Staff Announcements

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the new learning support teacher for MIPS is Mr Mark Boss. Mark has been a foundation staff member of John XX111 Catholic Primary School at Stanhope Gardens for the last seven years and is a very experienced educator who brings a vast knowledge and expertise in dealing with children needing learning support. Welcome aboard Mark! (Mr Boss will commence at MIPS Monday 15th November).

Wonderful news: Mrs Rebecca Jones (Yr 5) has announced that she is to have a baby in the New Year!! Congratulations and every Blessing Rebecca!!

Ian Jordan
Principal

St Vincent de Paul Society

CHRISTMAS is a coming and people need our help. We will be having a CHRISTMAS DRESS Up Day for collections on NOVEMBER 17th - please collect your items at home and bring them in on that day. The more we give the more we have.

This year we are asking children from various classes to bring in specific items to make up the hampers for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to families in our community that would otherwise not have Christmas Cheer.

Years K-2 are asked to bring in: Christmas decorations (Bon Bons, tinsel etc) lollies, salsa, rice, coffee, tea, sugar, honey, vegemite, pasta, tins of carrots, peas.

Year 3 & 4 are asked to bring: Tins of ham, tins of fruit, chips, soft drinks, fruit juice, cordial, jam, hot chocolate, milo, Christmas plates and napkins, tins of beans, corn or potatoes.

Year 5 & 6 are asked to bring: Christmas cake or pudding, long life Custard, long life cream, long life milk, assorted biscuits, jellies, instant potato, gravox, tinned salmon or tuna.

MINISTERS of the WORD

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as Ministers of the Word from Year 3 for 2011. Twenty seven children tried out and it was a very difficult decision.

Zoe Cooper, Victoria Williams, Andrea Papelera, Christy Singh. These children will receive training on Monday the 15th November.

NOVEMBER - Month of Holy Souls

Throughout November we will be praying for all those who have gone before us. If you have lost someone in your family please feel free to add their name to the board in the MPA and our community will hold them in our prayers for the month of November.

Maria Boyd
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IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 5 Nov  Assembly Yr 4 item
- Sat 6 Nov  Blessed John XXIII Fete
- Thurs 11 Nov 9.15am—10.45am Kinder Orientation Session 1. Remembrance Day Prayer 12.00 MPA
- Fri 12 Nov 12.00 Special Assembly Yr 6 “MIPS has got talent”
- Sat 13 Nov  WORKING BEE 8.30 - 12 Noon.
- Sun 14 Nov  Presentation of Reconciliation at all Masses.

CRAZY SOCK DAY  Friday Nov 5th

Don't forget to bring in your 'gently worn' or outgrown shoes and perhaps some 'new' socks to help those in need.

All donations go to the classroom. PLEASE no shoes to the office.

NEW BABY ON THE BLOCK!

Congratulations to Rachel & Darrin Voskuilen on the arrival of Mr Darcy on Monday 1st Nov. A baby brother for Jack (3M) & Alyx.
Catholic Out of School Hours Care.

Parent Information Form
A parent information form is on page 5 of this newsletter.

Confirmation of Registrations
All families that submitted Registration forms and have made the $30.00 payment up to and including 20th October, 2010 have been sent confirmation letters.

New Registrations
As available places are now limited, interested families need to complete a Registration Form and make payment of the $30.00 registration fee through your school office, as well as families paying to change their Expression of Interest to a Registration.

Reminder to parents, as mentioned in last week’s newsletter the 8.00am opening of the school gate near the office will cease as of the end of 2010. With the introduction of COOSH the new gate opening time of 8.25 am will apply for 2011.

Library Update
Our new library is now up and running thanks to the efforts of the many people who gave of their time so freely.

This community spirit makes Mary Immaculate a great place to be!
A very big thank you to the Year 6 children who assisted in moving the Lexile readers and the class reading packs.
This was a mammoth task and they did it with enthusiasm and great energy.

If any parents would like to come and view the new library space it will be open Friday afternoon from 3:20 - 4:00pm.

Happy Reading!
Melissa Beggs
Leader of Learning Curriculum

Working Bee—Saturday 13th November 2010.
Saturday 13th November is the next “MIPS Working Bee”. All are welcome to come along and help out in keeping our school looking neat, tidy and a place we know is safe for the children to learn and play.
A couple of major jobs need to be done, these are:

1. Fixing the fences in the top car park, if any parents work in the fencing industry your knowledge on how to fix these fences would be appreciated, and

2. Cleaning out of the drains along the driveway coming from the top carpark. This may need specialist equipment as the pipes are blocked, if any parents have contacts in the drain cleaning industry your assistance would be appreciated.

Now daylight savings is here holding “Twilight Working Bees” has been discussed at the P & F meeting for families who can’t make it to weekend working bees and would like to contribute. Specified projects would be identified and carried out. If you are interested in this idea, please contact the school office.

