



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 3 Week 10 : Monday 18th September 2017



Dear parents and caregivers,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of term 3 and what a busy term it has been. Our students have been involved in various academic and sporting activities in which they have shown complete enthusiasm towards.

I would like to thank the MIPS family for their ongoing dedication, positive feedback and support throughout the term. The parish, children, parents and staff are what make Mary Immaculate such a wonderful place and such a strong community.

We wish you all the best for a restful holiday period and look forward to seeing our wonderful students at the beginning of term 4.

Thank you for your on going support.

Mrs Mizzi  
Acting Principal



## SUPER HERO MUFTI DAY This Friday 22nd September



MIPS is holding a very special event.

In memory of Julian Cadman, Year 2 student from St Bernadette's Primary, Lalor Park the school is having a Super hero Mufti Day.

The children and staff will come to school dressed in mufti or as their favourite superhero.

It will be a **gold coin** day with all money raised to be donated to the Cadman family.



## UNIFORM TRANSITION

Students are able to wear their full Summer or Winter uniform whichever is comfortable for this week as the temperatures are expected to increase.

**Full summer uniform to be worn on Monday 9th October.**



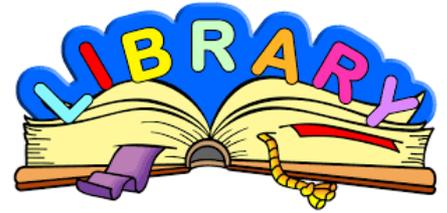
**LAST DAY OF TERM 3**  
This Friday 22nd September, 2017

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**  
Monday 9th October, 2017

125 Barnier Dr Quakers Hill NSW 2763

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## LIBRARY NEWS



A huge thank you to all the students, parents and staff who made our busy library term so much fun and such a success.

We started with our author visit Phil Kettle which was a great experience for all involved. It brought out the enthusiasm in a lot of our students and teachers to start writing and to keep reading.

We had our Book Fair which Mrs Ridley and Mrs Desira organised and with a wonderful band of helpers who all worked so hard to make it such a wonderful event. From the sales of the books at the book fair, Mary Immaculate Primary received reward points to replenish the library and reading packs. A very big thank you to all our parents who came and supported this event.

Our Book Week was so exciting the whole school community was involved in a range of activities to make this a very exciting time.

All of these events support our wonderful library here at Mary Immaculate Primary and encourage our students to visit the library and realise how important and how much fun reading can be.

**This is the last week of borrowing before the holidays. Students are able to borrow two books to take home to read. Please encourage students to look after their library books and bring them back safe and sound for their first library lesson after the holidays.**

Could we also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Henson who is our Book Club Co-ordinator. Due to her hard work we receive reward points from Scholastic which keeps our library shelves full of the newest books available.

Once again thank you for all the support shown for our library.

Mrs Desira and Mrs Belcastro



## FRUIT & VEG MONTH

Fruit & Veg Month is a health promotion program for NSW primary schools that puts a positive focus on fruit and vegetables. Fruit & Veg Month 2017 will be held from 28 August to 22 September. The theme for this year is 'Get Loud for Fruit & Veg!'. Australian children (and adults!) don't eat enough fruit and vegetables. That's why this year's theme will focus on the benefits of fruit and vegetables and promoting the 'eat more' message to peers, families and the wider community. In RFF (Sport, Music and Art) the children will be participating in healthy food choices activities to help our community learn more about the benefits of healthy eating.

## SCHOOL FEES 2017

Term 3 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their account for 2017. Reminder letters have been sent to families with an outstanding amount in their school fees account. Unless families are on payment plans, please finalise your account by this Friday. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty and unable to finalise your school fees, please contact the school on 9626.3999 or via email: [cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you, Claudine Nalletamby - Office Administrator

## UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

It is imperative to have up-to-date correct contact details for all of our students. In case of an emergency, current mobile numbers for parents and emergency contacts are required to notify parents. We also request an email address for each parent, as receipts for any payments made at the school are emailed as confirmation of payment. Please see below the form that requests details for your child. These forms are available from the school office, Skoolbag app and school website.

**Please note that this information is treated as confidential.**

### STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Dear parents,

All summer uniforms are now available for purchase.

**Our last day we will open this term is this Friday 22nd September  
8.30am - 10.00am.**

**We will re-open on Tuesday 10th October 8.30am - 10.00am.**

Please contact Elle for any further enquiries.

Phone: 0421 216 414 or via email: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

Thank you and have a nice break

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION ENDS: TOMORROW TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From now until 19 September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. We have set up a collection box in the student foyer for the children to place stickers in. Let your family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours know and ask them to help collect stickers for our school. Every extra sticker helps! The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.



