's Newsletter!

Matthew Troy & Kylie Clark - Maths Olympiad Co-ordinators
FROM THE LEARNING LETTERBOX

Dear Mr. Devlin

I had learnt about sciences I know one that is easy. First you need a glass of water then you need some salt, then you need an egg then you put the salt in the glass then you put the egg in the glass. Then the egg floats.
Ramil Nand 1P

Dear Mr. Devlin

I have learnt how to make your own vegetable garden at home. I have helped my mum plant snowpeas, carrot, zucchini, cucumber, parsley, cauliflower, peas and silverbeet. Our class has been learning about 3D shapes. It is fun. I really have learnt a lot about 3D shapes.
Sarah Dickerson 2M

Dear Mr. Devlin

I have been learning about healthy foods. Breakfast is the important meal of the day. There are five food groups, meat, dairy products, bread and cereals, butter and margarine, fruit and vegetables. Fruit and vegetables are healthy foods.
In maths we do 100 + 100 = 200
In music we sing and write music in books. Now we will tell you what we do in art. We make lots of art and we hope you enjoyed our letter.
Shivali 2P, Rusham 2P, Tiarna 2P and Kierra 2P Arpan 2P

Happy Birthday to our friends:
From 21st May to 3rd June 2012

CANTEEN NEWS

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.

Week 6 Term 2
Wednesday  30th May Tania Peiris, Susan Jiminez
Thursday  31st May Rozanne Perera, HELP NEEDED
Friday  1st June Gina Josey, Shiroma Peiris, Connie Smith

Week 7 Term 2
Wednesday  6th June Sam Scully HELP NEEDED
Thursday  7th June Phillipa Holtsbaum
Friday  8th June Erica Monk, Katherine Joson
TERM 2

MEAL DEAL

THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2012

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE
OR
FRIED RICE
& DRINK
$5.00

All orders MUST be attached to a paper bag.

NAME …………………………………………………………………………….
CLASS ………………………

Please circle your selection
$5.00 enclosed

○ SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE  OR  ○ FRIED RICE
○ SMALL WATER  ○ APPLE JUICE  ○ ORANGE JUICE

All orders MUST be returned to school by Monday 4 June 2012.
No late orders will be accepted
No other lunch orders will be available on this meal deal day.