



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 9: Monday 4th December 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Christmas Concert last Friday was a triumph! Congratulations to the students and everyone involved especially Mrs Cauchi.

We were treated during the concert to dance performances from our Stage 3 students and an elect group. The quality of the dances were extremely high due to the students being taught by Peta Markham Ward. Peta has an extensive history of dance instruction and we are delighted to announce that not only will she continue working with our Stage 3 students next year but with all of our students Kinder through to Year 6! This will be a major initiative for our school, building on our already very strong Creative Arts team. Peta will be instructing the students in dance on a day when they already will be wearing their sports clothes.

Reports are to be distributed soon and the students should of course be very proud of their achievements this year. As a school, we take a deep sense of pride in our work for the students over the year. If you have read much of what I have written over the year you would have noticed a recurrent theme of celebration for the outstanding work and reputation we are achieving at MIPS. We are a lighthouse school for best of current practice. Our students are the greatest examples of the effectiveness of our learning and teaching - they are brilliant! I wish to thank you, the parents of our school, for all your support. There have been significant changes over the period of my leadership here to date and you have shown great trust. I appreciate that more than you might imagine. The partnership we share in working for your children is very strong and doing wonderful things. You are helping to chip away at that defective "open learning" tag by sharing in the community the great story of the highly strategic learning and teaching taking place at MIPS - please continue!

My thanks also to the incredible staff of MIPS. They too have embraced the journey and are really the ones who's teaching practice other teachers and leaders come to see. They are an amazing team!

Next year we will be building on all that we have started in 2016 and 2017 - all to benefit our students. So I know we can all look forward to exciting advancements in 2018. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us all be grateful for the gifted lives we share.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



PARRAMATTA SPORTS TRIALS

Many of our students have trialled for Parramatta Diocesan Sporting teams over the past two terms. Congratulations to Sophie King, Anita Quigley and Noah Ta who have qualified for the Parramatta Basketball Team who will compete at the Mackillop trials next year.

LEAGUE TAG

Last Wednesday Miss Dann accompanied 42 of our Stage 2 and 3 students to a League Tag Gala Day at Parramatta. All students played extremely well and our teams had great success. Thanks to all the parents who managed/coached and supported our children through the rain and the sunshine.

Your help was greatly appreciated.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY

1st December - 31st December 2017

Chelsea Borges, Ava Boshell, Isabelle Boshell, Tegvir Brar, Lily Gordon, Sienna Guelpa, Alexis Hadjipavli, Callum Hayes, Amy Inskip, Jacob Jeronic, Khaled Kataieh, Sophia Kataieh, Asreet Kaur, Ater Kuach, Allegra Lette, Brooke MacRae, Caleb Macaraeg, Jonah Mackey, Rachelle Madlangbayan, Lea Manuha'apai, Kayden McPherson, Christian Murphy, Connor O'Reilly, Emma O'Donoghue, Max O'Donoghue, Tatiana Padlan, Laura Palenzuela-Lim, Harper Phoenix, Kiani Robert, Lucas Shaw, Madisyn Smith, Siobhan Turner, Jazmyne Varquez, Kyzac Wilding, Mollie Wilding, Amelia Williams and Le Lin Zhao.



MARY IMMACULATE FEAST DAY MASS

This Friday 8th December - 9:30am

Mary Immaculate Parish

MARY IMMACULATE TALENT SHOWCASE

This Friday 8th December - 1:40pm



PLEASE NOTE: NO ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED

THIS FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER



MARY IMMACULATE PARISH CHRISTMAS LITTLES LITURGY NEXT TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 10am

Please join us in the Church for the Christmas Littles Liturgy. Dress your littlies up as angels, kings or shepherds as we celebrate the meaning of Christmas! The Kindergarten students will be joining in for a special morning. Everyone is invited to share morning tea in the Parish Meeting Room afterwards.

