Welcome back to Term 4

A very warm welcome back to all children and staff after their recent holiday. We hope all families had the opportunity to ‘re-charge their batteries’ and return to Mary Immaculate ready for a learning-filled Term 4. This term promises to be very busy with many events involving our community. A copy of the school calendar has come home today with your child. Please store this in a handy place at home so that you are able to be aware of all upcoming events.

Staff Development Day – Yesterday

Yesterday, the staff were led in professional discussion regarding literacy practices and research by Mrs Herron and Miss Clark. It was a very productive day as we focussed on the best way to develop the children’s ability to comprehend the various styles of reading material they encounter at school and at home. Thanks to all staff who contributed to the success of the day.

New phone system for Mary Immaculate

Next week, a new phone system is to be installed throughout the school. This is planned to take place on Tuesday 18 October. During this day, there may be some interruption to phone access to the school as we are switched between systems. Any break in phone access to the school will be kept to a minimum throughout this upgrade. We apologise for any inconvenience. Any change in these arrangements will be communicated to all families promptly.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Jo and Gary Wolffe on the birth of their baby girl, Lillian Grace. A sister for Tyler 2M, Tiarna 1G and Jai KP.

2011 “Connecting-Continents” Walkathon

On Friday 21st October (Term 4 Week 2) students will be participating in the 2011 Walkathon. This will be a major fundraising event for our school, with all money raised going towards the purchase of iPads for the Learning Spaces.

Permission notes and sponsor cards have been sent home outlining the day and the theme.

Each grade has been allocated a different continent to come dressed or decorated in, and are listed below:

Kindergarten = Antarctica
Year 1 = Europe
Year 2 = Africa
Year 3 = Asia
Year 4 = Australia/Pacific
Year 5 = South America
Year 6 = North America

Students will receive a raffle ticket for every $5 raised and will go in the draw to win some exciting prizes, with 2 winners per grade. More information will follow, leading up to the Walkathon!

Mrs Joanne Jones
Stage 2 Leader of Learning
NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

Canteen Roster Week 1

Monday, 10th October PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday, 11th October Rosie Jeroncic HELP NEEDED
Wednesday, 12th October Carmen Baker, Kelli Varlet
Thursday, 13th October Lisa Sartori, Sue Quigley
Friday, 14th October Charlene Aloisio, Leanne Corapi

CANTEEN NEWS

What is the ‘Power Up with Ben & Gwen to Win’ canteen campaign?

The ‘Power Up with Ben & Gwen to Win’ canteen campaign promotes fruit and vegetable and offers each student the opportunity to win great prizes by simply purchasing fresh fruit and vegetables from the canteen! For every purchase a student makes of fresh fruit and/or salad purchased from the Canteen, they receive a ‘Power Up with Ben & Gwen to Win’ sticker card.

The sticker card has two stickers, one is a larger sticker for the students to keep and the other is a token sticker which must be stuck on the entry form. To be eligible for a major prize, students must make four separate transactions and complete the entry form. Once the entry form has been completed, it must be returned to the canteen where they will receive an instant prize.

.Instance Prize – Fresh for Kids bag tags. Six different designs to collect!!!

To be eligible for a major prize, the canteen manager will send all completed entry forms to Sydney Markets by Monday 24 October, 2011.

Major Prizes – Prizes will be posted to the winning student’s school.

The major prizes include:

Major Prize: 32” Ben 10 branded TV with Wii console, Ben 10 collector’s edition DVD pack and Ben 10 Wii game.
Runners up Prize: 4 x Ben 10 branded Nintendo DS + Ben 10 game
Plus: 50 x Ben 10 show bags (including a Frisbee, mini basketball ring, omnitrix watch, poster and soft football)

St John's Spring Fair 2011
Saturday 22 October 10am to 3pm

- RIDES including Dodgems, Sizzler, giant slide, tea-cups & more …
- Games
- Entertainment including dancing, tae-kwon-do demo, magic show, roving buskers, sumos and St John’s student performances
- Haunted House
- Animal Farm
- Reptile Show
- Beauty Pamper Salon
- Chocolate Wheel with fantastic prizes
- Food galore, including BBQ, hot chips and pastizzi
- White Elephant Stall & Book Stall
- Cake Stall & Old Fashioned Fete Foods
- Treasures & Trinkets Stall
- Plant Stall
- Fruit & Vegetable Stall
- Devonshire Tea & Homemade Lemonade
- Face Painting & Kids’ Café
- Sand Art

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Validation Forms were sent out last week.
These forms have very important information for office use.
Home numbers, mobile numbers and emergency contact numbers (preferably someone other than mum or dad) are particularly important.
Please check all information and make any changes needed.
Please send back to the office as soon as possible.