Dear Parents

It has been a sad and difficult start to the term with the unexpected and sudden death of two dads with young families at MIPS.

Joseph Jong passed away on Sunday 3rd October (Anthony 6G) and Joe Cas sar (Taylor 6G/Liam 5G/Brianna 4G) passed away last Sunday 10th October. The families are in our prayers and thoughts at this most difficult time.

May they Rest In Peace.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr Matthew Troy as Assistant Principal of Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School. As you may have been aware, Matthew was in an Acting position for this year from St Madeleine’s Primary, Kenthurst. This is wonderful news for our school community and I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Matt and wishing him well in his future endeavours. Bravo Matt!!

 Newly appointed Principal, Mr Paul Devlin has been and will be a regular visitor to MIPS as the term progresses. He is very much looking forward to meeting parents at the P & F Association meeting this coming Wednesday 20th October at 7.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to hear Mr Devlin speak of his hopes for MIPS and to meet him informally. Try to make it!

Mary MacKillop

What a true ‘Aussie Battler’!!! What a magnificent story.

As you must know by now, Mary MacKillop will become Australia’s first saint when she will be canonised St Mary of the Cross, this Sunday 17th October, in the Vatican City by Pope Benedict XVI. Born in 1842, throughout her life she had to struggle against poverty, prejudice, and the hostility of the powerful and the petty. When she was 24 she took the first of many courageous steps to help the poor particularly by educating the “bush children”.

She set up schools to help disadvantaged children become more independent and well grounded in their religion. Mary established places of refuge and rehabilitation and gave hope to the marginalised.

With the help of Fr Tenison Wood she established the Sisters of St Joseph, who were dedicated to helping struggling families all over the country. Mary’s attitude was always one of forgiveness and respect and her qualities and courage are held up to all as a wonderful example of living the Gospel message.

Mary MacKillop
friend of the poor
sister of the oppressed
companion of the lonely
May we open our hearts and learn from the poor of this world.

Kindest regards
Ian Jordan
B.ED.M.A. (Educ)
Grad Dip. EdAdmin M.A.C.E, JP

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 15 Oct
  Pre School Children’s Liturgy
- Sunday 17 Oct
  Canonisation of Mary Mackillop
- Tues 19 Oct
  Personal Development Meeting for parents of Year 5
- Wed 20 Oct
  P & F Meeting
  7.30pm
- Thurs 21 Oct
  Parish Mass Yr 3 & 6
- Fri 22 Oct
  Assembly Yr 6
  Item
  Market Day
  “Missions” Gold Coin Donation
MISSION WEEK

Over the next two weeks the children will be focused in their learning on our call to Mission. They will be examining how Mary MacKillop is a fine example of living out her mission in faith by helping those around her and standing up for what was right.

We urge the children to look into the work of the church around the world, perhaps you might like to explore the website for Australian Catholic Mission with them.

[www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

We will also have some initiatives at school to raise funds to help the less fortunate. NAIDOC packs of pens, pencils, rulers and wristbands are still available form the office for $3.00 to assist with Indigenous Education programs, Scoobies will be on sale next week for 50c on the playground on Tuesday 19th Oct. To finish the Mission unit we will have a Heart of Gold Mufti day on Friday 22nd October when for a Gold Coin donation you can come dressed in the theme of Gold.

FANTASTIC Opportunity to help the Missions!!

Scoobies will be on sale NEXT WEEK at lunch time for Infants on Tuesday at the Healing Garden and Primary on Wednesday on the Front Concrete.

All only 50c

This is your only opportunity at these great prices so bring along your money and do your bit for the Missions. This is an initiative of Michaela Forster and needs our support.

Scoobie doobie doo.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM 2010

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

This Week:

Home Group Sessions begin.

Wed 3 Nov:

Final Parent Mtg with Practice for Children 7.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church

Wed 10 Nov:

5.30pm & 7.30pm Celebration of First Reconciliation in the Church.

Sat/Sun 13/14 Nov:

Presentation of Certificates at all Masses

Parents should contact Jocelyn Williams on 9626.3326 (Press 7) or 0425 766 131 or via email: sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au prior to the meeting if you are unable to attend any sessions.

In our prayers

The Jong family (Anthony 6G) and The Cassar family (Taylor 6G/Liam 5G/Brianna 4G) at this very difficult time.

MELBOURNE CUP
TRIFECTA SWEEP

Tuesday 2nd November 2010

FIRST PRIZE

$500-00 and 5 supplementary prizes of $100-00

Tickets $5-00 each available at the school office or after all weekend Masses

You have to be in it to win it!

Monies raised from this event will assist our three World Youth Day representatives from our Parish, in their pilgrimage to Madrid.

Thank you.
SCHOOL NEWS

Grooming and Uniform Policy
Parents are asked to especially note the MIPS Uniform and Grooming Policy (attached) that all parents agreed to when enrolling their child at MIPS. Issues re jewellery/hair/joggers need to be addressed. A reminder that boys hair should not touch the collar. Your co-operation with these matters is appreciation.

