



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

**Term 3 Week 6 : Monday 21st August 2017**



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

“Book Week” – what a fantastic time in our learning calendar. Lots of exciting things are happening this week to do with books and reading at MIPS. In this era, books can be somewhat forgotten as a valuable experience of literacy and entertainment. We tend to be relentlessly stimulated by the so much these days. Books provide us with a medium that enables us to imagine, to visualize and to connect deeply with the text and its characters.

During Book Week, there is also the opportunity for us as families to connect with the most important book to us as a community of faith – the Bible. In experiencing the word of God in the bible, we are enabled to come to know more of God’s loving presence and of the relationships that we are called to. The Old Testament tells the story of people largely understanding God in a simplistic way. With Jesus in the New Testament, we come to know God much more authentically. Jesus completes the picture for us of who God is to us through the Parables. It is, in its own way, the story of our lives as well. Through the Bible we walk with our God. We listen and come to know and love Him. We come to know and love ourselves too. What a book! What a gift!

Enjoy Book Week everyone and maybe spend some time curled up with a great book – The Bible. (Now in digital form for those who value that convenience!)

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

### **EXTENDED LEAVE APPLICATION**

#### **APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE - TRAVEL (5 SCHOOL DAYS OR MORE)**

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child’s attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child’s participation and progress at school. Should you wish to submit an application for extended leave for your child, please allow ten days for processing and log on: <http://www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au> or Skoolbag app to download Form A1 and Form C1 for completion.

### **SCHOOL FEES 2017 - Due Friday 25 August**

Term 3 school fees are due by the end of this week. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their account for 2017. Reminder letters will be sent to families with an outstanding amount in their school fees account. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty and unable to finalise your school fees, please contact the school on 9626.3999 to organise a confidential meeting with Mr Dowd.

Thank you, Claudine Nalletamby - Office Administrator

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# SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

## Year 5 & Above Students

Everyone is welcome to join our **Confirmation** candidates who will be confirmed this **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** from **7pm** in our **Parish**. A great chance to meet Bishop Vincent and hear from him in person. In honour of Book Week he will be reading from his favourite book just before the homily.

## YEAR 5 EXCURSION

**THIS THURSDAY 24th AUGUST**

Mary MacKillop House

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL NEWS

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 42 Mary Immaculate students participated in the Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival at Blacktown Sports Park. Although the weather wasn't great, the talent was spectacular. All of our students performed extremely well with lots of personal bests.

Congratulations to the following students on the fantastic results;

Sienna, Zsolt, Elizabeth, Aliyah, Jazz, Junior, Heidi, Zachariah, Ella, Alaysha, Konnor, Isobel, Liam, Samantha, Hannah, Sophie, Rosco, Ani, Moses, Caleb, Bowen, Kaitlyn, Salote, Alex, Luca, Gabriel, Connor, Isabel, Raven, Anna, Samuel, Uttiarna, Campbell, Evie-Rose, Joshua, Lado, Rombe, Karyss, Luke, Byron, Jai and Sabrina.

The following students were ranked in the top four and have qualified for the Diocesan carnival to be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We wish you all the best of luck in your following events.

Zsolt: Discus, Elizabeth: Shot put, Jazz: 800m, Alaysha: 100m, Isobel: 800m and 100m, Hannah: 800m, Moses: 100m, Caleb: 200m, Bowen: 100m, Luca: 100m, 200m and Shot put, Raven: Discus, Samuel: 800m, Luke: Long Jump, Byron: Relay, Alex: Relay and Lado: Relay.





# Come join in the fun and celebrate

The theme for book week this year is Escape to Everywhere. Let your imagination run wild you can be any character from your favourite book or a character that you imagine yourself to be when you escape into your own adventure.



## Book Week – Week 6

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 reading to Peer Support group 12:50pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Book Parade (Gold Coin Donation) 9:15am  
Staff Reader's Theatre 2:20pm in MPA  
Book Week awards and winners of the Jelly Bean Competition
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Reading of Go Home, Cheeky Animals over the PA system at 9:15am
- Whole school D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) their favourite story 11:50am

## BOOK WEEK and READING

Each year, schools and libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to the theme chosen - 'Escape to Everywhere'- to highlight the importance of reading and to celebrate Australian children's literature.



### Why should children read?

Reading books stimulates a child's imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

Did you know that experts in literacy and child development have discovered that if children know eight nursery rhymes by heart by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight- some food for thought!

Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you and your child to read aloud together. Below are a few read-aloud tips for Book Week and beyond-

1. Spend at least 10 minutes every day reading aloud (that includes the weekend).
2. Read aloud with animation- make it exciting!
3. Read with joy and enjoyment- joy for the listener and real enjoyment for yourself.
4. Read the stories that your child loves.
5. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures or anything else connected to the book.
6. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books aren't too long. And ...
7. Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child and they love it!

