

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 4—16th February 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday. This marks the start of Lent which is the season of preparation for Easter. During this day, the children will receive ashes marked in the sign of the cross on their forehead. This is to remind them that Jesus lived and died for us all and that we need to live our lives caring for one another.

The children in Year 4 to 6 will attend Mass with the parish at 9:15am and receive their ashes as part of this celebration while the younger children from Kindergarten to Year 3 will participate in a liturgy at 10:15am.

Parents are very welcome to attend these two celebrations as we begin our season of Lent. Lent is a time when we reflect on our lives to ensure that we are loving God and others in the way that Jesus intended. It is often a time when we make personal sacrifices (or alms giving) in order to maintain our focus on living better lives. It is also a time for spiritual renewal when we can reconnect to God through prayer.

Let us pray that during this Lent, we grow closer to God through prayer, reflection and care for others.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



Week 4 Events

Tuesday 17th February

Pancake Meal Deal

Wednesday 18th February

9:15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Years 4, 5, & 6 Church

10:15am Years K-3 MPA

Week 5 Events

Tuesday 24th February

12-2pm Year 5 Antarctica

Incursion

Enrolment Information Evening

7-8:30

Calendar dates for parents

The school has moved to an electronic calendar and subsequently does not produce a term planner as the central diary. In order to keep parents informed, we are trialling the following:

- On the front of every Newsletter and Update there will be the next two weeks events listed.
- On the back of every Newsletter will also note the next 4 weeks (giving 6 weeks in total).

Please continue to refer to the newsletter for the most up to date calendar events.

Parish Enrolment Evening Tuesday 24th February at 7pm

The parish enrolment evening will take place on **Tuesday 24 February at 7pm**. This will commence in the Church followed by separate talks for **Mary Immaculate Primary, St Joseph's Primary** and **St John Paul II Catholic College**.

Please spread the word about this important event for 2016 enrolments.

Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill
www.maryimmac.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Ruben Elago MSP

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Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday 8.30am

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am;

7pm - Novena Mass for
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 8:30am;

7pm - Mass/Holy Hour

Sunday Masses:

6.00pm Saturday

7.30am Sunday

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

6.00pm Sunday

Please Look out for your consent form for raffle tickets & Photo order

Staffing

Following due process, Mrs Catherine Goodwill has been appointed as Acting Leader of Learning for the year at our school. Mrs Goodwill is currently teaching Year 5 and will be the Leader of Learning for Stage 3 along specific leadership in the area of literacy. We congratulate Mrs Goodwill on this appointment and wish her well for the year in the new role.

Consent forms for parents to go home today - photos / raffle

There was a policy change last year in the areas of permission for the use of students photos and also the distribution of raffle tickets. The new policies indicate that the school needs yearly parent permission to use students' photos etc and also to send raffle tickets home for fundraising. Subsequently, your child has brought home a form today for your consideration and signing. Please return within 7 days.

Date Claimers



Working Bee

Please Note change of time
Saturday 7 March 8am till 12pm.
All assistance is appreciated



Enrolment Open Day

Thursday 12 March
Presentation and School Tours

Application for Leave Forms & Canteen Price List

Application for Leave forms and Canteen Price Lists are available to download from the school Website. maryimmacqhill.ctholic.edu.au

- Parent Correspondence
- Whole School

MIPS P&F

Family Bingo Night

Friday 13th March 2015

Gates Open: 6:00pm

Bingo Starts: 6:45pm

Venue

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Tickets \$10:00

On Sale: Books of 10 games

Single games

Daubers

BBQ—sausage sizzle

Drinks

BYO: Family snacks

Bring your gold coins along for the fun and games!

What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery is an early literacy intervention that provides one to one teaching for children who need greater assistance in learning to read and write following their first year of school.

Reading Recovery is a daily, individualised intervention program delivered by a specialist teacher that engages children in reading books and writing their own stories. It also enhances the classroom reading and writing program and enables children to quickly 'catch up' to the average level of their class.

Reading Recovery builds on the strengths of each child and encourages them to become independent, strategic readers and writers.