MARY IMMACULATE UNIFORM SHOP

2017 / 2018 TRADING HOURS

Our last day of trading for 2017 will be on
Friday 15th December: 8.30am - 10.00am and we will reopen
Tuesday 30th January 2018: 8.30am -10.00am



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

Tuesday 9th January 10.30am - 12.00pm and
Saturday 13th January 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Please contact Elle for any further enquiries.

Phone: 0421 216 414 or via email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

SCHOOL FEES 2017

All 2017 school fees should now be finalised unless families are on an extended payment plan. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2017 school fees.

Any outstanding amount in accounts will not receive the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2018 fees. Please complete final payment as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding outstanding amounts or are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the School Office on 9626.3999 or by email cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you. Claudine Nalletamby, Office Administrator



MARY IMMACULATE 2018

Parents, Please note the following 2018 dates in your calendars for MAI assessments, class commencement and swimming carnival for 2018.

Monday 29th January 2018	MAI Assessments (All Grades)
Tuesday 30th January 2018	MAI Assessments (All Grades)
Wednesday 31st January 2018	MAI Assessments (All Grades)
Thursday 1st February 2018	Classes commence Years 1 - 6 Swimming Carnival Years 3 - 6
Friday 2nd February 2018	Kindergarten 2018 commence (Full Day)

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: _____	



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CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

- **Christmas Closure:** The **last day of operation** of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.
- **January Vacation Care:** The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January to Thursday 25 January 2018.
- **2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs**
- COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

STUDENTS LEAVING AND NOT RETURNING IN 2018

For any students not returning to Mary Immaculate Primary in 2018, formal notification is required to be submitted to the Principal. Please download the form from Skoolbag app, school website or collect from the school office and return as soon as possible.



**MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY
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LEAVING STUDENT

Please complete this form and return to the School Office

This is to advise that: _____ (Student's Name)

in Class: _____

Will be leaving Mary Immaculate Primary School on: _____ (Date)

Reason for leaving:

New School transferring to:

Current (New) Home Address: _____

Current (New) Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

**Carefully please read the following notice issued by the Catholic Diocese of Education
Parramatta (CEDP).**

Credit/Refunds and Notice Period

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated in the same manner as above refer "Billing - Pro Rata Period" where leaving Year K to 11 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 40 week year and Year 12 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 30 week year. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

The requirement for a terms notice (10 school weeks) is recognition by the family of the commitment to assist with funding of the School by having their child take a place that could have been offered to another family.

Therefore parents are advised that it is required to give a minimum of one term's notice on departure. School fees will be charged accordingly.

Date received at School Office _____ (Office Use Only)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

On our assembly on Friday, our Mini Vinnies Team launched our Christmas hamper appeal. Our local chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations of food and toiletries over the next few weeks. These items will be sorted into hampers and distributed to those in our community who need a little extra support this Christmas. Families in our community are invited to add an extra item or two to their shopping trolley and to bring them into school. Donations can be deposited in the baskets in each classroom, in the office and in the MPA.

- ◆ Tins of shoulder ham
- ◆ Christmas cake/pudding
- ◆ Long life custard/cream/milk
- ◆ Christmas decorations (eg. Bon- Bons, tinsel)
- ◆ Christmas plates/napkins
- ◆ Tins of fruit
- ◆ Lollies
- ◆ Chips
- ◆ Biscuits (assorted)
- ◆ Salsa
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Jellies
- ◆ Jam/honey/vegemite
- ◆ Coffee, tea, sugar
- ◆ Hot chocolate/Milo
- ◆ Gravox
- ◆ Pasta and pasta sauces
- ◆ Meal base ingredients
- ◆ Tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes)
- ◆ Drinks (eg. soft drink, fruit juice, cordial)

At this time, some families might wish to make a financial donation to the good works of St Vincent de Paul. This can be done via the school office or children can place coins in the blue money boxes on prayer tables in each classroom. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season extra special for families in need this Christmas!

Mr Scott Carroll, Religious Education Coordinator



MARY IMMACULATE PARISH FAIR

Save The Date!