In the words of the award winning author Mem Fox, **"The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book and the person reading".**

**Happy reading everyone!!**

## BOOK WEEK "JELLYBEAN GUESSING COMPETITION"

The Jellybean Guessing Competition is on once again to raise money for our visiting authors for Book Week. This year there is only **one big** jar of jellybeans to win!! Come and visit the Library before and after school, at lunch and even during your borrowing time to have a guess. **You can have as many guesses as you like and it costs \$1 per guess.**

**The winner will be announced this Wednesday 23rd August. Come and GUESS, GUESS, GUESS!!**

## YEAR 4 CHORAL / CAPTIVATE CELEBRATION

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

The 2017 Primary Voices Choral Celebration is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm at St Dominic's College, Gascoigne Street, Kingswood. Please be advised that **tickets are now on sale** and can be purchased at: <https://www.trybooking.com/QXBW> Further details will be provided closer to the concert date by the Year 4 teachers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kearney, Ms Jackson, Mrs Moore and Mrs Jolly.





## AUTHOR VISIT PHIL KETTLE

Phil Kettle, the well-known author of a number of book series (including *Too Cool*, *Boyz Rule*, *Girlz Rock*, *Marcy*, *Get Real*, *Australia* and *I Can Be*) visited our school last Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August in



preparation for Book Week. He flew all the way up from Melbourne for the day, to encourage and inspire the students to be authors just like him. He shared some great ideas about how to write an amazing story or piece of writing. Did you know that a really good piece of writing needs to grab you from the opening statement or question or you're not going to read it?? He not only spoke about writing but reading as well, as they go hand-in-hand! He was really impressed when he saw how many students put their hand up to answer his question about who loved to read, as were the teachers. He is extremely passionate about passing on his passion for reading and writing to students all over Australia and in countries overseas. Students were also able to purchase signed books on the day. Thank you to Mrs Belcastro and Mrs Desira for organising such an inspirational author. I wonder who we will organise for 2018?

*A quote from Phil from the day- 'Good reading habits come from home!'*



## LOST PROPERTY

To avoid lost property please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Any lost property is placed in a container outside the canteen. Any unlabelled clothing not claimed at the end of the year is given to the clothing pool or St. Vincent De Paul. If you have lost anything of significant value, such as jewellery, please enquire at the front office.



## SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST

Can we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. With the cooler weather, little accidents may occur. Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office can you please return them to office as soon as possible.



## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Everyone is invited to celebrate Father's Day at MIPS!

BBQ Breakfast beginning at 7:30am

Open classrooms from 8:30am

Whole school Liturgy from 9:00am.



# Celebrate Father's Day

## Friday 1st September



Celebrate **Father's Day** with a **BBQ Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served from **7:30am** (Gold Coin donation)



Enjoy **Open Classrooms** from **8:30am** and **Liturgy** at **9:00am**.

All families are invited to attend and enjoy the morning!

Our **Father's Day Stall** will be held after Liturgy with gift selections at **\$5.00 each**.

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## Father's Day Attendance and Assistance

To assist with catering and coordinating events of the day, please return this slip to the school, and whether you are able to assist on the day.

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Number attending the BBQ Breakfast

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I can help!

☐ BBQ Breakfast 7:00am - 9:00am

☐ Father's Day Stall - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Father's Day Wrapping

We also need volunteers to assist with Father's Day wrapping which will be held over two sessions: Friday 18th August and Monday 21st August. You will be contacted by a member of the P and F with details on wrapping times. If you are able to assist, please tick the box below and complete your details and return to the school office. A member of the P and F will contact you. Please remember to sign on at the school office as a parent helper when attending. Thank you!

Yes I can help!

☐ Friday 18th August

☐ Monday 21st August

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Permission (Please tick every applicable box)	
I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by 21 Sept, 2017, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.	
I understand that <b>no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after 15 September 2017.</b>	
I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care .	
I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.	
I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed 54 children.	
I understand that an "Excursions and Incursion Risk Assessment" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.	
I understand that the ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional carers will be rostered where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.	
I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive late.	
I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.	
I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is non compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.	
I agree to support the centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks	
I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the back up venues COSHC will use are the Movies, or Bowling	
I agree to not allow my children to bring anything of value to the program as COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.	
I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.	
Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____ Staff Signature: _____ Date Received: _____	