If you have any ideas for improvements around the school or see something that needs attendance please contact Mr Troy or email the school.

Your assistance in maintaining the great grounds and facility at MIPS is greatly appreciated!! Remember “Many Hands Make Light Work”.

See you at the working bee!
Rowan Russell
Maintenance Rep—P & F
SCHOOL NEWS

SOCIAL SKILLS
RESPONDING TO TEASING
STOP
COUNT TO 5
IGNORE THE TEASING
SAY “STOP IT—I DON’T LIKE IT”

Numeracy Hint
Discuss time with your child - ‘What time is it?’ ‘What time will it be in… minutes?’ ‘How much longer until….?’ Use digital and standard (analog) clocks.

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER!
Your shoes were made for walking!!
We want them!
Your unwanted shoes are wanted in Africa and in the Himalayas. You can do magic for people who cannot afford shoes in the poorest regions on earth by donating your GENTLY worn shoes. Stuff in a pair of socks – which help avoid blisters – and your gift will make a huge difference to the poorest people in the world. It is estimated that over 300 million children around the world have never owned a pair of shoes. Poor people cannot afford to buy shoes and this makes it harder for them to find a job.

If you have walking shoes or joggers, kids shoes, which are either of “gently worn’ or New condition, bring them to school on November 5th- CRAZY SOCK DAY and we will have them delivered to people in REAL need.
(Donations to classrooms please)

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 WEEK 5
Mon 8/11 Marie Faleono & Margaret Deshe
Tues 9/11 Cassandra Johnson & Rose-marie Jeroncic
Wed 10/11 Carmen Baker & Sarah Cooper
Thurs 11/11 Carol Russell & Cara Middleton
Fri 12/11 Tanya Dickerson, Leeanne Corapi & Tracey Shaw.
THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Coles Sports for Schools program! Please send in any vouchers you have at home — we will announce how many vouchers our community has collected soon!
Saturday 13th November

Rain Hail or Shine!
(WE HAVE LOTS TO DO INSIDE IF ITS RAINING)

START 8.30AM—FINISH BY NOON
Your help is appreciated even for part of this time!

Some of the jobs to be done include:

- Cleaning Air Conditioner Filters
- Whipper Snipping
- Cleaning Windows
- Weeding & Mulching of Gardens
- Rubbish Removal
- Timber borders to Kindy area & friendship garden
- Pruning shrubs
- Painting picnic table tops
- Washing down paved areas and verandahs
- Mark out handball court
- Repairs to car park fencing
- Removal of cobwebs
- Spray weeds
- And much much much more!!!!

Yes! I will be able to help at the Working Bee on Saturday 13th November 2010!

Name:_______________________________________________
Childs Name:____________________________Class__________
Phone Number:_________________________________________
CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATIONS

Families that have submitted Registration forms and have paid the $30.00 Registration Fee will receive a letter from COSHC confirming their position at the centre on the days and sessions originally requested. It may take around a week to confirm by postal mail the registration for a family who subsequently paid to change their previous Expression of Interest to a Registration.

OPERATING HOURS

The operating hours for COSHC at Mary Immaculate Primary will be:

Before School Care: 7:00am until school supervision starts
After School Care: From school finish time until 6:30pm (see below)

FEES

Fees for COSHC at Mary Immaculate are billed on a user-pays basis and for 2011 are:
Enrolment Fee: $50.00 one-off Enrolment Fee per child
Before School Care: $12.00 per morning session per child
After School Care: $17.00 per afternoon session per child up to 6:00pm
Care from 6:00pm to 6:30pm: $5.00 per child (on a user-pays basis)

Fees may be reviewed on an annual basis.

CHILD CARE BENEFIT

Child Care Benefit, which is income tested, is applied for by parents through Centrelink and, if approved, reduces the weekly fee payable by individual families. Parents/carers need to complete the necessary Child Care Benefit application form through Centrelink, not the school or COSHC centre. Once parents/carers receive their Customer Reference Number, they simply provide it to the COSHC for the Child Care Benefit to be applied to reduce the fees.

PARENT INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT EVENING

COSHC will conduct a parent information and enrolment session at the school to provide further general information to families and for at least one parent or carer to complete the Enrolment requirements. The date and time of this evening will be advertised through the school. Families will be provided with a ‘Welcome’ pack which will include policies, procedures and an Enrolment Form to gather the relevant information about their COSHC children and family. Enrolment Forms will be available via the school for those families who cannot get to the Information and Enrolment Evening.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR COSHC – Registration yet to be confirmed

To apply for a position at Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) at the school, simply complete the Registration form available through the school office and pay the $30.00 Registration fee; forms are not accepted without the fee. The Registration fee is non-refundable and will be credited off the Enrolment fee at the time of Enrolment.

Please Note: At the time of applying, all the sessions/days you require may not be available. Please contact the COSHC Coordinator on 9840 5643 if you require information about available days or further COSHC information.