Dear Parents and Caregivers,

While the staffing for next year is still being finalised there are some members of staff who will definitely be changing their role.

- Mrs Linda Ducksbury has been seconded to the Catholic Education Office as an advisor in the Religious Education department for one year and will return in 2014. Mrs Ducksbury will be replaced by Mr Scott Carroll as our Acting Religious Education (REC) Coordinator for the year. Mr Carroll is an experienced REC and will bring many gifts to our school community.

- Mrs Jacky Noort will be taking a years leave from our school and will be returning in 2014. We may see Mrs Noort during the coming year occasionally working at our school as a casual teacher. In Mrs Noort’s absence we have employed a full time temporary staff member for the year.

- Mrs Glynnis Smith will take on the role of Reading Recovery Teacher next year which will allow her to specifically target the children in year 1 who have difficulties with their reading. Mrs Smith will hold this role for a number of years at our school.

- Mrs Stephanie Francis will return from maternity leave next year and work on a part time basis from term 1.

- Mrs Helen Moore will continue her maternity leave until the end of Term 2 and recommence her work on a part time basis.

- Mrs Bernadette Fenech-Solar will return from maternity leave in Term 2 and recommence her work on a part time basis.

Once the total staffing situation is confirmed, I will announce class allocations to the parent community. This should be possible by the middle of next week. I appreciated your understanding that staffing issues of our school is a complex and important matter that takes considerable time and energy by many staff members to confirm.

Yours in Education,

Paul Devlin
Principal
Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary

Kindergarten will be presenting 'Christmas through the Eyes of Mary' on
- **Wednesday 28th November** at 12:30pm in the MPA to Years 1-6 students and their parents.
- **Thursday 29th November** at 12:30pm in the MPA to Kindergarten parents and families.

We look forward to seeing you there to help celebrate The Story of Christmas as seen through the eyes of Mary.

Skip-a-thon

Congratulations to all those students who won the prizes from the Skip-a-thon prize draw at the Week 6 assembly.

There were 14 lucky prize winners:-

Kindergarten- Audrey Ombina and Patrick Higham
Year 1- Rhiannon McFarlane and Joshua Ursino
Year 2- Kierra Hutton and Mitchell Jachimowicz
Year 3- Katheryn Belen and Matthew Espinosa
Year 4- Phoebe Lague and Thomas Dimataga
Year 5- Ashleigh Denman and Joshua Phillips
Year 6- Jasmin Delfino and Samuel McKinnon

At the Week 8 assembly a ‘special item’ from Mr Devlin and Mr Troy will entertain us!!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Glynnis Smith
Acting Leader of Learning Early Stage One

MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
STUDENT TALENT QUEST 2012
Friday 7 December, 2012

The Talent Quest Auditions proved to be a great success. We had over 90 acts audition. This week we will announce the students who will be in the ‘Finals.’

There will be 20 Kindergarten to Year 3 performances and 20 Year 4 to Year 6 performances.

MARY IMMACULATE STUDENT TALENT QUEST
Friday 7th December, 2012

Presented by
Student Captains & SRC Team

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In the MPA and parents are invited to attend.

We have many talented dancers, singers, magicians and instrumentalists. We hope you enjoy this great opportunity to let our students’ talents shine!

School Captains – Natham, Tyrelle, Samuel, Mia
SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

‘Grade Winners’

Last week was a great week for finding out our champion spellers across the school. The conclusion to the ‘Spelling Bee Championships’ attracted a number of parents to school to see their children compete in their grade groups to find the best spellers for 2012.

The winners are:

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At the Week 8 Friday 9:15am Assembly on 30th November, 2012 the Champion Spellers of each grade will be presented with their Spelling Bee Trophy.

I would like to thank the staff for their assistance and encouragement of the children during this learning initiative. Also a special thanks to parents for encouraging and motivating their children to ‘Do their best’ We can’t all be the best speller but we can all strive to be the best we can!

I trust you found this to be a rewarding enrichment experience for all.

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to Ethan Zuliani for successfully grading to red belt in GKR Karate. Well done Ethan!

Congratulations to Erica Romero 6M for her achievement award she received at her end of year concert for singing. Well done Erica!

Happy Birthday to our friends:
From 27th November to 10th December

Halley Khanbabaye
Lara Willcoxson
Jack Strudwick
Logan Mackey
Lauren Milne
Samuel Milne
Caleb Macaraeg
Ally Barr
Natarsha Simic
Jacob Jeroncic
Jason Coleiro
Ethan Grima
Jade Faleono
Tristan White
Fady Farid

Canteen News
Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. (No lunches are available)
Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Term 4 Week 8
Wednesday November 28th Sue Quigley HELP NEEDED
Thursday November 29th Alison Griffiths, Carmen Baker
Friday November 30th Melissa Loughlin, Leanne Corapi

Term 4 Week 9
Wednesday December 5th Cass Johnson, HELP NEEDED
Thursday December 6th Lisa Sartori, Chimaka Perara
Friday December 7th Sharon Hooper, Shimoa Peiris

Oz Fashions Kindy Uniform
Joe Arida from Oz Fashions takes pride in the service he provides to our families, but has concerns that not all families have had their uniform needs fulfilled.
For this reason Elle from Oz Fashions will be available for our families to make an appointment for a uniform fitting.
Please contact Elle from Oz Fashions between 8.30am and 11.00am any day to arrange a fitting appointment on the number listed below.
Appointments are available at the school uniform shop on Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am till 10.00am.

Elle from Oz Fashions
Please call between 9.00am and 11.00am
Mobile 0421 216 414

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
Thank you to all those families who have sent in donations for the SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal. Please continue to send in your items up until next Friday 7th December.

Christmas Liturgy For Littlies
The Parish of Mary Immaculate is having their annual Christmas Liturgy of the Word for Littlies on Monday 10th December at 10am in the Church.
This liturgy is for children from birth to school age. The aim is to give them a sense of the sacred through a liturgy adapted to their age group. To help create the atmosphere of the event of Jesus’ birth, children are invited to come dressed as one of the following: Shepherd, King or Angel.
Please pass this invitation on to people you know who would be interested in attending.
All are welcome.

St. Spot
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Oz Fashions Holiday Trading Hours
Monday 21st January
1.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 23rd January
9.00am-12.00pm
Then back to normal trading hours from Friday 1st February
Oz Fashions are open every Tuesday and Friday
8.30am - 10.00am

Does Your Child Know Their Address and Phone Number?
I recently received a letter from a parent of our school who proudly recounted a recent incident where they needed an ambulance at home. The parent was needing care and could not call the emergency services. Her child called the ambulance and gave address details as well as informed the emergencies services operator as to the condition of her mother. The ambulance arrived quickly and the mother received the care needed. A story with a happy ending and a strong message. Does your child know your address and what to do should an emergency occur? It is always best to plan for these occasions by speaking explicitly to your children about what to do.

Mr. Devlin

Kindergarten Orientation
An apology to the four Year 6 Leaders whose names accidently disappeared off Week 6’s newsletter item thanking them for all their wonderful work assisting with Kindergarten Orientation- your help was invaluable and we couldn’t do it without you!

Jenna Marcus Rianna Tyrelle

Mrs Glynnis Smith
Acting Leader of Learning Early Stage One