Classes and staff appointments 2011

Parents are asked to carefully note the staffing arrangements for 2011 attached to this Update. Open Learning Spaces have been created in years 2/3/4/5/6 for 2011 and staff will be working in teams as indicated on the staffing sheet. The three Kinder classes will be in their usual rooms with the three year 1 classes placed where Mrs Beggs (2B), Miss Pickering (2P) and Mr Kearney (2G) were. (Kinder and Year 1 staff will continue to work in teams as per this year.)

The 2011 kinders are currently in 'transition' and gradually will be placed into their 3 class groups by the last kindy session next week. Also the current kinder staff and Leader of Learning for year 1 & 2 2011 (Stage 1), Mrs Melissa Beggs are working on the class mixes for year 1 for 2011. As you are aware careful attention is given to friendship circles and compatibility when these new class groups are formed.

Naturally, parents are not permitted to 'choose' which teacher their child is to have. However, if you have any requests re children being with children, then these must be in writing to the principal, marked confidential. Requests may, at times be unable to be accommodated due to a variety of reasons. I will personally contact all parents to clarify issues as required.

The issue of class mixes will be a less of an issue given yrs2/3/4/5/6 are in Open Learning Spaces. However, the classes will gather as roll group classes on the playground and will be assigned a specific staff member.

For more information and to answer any questions about the future arrangements please take the opportunity to attend the 'Open Learning' Parent Forum to be held next Wednesday evening, 24th November, commencing at 7pm. The new Principal Mr Paul Devlin and staff will be present.

See you there!

Regards

Ian Jordan
Principal

Ian Jordan visiting the Philippines!

Calling anyone who knows about Cebu City ...I have been appointed a Group Study Exchange Leader for Rotary International and will be taking four young professionals to Cebu, in the Philippines. The team will be speaking and presenting to education groups, health professionals and emergency services from February 2011.

I meet with the team on occasions at MIPS on Thursday evenings at 6pm. We are training for our presentations and it would be a great help if any Filipino families who have lived in or have a knowledge of the area we are visiting, can discuss with us the cultural differences that we could expect. Members of the group have indicated a willingness to learn the Philippine National Anthem in Tagalog and or perhaps learn the Australian National Anthem in Tagalog!!

Can you assist? If you can, please write me a note or ring the school on 9626 3999. I was hoping that the team could meet interested parents on Thursday 25th November or perhaps on Thursday 9th Dec at around 6pm at the school. Any amount of time you can spare would be wonderful. Thanks! IJ

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 19 Nov
  Assembly Yr 2 item

- Wed 24 Nov
  Reconciliation
  Yr 6

- Thurs 25 Nov
  Kindergarten
  Orientation
  2011 (3)

- Fri 26 Nov
  Yr 1 Splash
  Day

- Tues 30 Nov
  Meet the
teacher
  morning tea.
  Yr 5 captains
  speeches.

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.

St John, 14:1
STAR Presentation:
This Friday 19th November, at the Assembly Amanda Gilmore will receive her NAIDOC Award which she earned in the National Writers Competition. Congratulations Amanda!

Super 8’s Cricket
On Thursday 11 November children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Hills Super 8’s Competition at Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill.

For the first time Mary Immaculate entered two boys teams and two girls teams. In total a group of 39 children attended.

The day realised a number of exciting moments - big hits, great catches, accurate bowling and fast running between the wickets.

Children are to be congratulated on their behaviour and sense of fair play. Thanks to John Noort and Paul Leonard who assisted on the day.

The children playing on the day were Madison Bewert, Shanaya Mamo, Tamara Pathirana, Victoria Middleton, Rose Kennedy, Chelsea Williams, Selena Coleiro, Yeukai Deshe, Diana Obcemia, Daniella Ankrah, Saranya Naidoo, Naomi Terrazzolo, Piath Domkuch, Tia Diola, Kiara Rossi-Smith, Janinah Deleon, Brittney Galea, Harrison Leonard, Jacob Forster, Aaron Sherry, Jared Robinson, Michael Forster, Stephen Forster, Tehan Peiris, Patrick Gilmour, Dominic Mura, Ayden Dever, Josh Miller, Joel Burgess, Corey Fischer, Bailey Melanchuk, Ryan Dekowe, Daniel Geraghty, Sean Zorilla, Christopher Addison, Liam Cassar, Joshua Griffiths, Bailey Abela and Anai Mathiang.

Gerard Kearney
Cricket Co-ordinator

Working Bee Thank You!
Thank you to the families who worked hard at our final working bee for 2010!

Aruulthan family, De Cruz Family, Maloney Family, Perera Family, Preller Family, Walsh Family, Lumbe Family, Russell Family, Gallagher Family, McKenzie Family, Deshe Family, Middleton Family, Kalogjera Family!

Some of the jobs that were done included cleaning air conditioning filters, fence around the vege patch, pruning of shrubs, hosing and cleaning verandahs and paved areas, spraying weed, weeding & trimming, painting the picnic tables, general clean up of rubbish,

A special thank you to Sue McKenzie who set up the Vege Garden (William 5M), Rowan Russell (Beth 6M) for his donation of star pickets and Barry Maloney (Brianna 4G) for cleaning the drains (The Pipe Services Company).

