WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4
A warm welcome back to all students and staff after their recent break from school. We trust that all the holidays were restful and that all students have returned to school ready to continue their learning full of energy. A reminder that all students need to be dressed in their summer school uniform during term 4.

FACILITIES WORK AT MARY IMMACULATE
During the holiday, our school certainly was a busy building site. The following projects have been commenced and mostly completed.

- The MPA floor has been re-sealed and polished
- All air conditioners in the school have been serviced
- The sick bay is being re-furbished
- Gutter guard is being installed throughout the school
- Mechanical ventilation is being installed in the year 3 area
- Rubber seals in various windows across the site have been replaced

All this work is part of the continual improvement that is planned for the facilities of our school. As more developments take place the parent community will be informed of their progress.

STAFFING FOR TERM 4
This week we welcome back Mrs Price, Mrs Sammut and Mrs Behrens (formally Miss Clark) from long service leave. Thanks to Mrs Kelly, Mr Boss, Miss Dunphy and Mrs Hartigan for taking on additional roles and work during the past term. At the same time we wish Mrs Moore and Mrs Fenech-Solar well as they commence their leave prior to having their babies.

PLANNER FOR TERM 1
Today a planner for the term will be coming home with your child. This is the most up to date version of the school calendar. Please keep it in a handy place at home for easy reference. Please also note that while every attempt is made not to vary from the calendar, sometimes changes to dates are necessary. When a change in dates occurs, the school will advertise these as soon as possible through the newsletter.
**MATHS OLYMPIAD 2012**

Mary Immaculate have entered an enthusiastic team of 46 children from Year 5 and 6 in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Competition. It is estimated that over 40 000 Year 5 & 6 children will compete this year.

In Week 10 of Term 3 the children completed the fifth and final Maths Olympiad competitions for 2012. 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.

The top Mary Immaculate scores for Olympiad 5 were:

4/5  Jacob Mangion (6G) Philo Farid (6M)

3/5  Mia Barbeitos (6P) Riana Jacob-Flores (6P) Joanna Pakura (6P) Kristian Preller (6G) 
     Skye Keenan (6G) Olivia Date (6P) Harleen Thind (6G) Katie Garland (6G) 
     Bradley Francis (6M) Joshua Phillips (5P)

Congratulations to these children on a strong 5th Olympiad result.

This is the Final Olympiad for 2012. As a school team we scored 308 points.

Our individual highest scores are:

1st Place Jacob Mangion (6G) on 21/25
2nd Place Philo Farid (6M) on 17/25
3rd Place Riana Jacob-Flores (6P) & Bradley Francis (6M) on 16/25

We look forward to entering another strong team of Year 5 & 6 children in 2013.

Here's a sample question from Olympiad 5 for you to try:

Time: 5 minutes

A number bigger than 2 and less than 100 has the following property:

If it is divided by 2, 3, 4 or 5 the remainder is 1 in each case.

What is the number?

Answer can be found in this week’s Newsletter!

Matthew Troy & Kylie Clark – Maths Olympiad Co-ordinators
Congratulations to Kristian Preller 6G who won his tennis grand final Kumbak—Junior 9 for Parramatta City Tennis. Singles and Doubles. Well done Kristian!

Lost Property

As the warmer weather approaches the students are taking their jackets off in the breaks. There is a lot of lost property at the moment as a result of this. Please have a look at the items in lost property or have your child look for his/her jackets if they are missing. Any items left after week three will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul.

Orange Blossom Festival Fun Run

On Sunday, 23rd September, many students and teachers took part in the latest fun run, though we weren’t too sure about the fun part this time when we saw the hill we had to run up. It was very challenging. This run was a little different. It was predominately along bush tracks rather than roads and ovals. The children and teachers trained really well and it showed on the day.

The morning was bright and warm, perfect for a gentle run, or so we thought. It was a lot harder than running around our oval but we all completed it.

Congratulations to all these children who took part and trained so well for the event.

2km Runners:- Tyler Wolffe, Tiarna Wolffe, Jai Wolffe, Byron Wolffe, Mikayla Hutton, Kierra Hutton, Georgia Holtsbaum, Abbey Holtsbaum, Ethan Holtsbaum, Leilani Belessis, Victoria Williams, Emma Ricci, Rachael Robinson, Luca Margiotta, Lara Morales, Ebony Munro, Alan Nebuj Cherian, Joel Abraham, Olivia Date (injured), Tamiya Belessis and Annika Joson (ex-students), Mrs Wolffe and Mrs Hutton.

4km Runners:- Georgia Holtsbaum, Emerson Williams, Abby Pitt, Adrian Baker, Gabriel Sahlieh, Alysse Desira and Mrs Linda Ducksbury

8km Runners:- Mrs Rebecca Jones, Mrs Sarah Harman and Mrs Cathy Vogt

Thank you all for your wonderful effort and enthusiasm for taking part and keeping fit. Medals were awarded to these children in their age category:

Georgia Holtsbaum 1st in 4km and 2km
Tiarna Wolffe 2nd in 2km
Lara Morales 2nd in 2km
Mrs Jones 3rd in 8km

Team results are still coming.

If any children wish to get their times and photos from the day, please see Mrs Vogt with your USB.
We are in need of help on Friday 19th October for our meal deal orders in the canteen. If you are able to help please let Michelle Hartigan know.

This week’s Roster reminder:
Wednesday: 10th October  Tiana Peiris, Susan Jimenez
Thursday: 11th October Rozanne Perera, Angela Jackimowicz
Friday: 12th October  Gina Josey, Shiroma Peiris, Connie Smith

Maths Olympiad Question Answer: The number is 61. How did you go?