Dear Parents,

Retirement

This week I have announced my retirement from Principalship at the conclusion of this year (2010). After 35 years in leadership roles in Catholic Education, 31 as Principal and 4 as Area Administrator of Schools in the Parramatta Diocese, it has been a privilege to work with such dedicated and committed colleagues. In 2011, I will be joining Catholic Office Education Staff working as a Project Officer. I look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead.

I leave MIPS with a heavy heart. Since my arrival at the beginning of term 4 in 2009, I have very much enjoyed the ‘sparkle’, fun and company of wonderful children and a very hard working dedicated staff. Parents are very proud of this beautiful school and I am looking forward to working more closely with parents through the newly formed P&F Association.

MIPS is a great place to be, however, I have made a considered decision to move out of Principalship and pursue another path for a period of time. I am hoping that in my new role I can make a further contribution to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta.

A new principal for Mary Immaculate will be appointed in the coming months and will commence duties at the beginning of 2011. The CEO is undertaking recruitment processes and the position of Principal has been advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald last Saturday. I will keep you informed. It is expected that once the Principal is announced, there will be many ‘transition’ visits and orientation events during the remainder of the year so that the new Principal is fully briefed on all areas of the school before the new year begins.

New Buildings

The new buildings are almost ready!!! The new school library will be ‘handed over’ from the builders to the school towards the end of this week which means plans are underway to move the current library shelves, books and teacher resources to their new home! This will be an enormous task and parent help will be needed. A letter will be sent home shortly appealing for assistance. The other new learning spaces will also be ‘handed over’ within the next few weeks. Strategies and plans are underway to best use the new spaces. All attempts will be made to ensure a minimum of disruption to the children’s learning. However, these moves will be a ‘once only’ and parents support and understanding will be needed as we ‘finally’ get the school grade groups in their new surroundings.

Please do not hesitate to see me, write a note or make a phone call if there are any issues or concerns.

The Builders FAL have done a terrific job as have the Architects (Thomson Adsett) and I am hoping for an ‘unofficial’ opening for all interested parents soon!

Kindest regards
Ian Jordan (Principal)
This Sunday we hear Jesus teaching us how to pray. The words are simple and profound and we need to look beneath the familiarity of them to see them with fresh eyes of the heart. God is everyone’s father and therefore loves us all equally. God does not discriminate between his children and nor should we.

We should not be paralysed by materialism or anxiety but should trust in God to deliver us what we truly need and not what we want. We need not be concerned with amassing meaningless wealth or power but be content to experience and take joy from each new and beautiful day. If we seek forgiveness and understanding for ourselves we must show it to others in like measure and be ever alert for the distractions of the world that may lead us away from God. Recognise God in all of creation, and each and every person we meet and show the reverence and respect that awareness stirs.

This is Jesus’ outline for prayer which is the secret to a happy and fulfilling life. Whenever you can’t find the time to pray, you need to pray twice as much.

God bless you all as we enter this wonderful term of learning and discovery.

Maria Boyd

**MARY MACKILLOP LITURGY**

9th August at 9.30am in the church.

We will be presenting our Winter Appeal offerings to St Vincent de Paul at this liturgy as well as presenting the Mary MacKillop Awards to a child from each class who has demonstrated that they try to live their lives following Mary MacKillop’s call to

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

We would love to see you there.

**NAIDOC Packs have arrived!**

Yes! You can now purchase a pack with a ruler, pen, pencil and cool Respect armband for the amazing price of $3.

Orders will be delivered in Wk 2

Yr Six students will be selling Packs at lunch this week.

**PARISH NEWS**

**MIGHTY YOUTH MASS**

SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 6PM

FOLLOWED BY A TALENT SHOW IN THE MIPS MULTI PURPOSE AREA.

E: MIGHTY@hotmail.com.au

**PARISH OFFICE**

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A reminder that no Mass will be celebrated Monday mornings until further notice.

Childrens Liturgy (For Yr 3 and under) every Sunday 9am Mass & 10.30am Mass (excluding school holidays)
SCHOOL NEWS

LEAVING STUDENTS
Parents please note that it is required by the Catholic Education Office for parents to give at least one term’s notice if your child will be leaving our school and that School Fees will be charged accordingly.