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MOVING
Our new library is close to opening and we need your assistance!
As you know moving is a busy time and we need ALL books returned so that we can scan, check, pack and move to the new library.
For the next three weeks there will be NO borrowing with the exception of lexile readers for class and home reading.
We are looking forward to the new space and thank you for helping us find all those books that "hide" under beds, in bookshelves and corners of bedrooms!
Thank you to the parents who have already offered their assistance with packing up the library but we always have room for more!

Melissa Beggs
Leader of Learning Curriculum

COOSH update.
Catholic Out of School Hours Care Services (COOSH) Before and After School Care will commence at MIPS Term 1 January 2011.
The current IP & IM classrooms will be refurbished to accommodate our 60 place COOSH. (The rooms closest to the Healing Garden/Friendship Corner).
Letters have been sent to those families who have registered.
If you specific queries please contact Mr Tony Quinn at Parramatta CEO (COOSH Co-ordinator) on 9407 7095.
We look forward to this exciting development for our community!

Busways
Students progressing to Year 3 in 2011 are required to reapply for their bus passes by the end of Term 4 2010.
Application forms will be sent home to students in Year 2 who currently have bus passes.
If you would like to apply for a bus pass please come to the office for an application form.
Thank You
Anne Grima
Administration

SOCIAL SKILLS
IGNORING DISTRACTIONS
♦ Count to five
♦ Say to yourself “I won’t look, I will keep working”
♦ Continue to work
♦ Say to yourself “Good for me. I did it!”

Literacy Hint!
Do your children like to read the same book over and over? Great! Encourage them. Do they use more expression each time they read? Do they read more smoothly each time they read? Wonderful. Children need to learn to read fluently. This is difficult the first time they read a book but becomes easier the more times they read the same story. Teachers often say to children, “Read like you’re talking” One way for a child to do this is by becoming more familiar with a book, which is done by re-reading. So, when your child wants to read the same book again and again, smile
NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Divorce, Separation and Bereavement Recovery Workshop

A seven session self-help program which helps you heal wounds, restore self-confidence and hope and set new goals.

The Workshop Program
Tuesdays 10am—11.30am

The program includes a new group each week with a focus on a different issue. 

The Roster

Mon 18 Oct
Linda Catford, Marie Nery

Tues 19 Oct
Helen Milne

Wed 20 Oct
Pretti Shrestha

Thurs 21 Oct
Kellie Varlet, Julia Strudwick, Renata Wheeler

Fri 22 Oct
Leanne Byrd, Karen Buckley, Glenda Marks

The Ponds Spring Celebration
Sunday 17th October 2010

AT THE PLAZA NEXT TO THE PONDS SALES & DISPLAY CENTRE RIVER-BANK DRIVE THE PONDS FROM 2PM—5PM

BRING YOUR BIKE OR JUST COME AND RELAX! THERE WILL BE A GROUP BIKE RIDE AND FREE BIKE MAINTENANCE. JOIN US FOR A GAME OF CRICKET.

LIVE MUSIC, ICE CREAM AND HOT DRINKAS FOR $2 EACH AND FREE AFTERNOON TEA!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Best wishes to everyone who celebrated a birthday in the holidays and this week!


ZUMBA Fitness
Ditch the work out, Join the Party!

Wednesdays
7.30pm — 8.30pm
Oswell Hall High School
Lake Illawarra

Term 4
Week 2

Mon 18 Oct
Linda Catford, Marie Nery

Tues 19 Oct
Helen Milne

Wed 20 Oct
Pretti Shrestha

Thurs 21 Oct
Kellie Varlet

Fri 22 Oct
Leanne Byrd

Thank you for all your support and to all the community members who have contributed to this publication.

Cooper Holahan

For Enquiries phone
0410645868

02 9912 8374
theponds.communitycentre.org.au

Canteen Roster
Term 4 Week 2

Mon 18 Oct
Linda Catford, Marie Nery

Tues 19 Oct
Helen Milne

Wed 20 Oct
Pretti Shrestha

Thurs 21 Oct
Kellie Varlet

Fri 22 Oct
Leanne Byrd

Karen Buckley

Glenda Marks

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UNIFORM AND GROOMING POLICY

JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
Apart from one pair of sleepers or small plain studs and a wrist watch, jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. A chain with cross or religious medallion may be worn under shirt line. No rings (birth/baptismal rings excepted), make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Nails should be kept clean and neatly trimmed.

Boys may not under any circumstances wear earrings.

WET WEATHER PROTECTION
Protective wet weather clothing may be worn to and from school. It is not to be worn during school.

HATS
Only the correct school hat may be worn – purchased through the school office. The school has a ‘no hat no play policy’.

SCHOOL BAG
Books etc. may be carried to and from school in the correct maroon school bag.

LAPSES IN THE WEARING OF UNIFORM
Parents will be notified and their co-operation sought for any lapses in this area. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

GROOMING AND HAIR
Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.

Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of “styles” that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts (specifically grades No. 1 and No. 2)

Girls’ hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.

Ribbons, hair slides etc. if worn should be in the uniform fabric or maroon or pink.

PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED AND THEIR CO-OPERATION SOUGHT FOR ANY LAPSES IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER.