

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update 21st March~ Term 1 Week 9



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Dear Families,

Holy Week is the culmination of our Easter journey. As is more Liturgically apt we will be holding our Easter raffle when we return next week. I encourage you to attend the services provided at our church and to gather as a community. Easter is the highlight of our liturgical year - a celebration of our redemption in Christ.

Over the upcoming weeks we will be seeing some significant changes at MIPS. The area this side of Paterson is set to receive a completely new surface and reopening for student use. The TAS area will become an area that classes will be able to use all year round as it will be air-conditioned over the holidays. This will functionally change it from being a thoroughfare and traffic area into a student learning area designed for students and teachers and not for general access any more. This area is currently under-utilised for students. In the weeks and months to come it will be furnished for learning and consistently used. Parents are asked to not accompany or meet their child in that area. Children in Year 1 and 2 need us to assist them in developing independence skills. I trust on your cooperation with this.

I pray that you all enjoy the peace of the Easter season.

Yours in Christ,  
Stephen Dowd  
Principal

## Holy Week

*Join us in the MPA at 12pm this Holy Thursday as we retrace the steps of Jesus during Holy Week. Led by Mr Carroll and our Year 6 children, this celebration in movement, sound and music will prepare us for the joy of Easter as we reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice for each of us and his triumph over death.*

### ***Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!***

As Jesus enters the holy city of Jerusalem, our journey through Lent in preparation for Easter is now reaching its most intense period. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is quickly followed by the tragedy of Good Friday.

But this tragedy is short lived as death does not get the final say. This week culminates in the great joy of Easter Sunday in which Jesus' resurrection destroys death and gives us hope for the transformation of our hearts and also our own resurrection on the last day.

To enter more deeply into Holy Week we need to stay close to Jesus by leading the donkey, preparing the Upper Room, shouldering the Cross, watching Him die, enter the tomb and rise with Him on Easter Sunday morning.

Remind your children that donkeys have played an important role in our salvation. A donkey carried a heavily pregnant Mary to Bethlehem and now a donkey carries our Saviour Jesus into Jerusalem to experience His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

God can use the most humble of animals to do great things. God can also work through each of us to do amazing things.

*(Reflection by Karen and Derek Boylen)*



## School Fees 2016

### School Fee Accounts – Term 1

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have finalised their school fee accounts. All outstanding school fees are now overdue. Please finalise payment as soon as possible. Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email or phone, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. Reminder letters are being sent from CEDP. The Office Administrator can be contacted by email [cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9626.3999.

Thank you.  
Claudine Nalletamby  
Office Administrator



## Week 10

### Monday 28th March

- Easter Monday - No Classes

### Tuesday 29th March

- 9:30am-10:30am  
Easter Mass

### Thursday 31st March

- 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Eucharist Information  
Registration Evening

### Friday 1st April

- MIPS Cross Country
- 2:30pm-3:20pm Assembly
- P&F Easter Raffle

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## Staff Announcement



We welcome Mrs. Kirsty-Lea Zahra who will be working with Mrs. Rebecca Jones in 1P beginning Term 2 for the remainder of the year.

We congratulate Mrs. Zahra on her appointment and hope you enjoy your time with 1P at MIPS

## Social Skills Focus at MIPS

accept respect



This fortnight's Social Skill is:  
**FORGIVENESS**

- Learning how to forgive others and forgive ourselves when we make mistakes is an important quality.
- For example, when playing outside your best friend accidentally trips you over. It is better to forgive that person for their action than hold a grudge and lose out on their friendship for a little while or in the long run. After all, one day you may become distracted and accidentally trip someone over in the midst of playing. You would want them to forgive you rather than not play with you again.
- Forgiving ourselves for not being perfect and making mistakes and errors in judgement is very important.
- As we grow we also need to forgive ourselves for our errors in judgement so that we can learn from our mistakes and try new ways and solutions.

### Parent Links:

There are many ways to teach children to forgive others and themselves. You as a parent can choose ways that suit you as an individual and that fits your beliefs and values.

Through the Gospel reading this Sunday we understand how Jesus demonstrated forgiveness to the woman caught in adultery and the key message of seeking and accepting forgiveness.

### Consider the following areas:

How do you show forgiveness to your child when they make a mistake?

How do you model forgiveness in your home and how do you work through family problems?

Lastly, your praise and encouragement have a tremendous impact on your child. When your child demonstrates forgiveness to others praise them as these positive messages reinforce a child's goodness, and will encourage more of the same.