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017 - 10.00AM ~ 4.00PM

MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

125 BARNIER DRIVE, QUAKERS HILL.

GREAT FAMILY FUN | RIDES | STALLS | YUMMY FOOD | PERFORMANCES



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SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE

Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12
Harry Potter Theme	Featherdale (Excursion)	Karate Class (Incursion)	Minute To Win It and Magic Theme	Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt (Walking Excursion)
Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
Gross Science (Incursion)	Summer Cool Down	Planes, Trains and Automobiles	Code Red Lazer Tag (Excursion)	Dreamworks
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	
Year of the Dog	Ninjaworx (Excursion)	Tye Dye (Incursion)	Aussie, Aussie, Oi Oi Oi	CLOSED

Care is available each day from 6:30am—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
Contact Centre Supervisor on 0417 203 333

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Monday Dec 11, 2017



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MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: Jan 8-12

Mon— Harry Potter Theme: Do you think you are a Godric Gryffindor, Helga Hufflepuff, Rowena Ravenclaw or Salazar Slytherin? Come along and be sorted by the COSHC sorting hat.

Tues— Featherdale: Visit a Dingo, Echidna, Wallaby, Kangaroo and loads more of native animals in our local area. We will be travelling to Featherdale in Doonside to visit the animals and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Wed— Karate Class: Are you a karate kid? A Sensai will come to COSHC to teach us karate moves. We will learn the discipline, strength and power it takes to be a true karate master.

Thurs— Minute To Win It and Magic Show: Abracadabra, alacazam! Learn some magic with all you friends. If magic is not your thing challenge yourself against the clock in minute to win it.

Fri— Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt: Take a walk and see what you can find in the end the winner will receive a fun little prize.

Week 2: Jan 15-19

Mon— Gross Science: Make vomit bombs, fake snot, popping zits and lots more gross science experiments.

Tues – Summer Cool Down: COSHC is already cool enough but lets see what happens when we add water. Make sure you wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel.

Wed— Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Its bird, it's a planes it's a.... Participate in our box car rally, battle our Monster trucks or sit back and imagine all the places you can fly.

Thurs— Code Red Lazer Tag: Protect your base and take aim at your opponents in a lazer tag battle. We will travel to Rosehill where our battle will begin.

Fri— Dreamworks: Shrek, Poppy and toothless with all of their friends will be celebrated in a day filled with cooking, craft, games, activities and loads of fun.

Week 3: Jan 22-25

Mon— Year of the Dog: Every one loves man's best friend! We will be celebrating the Chinese new year and transforming COSHC into a cultural celebration.

Tues— Ninjaworx: Test out your strength, stamina and skill at a ninja warrior course like you have never see been before. We will travel to Alexandria to challenge ourselves on a course based on the Australian Ninja Warrior.

Wed— Tie Dye: We will be taking it back to 1960 and learning to tie dye our own materials. White shirts will be provided by COSHC for children to tie dye.

Thurs: Aussie Aussie, Oi Oi Oi: G'day! We will have a fair dinkum day full of everything we love about Australia.

Fri: CLOSED

Children Must Bring: 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 a NUT FREE Zone!!!

Children Must Wear: 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 (*Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim*) for all outdoor play including all excursions. Children must wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.

Child Information (As listed on your enrolment form)

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

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Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO **If this is the first time booking for Mary Immaculate VAC you will need to also complete an enrolment form.**

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: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require

Child's Name	Jan 8 \$50	Jan 9 \$70	Jan 10 \$55	Jan 11 \$50	Jan 12 \$50	Total \$
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Child's Name	Jan 15 \$55	Jan 16 \$50	Jan 17 \$50	Jan 18 \$70	Jan 19 \$50	Total \$
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Child's Name	Jan 22 \$50	Jan 23 \$70	Jan 24 \$55	Jan 25 \$50	CLOSED	Total \$
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CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENTS DEC 11, 2017					TOTAL: \$	

Parent / Guardian Permission
(Please read and initial every statement)

I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by December 11, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.

I understand that **no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Monday, 11th December 2017.**

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 the licensed number.

I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" 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, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.

I understand that 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: _____