SCHOOL FEES
The Catholic Education Office have mailed out the Term Three School Fee Accounts this week, parents please note that payment is due within 28 days. Families who have not made a formal request in writing in regard to their outstanding fees PLEASE finalise any outstanding account this week. Requests for fee arrangements need to be addressed to our Financial Secretary/Office Manager Michelle Allen. Please note that the Catholic Education Office is scheduled to follow up on all outstanding accounts. Thank you

Michelle Allen
Financial Secretary/Office Manager

New Office Hours
Parents are also advised that the school office hours are between 8.25am to 3.50pm. Secretarial support is not available outside these times.

Thanks.

In our prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with Noah Furhmann (6G) and his family on the passing of his Grandfather.

JOKE OF THE WEEK!
Q: **How can you make your money double?**
A: **Look in the mirror!**

Sophie IM

SOCIAL SKILLS
SAFE PLAY IN THE PLAYGROUND
Keep your hands and feet to yourself
Stay in the area where teachers can see you
Use the play equipment safely and fairly
Walk don’t run on concrete areas

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR FRIENDS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Tamiya Belessis (5G) who achieved the second highest award — a high distinction for her Grade 3 “Glenn Wood Tap” syllabus exam during the school holidays!

WELL DONE FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT MARY IMMACULATE!

CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 3 WEEK 2
Mon 26/7 Linda Catford & Marie Nevy
Tues 27/7 Helen Milne
HELP NEEDED
Wed 28/7 Preeti Shrestha
HELP NEEDED
Thurs 29/7 Kellie Varlet, Julia Strudwick & Renata Wheeler
Fri 30/7 Leanne Byrd, Karen Buckley, Glenda Marks

THANK YOU!

New Newsletter Day
Parents are advised that the school’s Newsletter and Update will be now sent home to parents on Thursday. Items to be included **must be e-mailed** to the school by a Wednesday am deadline: mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.
Sports Update—Stage 2 Soccer

Parents reported that the boys had been out of bed and dressed in preparation for the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Day as early as 5.30am on the morning of Tuesday 29th June! For many boys it was their first opportunity to represent Mary Immaculate School at sport.

Two teams attended and both teams had a mixture of wins, losses and draws. All the boys played strongly and represented their school proudly. FANTASTIC! Thank you to Mrs Vicki Matulewicz for her assistance on the day and all parents for their support. Mr Papadatos took a wide selection of photographs. The boys will receive their certificate this Friday at School Assembly.

The MIMS Soceroos...

NICHOLAS HOWARTH
LUKE PASSMORE
RYAN ATTARD
BRODIE NOLLAND
BRADLEY FRANCIS
THOMAS HART
JACOB MANGION
ARMAAN ROOPRA
COREY SMITH
SARREN ANKRAH
BRAYDEN SHERRY
ISSAC PAPADATOS

MARC NAGEL
KRISTIAN PRELLER
JONATHON DAVID
NICHOLAS GERAGHTY
ALESANDRO GENOVA
JACK ROBINSON
ALANDAR RAZA
ANTHONY BROCK
JASON COLEIRO
JACK STRUDWICK
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Catholic School Parents Forum: Learning for today’s world

Wednesday 1st September 2010
7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival)
Holy Spirit Primary 7 Todd Row, St Clair

Q & A panel-style format. Panel includes executive director of schools, Greg Whitby, a principal, teacher and parent from the Parramatta Diocese and educators from outside the diocese.

Topics

What does contemporary learning and teaching look like?
How can personalising student learning cater to the diverse needs of all students?
How does teacher collaboration improve teacher quality?

How does contemporary learning impact on the learning environment?
(e.g. need for flexible learning spaces, acoustics, classroom management, etc)?
Does the educational research support this approach?

RSVP and submit a question online by 25 August via www.parra.catholic.edu.au

The panel facilitator will select a range of questions in each topic area for the panel to respond to and, time-permitting, questions from the floor will also be accepted. Any unanswered questions on the website will be responded to following the panel.
Put on your dancing shoes and come along to have lots of fun with your friends and classmates!

Friday 13th August

INFANTS DISCO  5.30pm – 6.45pm

PRIMARY DISCO  7.15pm – 9pm

Tickets $5.00 includes drink / chips

Tickets available at office

Kiss & Drop is available on the night

There will be teacher supervision in the Multi Purpose Area during the discos.

Parents will be allowed in the MPA at the end of the session.
All children need to be picked up from the MPA.