



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 3 Week 3 : Monday 31st July 2017



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A huge week was had by all!

My thanks to everyone who made it so fantastic and memorable for our students.

The Parish Confirmation Sacramental Programme has begun and we pray in support of our young people who participating in the programme!

Our School Newsletter and Website are undergoing some developments. The newsletter will be having some further inclusions that take into account that they are in digital form and as such have considerably more potential. Our website is receiving a complete overhaul – to be re-launched later this term.

We are looking to have Skoolbag incorporate the option for families to choose the alerts they wish to be notified of. More information will follow on any changes to this as they occur.

“Stronger Together” CUA School Colour Day is fast approaching. Families have already gone online at www.schoolfunrun.com.au You should have received the information and booklet relating to how you can support this significant school fundraising initiative. Our goal is to have each student raise around \$100 so that we can refurbish the undercover concrete area into a proper facility for sport and play as well as creating shaded play spaces. Students get prizes along the way for what they have raised too! We don't do much at MIPS in the way of fundraising and we really need everyone to get behind this initiative and support our kids.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd

Principal

SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

**Mary Immaculate Primary
125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill**



Tenders are being called for the School Canteen Licence commencing mid Term 3 2017, for a term of 1 year (option to renew for a further 1 year).

The school is a K-6 co-educational school of 565 students and 50 staff.

For a copy of the Tender Information Package, please email mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au

A Tender visit is planned for Monday 14th August, 2017 at 2pm.

Please contact the School on 9626 3999 to reserve a position.

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KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION

THIS WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST

Calmsley Hill Farm Fairfield



SOCCKER GALA DAY Selected Year 4 & 3 Students

THIS WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Year 5 Coordinating

THIS FRIDAY 4th AUGUST

Multipurpose Area - 2:30pm

NUMERACY NEWS

This Year the staff have been completing Professional learning about “Multiplicative thinking.” During the program the staff have examined what multiplicative thinking is and the different multiplicative structures that students can use. Each member of staff has then completed different multiplicative thinking tasks with students and worked together to examine the students understanding of these concepts examining how we can work together to further develop students multiplicative thinking skills.

What is Multiplicative thinking?

Multiplicative thinking is characterised by:

- a capacity to work flexibly and efficiently with an extended range of numbers (for example, larger whole numbers, decimals, common fractions, ratio, and percent),
- an ability to recognise and solve a range of problems involving multiplication or division including direct and indirect proportion, and
- the means to communicate this effectively in a variety of ways (for example, words, diagrams, symbolic expressions, and written algorithms).

There are many different multiplication strategies students can use to solve multiplication problems. These include:

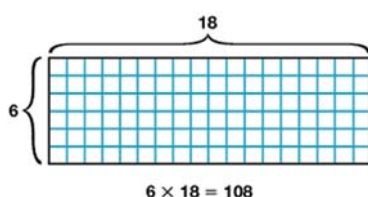
Group: The group strategy for multiplication is introduced by asking students to make equal groups and then count how many altogether. Later they can match pictorial representations with symbolic representations. $3 \times 3 = 9$, 3 groups of 3, three 3s, 3 multiplied by 3. Once students understand the relationship between the pictures and the symbols, it provides them with a symbolic representation and asks them to draw a matching picture or make matching groups.



4 groups of 2
or $2 + 2 + 2 + 2$
or 4×2



Array: The array strategy is the preferred strategy for teaching multiplication facts because it emphasises the commutativity of those facts. Students are exposed to arrays regularly in their everyday life in the form of egg cartons, chocolate bars, packets of biscuits, students in lines and so on.



Over the next few weeks we will be looking at other multiplication structures and strategies.



SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Thank you so much MIPS community for your amazing support with the 2017 Book Fair. The students were so excited to attend, find and purchase their *Wish Lists*.

Thank you to all the grandparents that visited the Book Fair and purchased books for their grandchildren- it was wonderful to see! If you have ordered any books from the fair, these will be available in the coming weeks. We thank you for your patience during this time while we await their arrival.

As soon as we know exactly how many points we have earned for the Library so that we can spend them on books and readers, we shall let you know.

A big thank you to the following families for their donations to the Library: Higham family - Grandma, Patrick, Bethany, Cassandra, Molly and Thomas 'World's Most Extreme'

Cassandra Higham- '*What are you supposed to be?*'

Lucas Marks- '*Dragon Rider*'

Thanks again



MARY IMMACULATE

● ● ● learning today ... leading tomorrow

“Stronger Together”

CUA Colour Fun Run Day

Dear Parents,

On **Thursday 10th August (Week 4)**, we will be holding a CUA School Colour Fun Run as part of our school Peer Support Programme. This is a sponsorship-based fundraiser, and we are looking to raise money to upgrade the Cola Playing surface for our students to better use and enjoy this area. This day will be a great community-building day so we look forward to you joining us for much of the day.