## SPRING 2017 VACATION CARE

25 Sept	26 Sept	27 Sept	28 Sept	29 Sept
Sports Carnival (Excursion)	Dress as your Future (In centre)	Australian Wildlife Display (Incursion)	Windsor Tenpin Bowling (Excursion)	Summer Camp (In Centre)
2 Oct	3 Oct	4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct
CLOSED	Superhero Theme Day (In Centre)	Games to U (Incursion)	Movies (Excursion)	Colour Run (In Centre)






Care is available each day from 6:45am-6.30pm. **All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified**

Please return booking form in person or email to: [coshcmariyimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcmariyimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Contact Centre Supervisor on 0417 203 333

**CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: Friday 15 September, 2017**

**CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENT: Thursday 21 September, 2017**



## SPRING 2017 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: 25-29 Sept	Week 2: 2-6 Oct
<b>Mon: Sports Carnival:</b> Have you ever wanted to learn a new sport or develop your skills? Dance classes, soccer, netball, AFL and basketball clinics will all be on offer	<b>Mon: CLOSED—PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tues: Dress as a Future:</b> If you could see into the Future what would your dreams be? The days activities will help your bring your dream to life.	<b>Tues:</b> Superhero Theme Day: Marvel vs DC, Superhero vs Batman, Wonder woman vs Ares. Come dressed as a Superhero and unlock your inner super powers.
<b>Wed: Australian Wildlife Displays:</b> Pet a crocodile, cuddle a possum and feed a fawny frogmouth all in our COSHC Space.	<b>Wed: Games 2 U:</b> Choose to battle your friends in lazer tag, unleash your inner hamster in a hamster ball or chill out in front of a video game console
<b>Thurs: Windsor Tenpin Bowling:</b> Its now how you bowl it's how you roll. Take on your friends at Tenpin bowling before enjoying a lunch of nuggets and chips - Lunch included (nugget, hot chips and a drink)	<b>Thurs: Movies:</b> Adventure is out there! We will be going on an adventure to Event Cinemas at Castle Hill to watch the latest Children's movie
<b>Fri: Summer Camp:</b> There is no place like Camp! We will have a day filled with giant guess who, giant naughts and crosses and loads of group games. The day will finish off with a minute to win it battle.	<b>Fri: Colour Run Theme.</b> Lets get Messy. We will have loads of powdered paint for you to throw at your friends in a party like you have never had before. The messier you are the better you will be. - Children will become covered in coloured paint and white shirts encouraged
<b>Children Must Bring:</b> Fruit snacks, morning-tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply Breakfast and Afternoon Tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. COSHC is NUT FREE Zone!!! <b>Children Must Wear:</b> As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear Sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat ( <i>Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim</i> ) for all outdoor play including all excursions. Children must wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.	

Please tick the box for each child, for each day of care that you require						
Name	25 Sept \$50	26 Sept \$50	27 Sept \$55	28 Sept \$70	29 Sept \$50	Total \$
						\$
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						\$
Name	2 Oct \$50	3 Oct \$55	4 Oct \$70	5 Oct \$55	6 Oct	
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Grand Total (Please calculate the total amount for all children and all days of care you require)						\$

### Child Information

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care?  
YES/NO

If YES, which COSHC Service do they attend? \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:**

Preferred Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Normal trading hours:

**Tuesday 8.30 - 10am and Friday 8.30am - 10am**

We also do over the phone orders and online orders.

For any enquiries please contact - Elle Ph: **0421 216 414**

Email : [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

## 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. 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. Thank you for your support!



## SCHOOL CANTEEN LICENCE

### St Joseph's Primary School, Schofields

Tenders are being called for the School Canteen Licence commencing Term 4 2017 (Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017) for a term of 1 year (option to renew for a further year). The school is a K-6 co-educational school of 320 students and 35 staff. For a copy of the Tender Information Package, please email [stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjosephsschofields@parra.catholic.edu.au) A Tender visit is planned for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. Please contact the school on 8869 8100 to reserve a position.

### TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

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

#### TRADING HOURS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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.



### Our Lady of Mercy Parramatta

#### OPEN MORNING TOUR Wednesday 6th September

The College is now enrolling for 2019.  
Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place  
or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss  
how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

### Hills Hornets Basketball Challenge

**Wednesday 30 August: Years 3 & 4**  
**Wednesday 6 September: Years 5 & 6**



#### Entries Closing this week

Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill

If you require further information, phone Zoe Burke on  
9894-8944 (ext 1)

Tue/Fri 9am-5pm or email [zoe@hillshornets.com.au](mailto:zoe@hillshornets.com.au)



The Mercy Music & Performance Academy will once again be hosting a number of workshops during the September-

October holidays. These workshops are a great experience for young musicians to refine their skills, explore new music repertoire and play alongside professional artists and like-minded performers. Bookings are essential for these workshops. All registration details can be found on the Academy website: <http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now>