PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Last week, most children at Mary Immaculate received a new Login and Password for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Please check that your child can access the site to begin the 2012 Challenge. Any problems with Logins, please see Miss Clark! All children from Kindergarten to Year 2 are encouraged to participate, with many of the books on the list to be read in classrooms throughout the year. These books will be added to your child’s online reading log at the end of the challenge, in case you are unsure which books have been read in class!

Happy reading,
Kylie Clark

PEER SUPPORT WEEK 7

This week in Peer Support, the children learn they need to develop a range of coping strategies. In order to become more resilient, children need to have a number of different ways of coping with difficulties. Through the various activities, children learn to distinguish between helpful, resilient ways of coping and less helpful, non-resilient ways. Discuss with your child the ways they have chosen to cope with difficulties that might arise in their life and encourage them to practise these regularly.

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 8th 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.

ICAS - SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Science competition will be held this Wednesday 6th June for all children in Years 3-6 who have registered for this external assessment.

WOOOLWORTHS EARN and LEARN PROGRAM

What a great start to the 2012 program! Thank you to everyone for their support so far, our entry box is quickly filling up with cards full of stickers! You may have family, friends and neighbours you could ask to collect stickers for Mary Immaculate. You could fill your own cards at home or send in any stickers that you may have and we will place on a card for you. Extra cards can be collected at Woolworths stores or from the Student Foyer. We are very excited to spend our reward points on new readers and books for our Learning Spaces. Stay tuned for more information!

Happy shopping!
Mrs J Jones

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th June
Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews
3.30pm Practice session for First Eucharist

Wednesday 6th June
Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews
Science Competition
3.30pm Practice session for First Eucharist

Thursday 7th June
Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews
3.30pm Practice session for First Eucharist

Friday 8th June
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Children do not attend school on this day

Saturday 9th June 6.00pm
First Eucharist Mass
Sunday 10th June 9.00am and 10.30am
First Eucharist Mass

Mary Immaculate
Quakers Hill
www.maryimmac.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity
Phone: 9626.3326, 9626.1613
parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Mass Times
Mary Immaculate Church
Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
Weekday Masses:
Monday No Mass
Tuesday 8.30am
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Friday 7.00pm
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.00am
10.30am
6.00pm
St Joseph’s Schoolfields
Sunday 7.30am
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING**

Thanks to the members of the Parents and Friends Association who attended the meeting last week. Many topics were discussed and initiatives planned for the future. A full report from the meeting will go home to all families this week. All parents are encouraged to attend the P & F meetings and contribute to the life of the school.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

This week, all class teachers will be holding their Parent/Teacher interviews. During this time the teacher will have the opportunity to discuss the learning progress of your child and also outline the areas for future growth. If at the end of the scheduled time there is still more to discuss, please make an additional meeting time with your child's class teacher.

**SVDP WINTER APPEAL**

This year we will support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal with a 'Winter Warmers' mutli day for all students K-6 on Friday 22nd June.

Year 6 students who would like to participate in the MIPS Winter Sleepout have received information about that today and are asked to return their expression of interest by this Thursday 7th June.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**MEAL DEAL THIS THURSDAY 7TH JUNE**

No other hot food available on meal deal day!!

No late orders accepted!!!

Helpers needed on Thursday to pack lunches and take them to the classrooms from 10-11am

Thank you

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2013**

Enrolment applications for all grades are available currently at Mary Immaculate. Application forms can be collected from the office or mailed to any family seeking enrolment. If you know of any family in the area enquiring about quality Catholic education please direct them to school.

**SCHOOL FEE REMINDER**

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school through your payment of school fees. If you have not yet finalised your term two school fees please arrange for this as soon as possible. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the school office to make an appropriate arrangement.

Office Administrator Mrs Michelle Brien can be contacted by email mbrien@parra.catholic.edu.au or by addressing a letter to the School office.

