

# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8— 26th November 2012



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 1 and return to Mary Immaculate in 2013 Term 2 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

All parents and families are warmly invited to our

## End of Year School Mass

*"A Year to Celebrate!"*

This year we have celebrated 25 years of Quality Catholic Education at Mary Immaculate Primary School.

Come, reflect and celebrate all of our wonderful achievements this year!

**Date:** Thursday 6th December, 2012

**Time:** 9:15am

**Place:** Mary Immaculate Church

We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

## Important Dates

### Tuesday 27th November

7:00pm P&F Planning Meeting

### Wednesday 28th November

10:00am Year 4 Reconciliation  
12:30pm Kindergarten Christmas Liturgy  
"Christmas through the eyes of Mary"



### Thursday 29th November

12:30pm Kindergarten Christmas Liturgy  
"Christmas through the eyes of Mary"

### Friday 30th November

9:15am Assembly Year 6 item

### Tuesday 4th November

Year 6 'Celebration/Reflection Day'

Mary Immaculate  
Quakers Hill  
[www.maryimmac.org.au](http://www.maryimmac.org.au)

Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity

Phone: 9626.3326,  
9626.1613

[parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)

### Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 7.00pm

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm

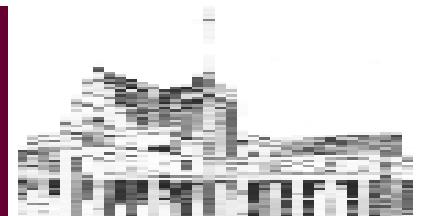
St. Joseph's Schofields

Sunday 7.30am

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## Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary

Kindergarten will be presenting 'Christmas through the Eyes of Mary' on

- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 12:30pm in the MPA to Years 1-6 students and their parents.
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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



Here are our prize winners and congratulations once again!

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

Presented by

Student Captains & SRC Team

9:00 - 11:00am	Twenty Kindergarten to Year 3 Performances
11:50 - 1:50pm	Twenty Year 4 to Year 6 Performances
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  
 SRC Team – Luke, Jacob, Brianna, Madison.

### NEW BABY

Congratulations to the Jones family, (Ellysa Jones 1G) who have a new baby boy in the family, Marcus born 19th November.



### VACATION CARE

Vacation Care will be open from the 7th January until the 25th January

For a program and registration form please contact Tara by email: tara.borg@parra.catholic.edu.au

## 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:

Kindergarten	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Emjay Tuiloma	Elijah Mitchell Rafael Jimenez	Eddrick Libot

Year 1	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Antonio Jimenez V	Jackson Northey	Nadia Forson Courtney O'Reilly Isabel Portelli

Year 2	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Janella Ortanez	Rusham Thind	Charlette Loughlin

Year 3	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Aidan Robinson	Vincent Silang	Gabriel Palenzuela-Lim

Year 4	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Stephanie Arulthasan	Joel Abraham	Annalise Corapi

Year 5	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Daniel Pearce	Raylan Miralles	Cooper Nolland Fatima Raza

Year 6	Champion 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Harleen Thind	Natham Ta	Amy Odisho Mia Barbeitos Madison Gonzales

At the Week 8 Friday 9:15am Assembly on 30<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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**

### 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

### 'CHRISTMAS LITURGY FOR LITTLIES'

The Parish of Mary Immaculate is having their annual Christmas Liturgy of the Word for Littlies on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.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 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### STAR SPOT

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!

### 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 emergency 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 accidentally 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**

### 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, Shirmoa Peiris



### **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