About the Program

The *CUA School Colour Fun-Run* promotes healthy and active lifestyles while helping us raise funds. It is all about participation, with students treated to a great day as a reward for their Peer Support work and fundraising efforts. We will be running the day in Peer Support groups with the theme of “Stronger Together” which focuses on contributing to a shared sense of belonging.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

An information booklet accompanies this note. Students can use online fundraising by setting up an online student profile please visit: schoolfunrun.com.au. Students can also collect cash sponsorships and donations. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a prize. Once registered online each family goes into the draw to win a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience.

Ordering Prizes

To reward your child for getting involved, they will receive a prize based on the total amount they have fundraised. Once logged in, click the ‘Order My Prizes’ button and follow the prompts. For those sending fundraising cash into school, return the completed back page of the sponsorship form where students write down their name, class, money raised and the prize they want. Fundraising needs to be completed on or before Thursday 24th August, 2017. Student prizes will arrive shortly after.

We look forward to seeing you all on the day.



“Stronger Together”

CUA Colour Fun Run

- PURPOSE:** Combining our school Peer Support Program with our CUA Colour Fun Run Funds raised will go to refurbishing our COLA area into a court and shaded play areas – (see sample design below)
- DATE:** **Thursday 10th August 2017**
- VENUE:** Mary Immaculate Primary School
- TIMELINE:**
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| 9am: | “Stronger Together” Peer Support Program |
| 11am: | Morning Tea |
| 11:30am: | “Stronger Together” whole school rotational activities.
(Parents are welcome to assist in activities) |
| 1:30pm: | Lunch |
| 2:20pm: | Whole school “Stronger Together” Colour Fun Run’ |
| 3:20pm: | Conclusion |
- UNIFORM:** Bright colourful, comfortable mufti clothes, sensible running shoes, hats and sunscreen.
- FOOD:** Canteen Meal Deal and P&F Sausage Sizzle are available on the day.
- PROMOTION:** This event will be featured on “The Morning Show” on Channel 7 in August.



SCHOOL FEES - TERM 3, 2017

School fee statements for Term 3 will be sent to families in the mail in the upcoming weeks.

Any outstanding amount from Term 2 should be finalised as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the families that have finalised their account and are up to date.

If you have any queries regarding fees, not receiving statements or experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the School Office on 9626.3999 for a confidential meeting with Mr Dowd.

Thank you, Claudine Nalletamby - Office Administrator

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP Tuesday 8th August - Mary Immaculate Parish

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is next Tuesday, August 8 and will be celebrated as a school with Mass in our parish church at 9.15am in the church. Mary MacKillop provided for us a model of how we might live a saintly life here in Australia, recognising need in our community and seeking to meet the need through determination and hard work, tempered by unconditional love and firm faith in God.



BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCE

INCURSION KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 2

Friday 11th August - MPA



Students from K-2 shall be participating in an incursion. The performance will be presented by *Super Duper* an educational touring company. Each year the company tours schools of Australia presenting the annual Book Week theme in the form of a musical. These productions feature a selection of the Short Listed books from the **Children's Book Council of Australia annual Book Awards**. They promote literacy and reading by inspiring students with the limitless fun and possibilities offered by books. The productions are highly interactive featuring comedy, songs and dancing to captivate and engage the students. We look forward to the incursion as a wonderful introduction to Book Week.

AUTHOR VISIT

"PHIL KETTLE"

Tuesday 15th August - TAS
Area

BOOKS FOR SALE ON THE
DAY - ONLY \$5

Author of: Too Cool, Boyz Rule! Girlz Rock!
Get Real, I Can Be ... (New Series),
Australia ... (New Series)





WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN IS UNDERWAY!

Promotion Ends: Tuesday, 19th September 2017

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you! From now until 19 September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor, gift cards as well as purchases made at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets), you will receive a sticker.

We have set up a collection box in the school office for you to place stickers in. Alternatively, pop them in an envelope and students can put them in the office bag each morning. 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. Thank you for your support!

BOOK WEEK PARADE Wednesday 23rd August

Time to get your thinking hats on and **think about what costume you are going to wear at the Book Week parade** in Week 6 on Wednesday 23rd August. The 2017 theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. Where would you like to escape to? You might like to escape into your favourite book, through a doorway into another world or an imaginary place. The ideas are endless!!!



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.



The Ponds Little Athletic Centre

We would like to introduce ourselves as a new non-profit athletic club in the area, directly affiliated to Little Athletics NSW, for athletes from 3 years to Under 17 years of age.

The Ponds Little Athletic Centre will be running on Friday nights during the summer sport season (8th September 2017 until 16th March 2018) at Peel Reserve, The Ponds.
Online Registrations open August 1st, 2017.

For more information, please check out our Facebook Page, Website, Team App or www.thepondslac.com.au

Oakhill College Year 7, 2019



Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** close on **Friday 18 August, 2017**. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September, 2017. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College in 2019, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing date **Friday 18 August** on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Applications are also being taken now for Years 8-11, 2018.

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

Session 1: Tuesday 8th August 2017
Session 2: Tuesday 22nd August 2017

TIME: 7pm—9 pm

VENUE: 38 Prince St, Blacktown (Cnr First Ave)

COST: \$7 per session

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Services PH: 8822 2222

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