**FOR ALL FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Times for practice sessions are as follows:

~ First Eucharist Mass: **Saturday 9 June 6pm**:
  - This Tuesday 5th June: 3.30pm
  - First Eucharist Mass: **Sunday 10 June 9am**:
    - This Wednesday 6th June: 3.30pm
  - First Eucharist Mass: **Sunday 10 June 10.30am**:
    - This Thursday 7th June: 3.30pm

There will also be a 4th session to accommodate any families who are unable to attend any of the three afternoon sessions.

~ **Alternate Session: This Friday 8 June 6pm**:
  - All practice sessions will take place in the Church

**STAR SPOT**

Congratulations to Zahra Johnston 5P and Nash Johnston KG raced in Macarthur BMX open. Zahra placed 5th in junior Retro and 12th in 11 year old girls. Nash received a trophy for racing in 6 year old boys sprockets in a class of 14 racers.

Congratulations to Stephanie Arulthasan (4M) who participated in Parramatta Eisteddfod competition for Speech and Drama on Sunday 27th of May 2012 for 10 years and under, and achieved first place for open reading. Excellent work Stephanie.

Congratulations to Olivia Todorovitch who has been selected in the Under 12 representative level for Soccer.

She will be training with the Blacktown Spartans.

She only turned 8 last month.

What an achievement!
P&F TERM 2 WORKING BEE

Another great success!

Last Saturday morning just before the rain, the Term 2 ‘Working Bee’ was a wonderful success due to the energetic efforts and time of the following families:

- **Tomas** (Sabrina 1G)
- **Quigley** (Kasey 2M & Anita KM)
- **Deshe** (Tanaka 1P)
- **Miller** (Vivian KP)
- **Marks** (Lucas 1P & Isabella Kindy 2013)
- **Corapi** (Annalise 4P, Caitlin 2G & Ryan KG)
- **Williams & Emerson’s nanny** (Emerson 3P)

Under the coordination and organization of George James (General Assistant) the following projects were completed:

- Weeding large bank near top carpark / drive
- Trimming shrubs on Picnic Hill
- Weeding of school and parish gardens
- Whippersnipping around carpark, especially around the St Vincent de Paul clothing bin
- Blowing paths and paved areas
- Removal of weeds in Grotto
- Removal of rubbish from under the school buildings into a large skip bin
- Placing stepping pavers in the new stage 3 building gardens
- Collecting rubbish from around the school
- Cleaning storm water drains around the school
- Washing down Kindergarten and COSCH demountable verandahs

Also, a special ‘Thank you’ to the **Anwar** (Sebastian KP) family who were unable to attend the ‘Working Bee’ but made a donation to assist with purchasing of materials and equipment used at the Working Bees.

This is a large school and the support and assistance of families in completing projects like these is invaluable.

**The Term 3 ‘Working Bee’ for 2012 will be held on Saturday morning 25 August from 8:00 – 12:00pm.**

Already a number of families have committed to attend. It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater impact we have on keeping our school grounds in wonderful condition for all to enjoy.

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

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal
ORDER UNIFORMS FROM THE WEB

Uniform order forms are available from the school web site. Firstly go to

Www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au

Then click on “Parents” and then “School Uniforms”. On this page there is a link for the order form. Simply print off the page, complete the order and send it to the Uniform Shop via the school office. Any items ordered will be processed on Tuesday or Friday and then sent home that afternoon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all the families who constantly send their children to school in the correct uniform at all times.

The boys’ school tie is now part of the compulsory winter school uniform and needs to be worn everyday that the boys are not wearing their sport uniform.

Thank you for your continued support in this important area of school life.

FROM THE LEARNING LETTERBOX

Dear Mr. Devlin
My family has a Wollemi Pine. It is a tree that is a survivor from the age of the Dinosaurs.
It was re-discovered in 1994 in a National Park in Sydney.
It is a living fossil.
From Tamsyn Houseman 3M

Dear Mr. Devlin
1G has been planting a broad bean. Did you know that my plant has a root inside my cup. I could see it at the bottom of my cup.
Geleinne David 1G