Well done MIPS!

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal

School Banking
A reminder that school banking day at MIPS is Friday!

School banking is a great way to teach children about saving—if you do not have a school banking account please come to the office for a kit and get ready to start saving!

Anne Grima
Administration

Please ensure all school uniform items are labeled clearly with your child’s name. At this time of year children come to school in jackets and as the day warms up take them off and often leave them in the playground! Please check that they are labeled so we can return them. Thank you.
Catholic Schools Parent Forum
for children with additional needs.
Wednesday 24 November 2010
7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival)
Nagle College, 58 Orwell St, Blacktown
Directions in learning support by special guest speaker, Emeritus Professor Tony Shaddock and outline of services available to students in the Parramatta Diocese by Team Leader, Student Services, Elizabeth Rowe. There is also the opportunity to ask questions of the panel - Tony Shaddock, Relieving Executive Director of Schools, Sue Walsh, Elizabeth Rowe and members of the student services team.
RSVP by 19 November 2010 email prc@parra.catholic.edu.au

Social Skills
Staying Out of Fights
Stop — Count to 10
Think About Your Choices
Walk Away
Talk to the Person in a Friendly Way
Ask Someone to Help You Solve the Problem
Act Out Your Best Choice!

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Good Works

Thank you for the generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper appeal!
It was wonderful to see the children getting into the Christmas Spirit with wonderful Christmas outfits!
Well done MIPS!
The hampers will be delivered to those in need in our community!

Joke of the Week!
Q: What did the horse say when it fell down?
A: I've fallen and I can't giddy up.
Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend an **Open Spaces Information Evening** on Wednesday, 24\(^{th}\) November 2010 (Week 7) beginning at 7:00pm. This evening will provide you with an opportunity to learn how the open spaces in Years 2, 3 and 4 will operate in 2011 and how they will differ from traditional classrooms.

It also will be an excellent opportunity to have any questions answered that you may have about open learning spaces.

Please complete the return slip below if you will be attending the **Open Spaces Information Evening** on Wednesday, 24\(^{th}\) November 2010.

If you have any questions, we ask that you submit these so that we can best answer these on the evening.

Kind regards,

Melissa Beggs, Joanne Jones and Kylie Clark

Leaders of Learning

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Please return to the office by Monday, 22\(^{nd}\) November, 2010

I will be attending the **Open Spaces Information Evening** on Wednesday, 24\(^{th}\) November 2010 (Week 7) beginning at 7:00pm.

Name: ____________________________  Child’s class: ________

Questions I would like answered about Open Spaces:

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| Leadership Team | Paul Devlin (Principal)  
Matthew Troy (Assistant Principal) Early Stage One (Kindergarten)  
Linda Ducksbury (Religious Education Coordinator)  
Melissa Beggs Leader of Learning Stage One (Years 1 and 2)  
Joanne Jones Leader of Learning Stage Two (Years 3 and 4)  
Kylie Clark Leader of Learning Stage Three (Years 5 and 6) |
| Kindergarten Leader of Learning | Matthew Troy  
KG Sarah Hutton (MTW) Jo Wolfe (TF)  
KM Sheridan Kelly  
KP Glynnis Smith |
| Stage 1 Leader of Learning | Melissa Beggs  
1M Chris Leach/Alison Shanahan (F)  
1G Lindsay Scarlett (MTW) /Kirsten Cooper (MTW)  
* Share Wednesday (5 d f/n)  
1P Trish Davis  
2M Helen Moore  
2G Gerard Kearney  
2P Melissa Beggs/Anne Kelly (T) |
| Stage 2 Leader of Learning | Joanne Jones  
3G John Noort  
3M Narelle Price  
3P Cathy Vogt  
4P Jacky Noort  
4M Joanne Jones/Anna Seymour (Th) |
| Stage 3 Leader of Learning | Kylie Clark  
5G Rebecca Jones/Linda Ducksbury (W)  
5M Kylie Clark/Matthew Troy (T)  
5P Steve Bawden  
6G Stephanie Francis  
6M Daniel Fields  
6P Nicole Whittaker (MTW) /Bernadette Fenech-Solar (TF) |
| Sport/Music Teachers | Sport — Sarah Harman (2 days)  
Music — Karen Cauchi (2 days) |
| Learning Support Team | Mark Boss  
Joan Wood (TWTh)  
Marie Salkeld (TWTh)  
Helen Ridley (TWTh)  
Paola Dimataga (T/W)  
Sr. Marie Butcher (TWTh) |
| School Family Counsellor: | Jacqui Olssen |
| Teachers Aides: | Carmen Sammut, Vicki Matulewicz, Lorraine Fawns. |
| Office Staff | Michelle Brien  
Reception/Finance: Anne Grima  
Reception/Teacher Preparation Support: Lynn Borg  
Library Technician: (MTWT) Cheryl Belcastro |
| Support Staff | Michelle Hartigan  
General Assistant/Maintenance: George James  
Cleaner: Josephine Desira |