# PARISH MASS - Mary Immaculate Parish

This Wednesday 20 September - 9:15am

Year 6 & Kindergarten students attending

## MARY IMMACULATE PARISH YOUTH BINGO FUNDRAISER

Saturday 30th September 4pm - 11pm

Mary Immaculate Primary MPA



## JUNIOR SERVERS - MARY IMMACULATE PARISH



Mary Immaculate Parish Liturgy team is inviting young parishioners who have made their First Communion to express their interest with their parents' approval, to assist our weekend liturgical celebrations as Junior Servers. They are also inviting current Junior Servers to attend as the training will also go through the requirements for Christmas Liturgies. **A training session at 10am - 12pm will occur on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH

Students in Years 3 & Above



The Reconciliation program is commencing on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October with a Registration Mass. The program is for students in years 3 and above. If you have a child who is ready to go through the program, registration forms are now available from the Parish office and Church foyer. If you have any queries or concerns regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on Ph: 9626 3326 (press '7'), Mobile: 0477 151 279 or email: [sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au)

### TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

Shop 15, 216 Farnham Road Quakers Hill  
Ph: 9837 1399

#### TRADING HOURS

**Monday** CLOSED  
Tuesday 9am-5:30pm  
Wednesday 9am-5:30pm  
Thursday 9am-8pm  
Friday 9am-5:30pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm  
Sunday 10am-3pm



Your Friendly neighbourhood Barbers are here. No need for bookings, walk in only.



### SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY GUIDE

Please find the link for the 2017 Spring School Holiday Guide below, for use on social media/newsletters for parents.

<https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Spring-School-Holiday-Guide>



**BRIGHT  
FUTURES  
SCHOOL**



**HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
3-6 October**

**Bright Futures** is for primary students who are curious about the world & passionate about learning. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students. Full program & registration: [www.bit.do/brightfutures17](http://www.bit.do/brightfutures17)



**Oakhill College  
GIANT BOOK FAIR**

**Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th October  
8am - 5pm**

Lifeline is holding a Giant Book Fair at Oakhill College, Castle Hill. 45000+ Books, CDs and DVDs. Thousands of childrens' books & study aids.



## **Pastoral letter on the same-sex marriage postal survey**

Dear sisters and brothers,

As I write to you, the national debate on same-sex civil marriage is in full swing. It is an issue that many feel passionate about and hence, it has potential to polarise the community. I appeal to all Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta to conduct this dialogue with a deep sense of respect for all concerned, and for the opinion and decision that each person is free to make.

It is important to remember from the very outset that the postal survey is about whether or not Australians want the legal definition of civil marriage changed to include same-sex couples. It is not a referendum on sacramental marriage as understood by the Catholic Church.

Many years ago, divorce was legalised in Australia; but this change did not alter the law of the Church. Therefore, whatever the outcome of the survey or the eventual legislation by the government, the Church will continue to hold that marriage is a natural institution established by God to be a permanent union between one man and one woman, directed both to mutual companionship and to the formation of a family in which children are born and nurtured.

For many Catholics, the issue of same-sex marriage is not simply theoretical but deeply personal. These may be same-sex attracted people themselves or that may be the case with their relatives and friends. In such cases, they are torn between their love for the Church and their love for their same-sex attracted child, grandchild, sibling, cousin, friend or neighbour.

As your bishop, I wish to reiterate the commitment I made at my installation: "I am committed to make the church in Parramatta the house for all peoples, a church where there is less an experience of exclusion but more an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness and solidarity." As a community of disciples, we seek to accommodate, accompany and care for one another irrespective of sexual orientation, marital status and situation.

I invite all Catholics in our Diocese to exercise our responsibility as citizens to engage in this community discernment. It should not be a matter of a simple answer Yes or No to the postal survey. It should be an opportunity for us to witness to our deep commitment to the ideal of Christian marriage. But it should also be an opportunity for us to listen to what the Spirit is saying through the signs of the times.

Throughout much of history, our gay and lesbian (or LGBTI) brothers and sisters have often not been treated with respect, sensitivity and compassion. Regrettably, the Church has not always been a place where they have felt welcomed, accepted and loved. Thus, regardless of the outcome of the survey, we must commit ourselves to the task of reaching out to our LGBTI brothers and sisters, affirming their dignity and accompanying them on our common journey towards the fullness of life and love in God.

Let us pray, discern and act with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Catholics, in keeping with the tradition of the Church, are asked to exercise their consciences, ensuring that they are informed as they come to exercise their democratic rights in the coming postal survey.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

*Given at Parramatta on 13 September A.D. 2017,  
Memorial of St John Chrysostom*

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL**  
Bishop of Parramatta



# GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport.

It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.



All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYER PACK** when they register!



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# Riverstone Dolphins R.S.L. Youth Swimming Inc

## 2017-18 Season

### Registration Information

*Online registrations will open 4th September, 2017.*

**You will need a Credit/Debit card to complete registration**

(a small service fee applies).

Our first Club/Race night is Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Details on how to register will be posted on our Facebook page and Team App.**

### Registration Fees 2017-18 Season

#### **Riverstone Dolphins Only Member**

\$70 First Child (includes 1 x Associate Member)

\$55 each Additional Siblings

\$15 Additional Associate Member

***NB: A small service fee will be added at time of registration***

#### **Optional Swimming NSW and SMNW Membership Fee**

(in addition to Riverstone Dolphins Fee) register online [nsw.swimming.org.au](http://nsw.swimming.org.au)

\$67 Full swimming member

\$20.50 Associate Members

***For further information visit our Facebook page or contact us***

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