Mrs Glynnis Smith

And

Mrs Jocelyn Williams

Reading Recovery Teachers



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Dear parents,

Yes! It's that time of the year again! Our school photos will be taken on:

Monday 23rd February, 2015

Years 1, 4, 5, 6 & Family Portraits

Thursday 26th February, 2015

Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 3

Important

Orders received after photo day incur a surcharge fee of \$20 per order.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are provided to the eldest child in each family.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only on the day.
- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling the MSP office prior to the day (02) 9499 6555. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.

Mark Boss

Acting Assistant Principal

Developing Literacy Partnerships

Dear Parents,

An invitation is extended for you to take part in a programme specifically designed to help you - help your child/children - in their literacy and language development. This programme, called "Developing Literacy Partnerships", runs over two weeks, one night a week from 7.00pm until 8.30pm.

This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child's learning.

When: Tuesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm
10th and 17th March.

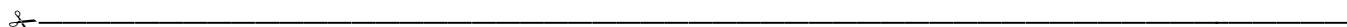
Where: Learning Support Room next to the Multi Purpose Area

I truly hope that you are able to attend.

Please fill in the slip below and return to the school office. Then simply arrive on 10th March to begin.

Thank you

Paola Dimataga



To Paola Dimataga . Learning Support Coordinator

I, _____, would like to attend the course on Developing Literacy Partnerships.

Child's name: _____ class: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

| Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 |
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| Thursday 5th March 9:15am—10:15am Parish Mass Friday 6th March 2:30pm-3:15pm Assembly Saturday 7th March 8am-12:00 Working Bee | Monday 9th March 9:10am-10:00am Catholic Schools Week Liturgy Friday 13th March 5:30pm-8:30pm P&F Family Fun Night | Wednesday 18th March Parish Mass Yrs 1 & 5 Thursday 19th March Parish Mass Yrs 3 & 6 Friday 20th March 2:30pm—3:15pm Assembly Yr 2 item | Wednesday 25th March 9:15am-10:00am Annunciation Liturgy |

MIPS Sports Days—Wear Sport Uniform

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| Kindergarten | Tuesday | Friday | | |
| Year 1 | Tuesday | Friday | | |
| Year 2 | Wednesday | Friday | | |
| Year 3 | Wednesday | Friday | | |
| Year 4 | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday | |
| Year 5 | Thursday | Friday | | |
| Year 6 | Thursday | Friday | | |



Uniform shop trading hours

Normal trading hours will continue as normal

Tuesday 8.30 till 10.00am

Friday 8.30 till 10.00am.

We also do over the phone orders and online orders.

For any enquiries please contact - Elle Phone : [0421216414](tel:0421216414)

Email : elle@ozfashions.com.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. **(No lunches are available)**

Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Week 4

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| Wednesday | February 18 | Angela Cooper |
| Thursday | February 19 | Tanya Dickerson, Natalie O'Donoghue |
| Friday | February 20 | Michelle Attard Help needed |

Week 5

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| Wednesday | February 25 | Cassandra Williams |
| Thursday | February 26 | Cass Johnson |
| Friday | February 27 | Rosie Jeronic Belinda Campbell Lauren Lynch |

To our friends at MIPS who celebrate their birthday between 3rd February to 16th February

Noah Ta, Caitlin Corapi, Paulo Liwag, Alyssa Couzins, Grace Hodgkin, Brishti Bajracharya, Mikayla Hutton, Giselle Alexandra, Wade Moore, Hayden Griffiths, Rachael Robinson, Ellana Rincon, Kasey Quigley, Samuel Nolland, Marcus Shuetrim, Heidi Davies, Isiah Toilalo, Tiyyaratana Techaskul, Tess Turner, Liam Hayes, Bethany Higham, Raven Robert, Enzo Pacheco, Ebony Munro, Chosita Techaskul, Kayla Horvat, Brielle Mapanao, Juliette Mitchell, Ethan Aloisio, Shivleen Prakash, Shivanna Prakash, Aleisha Boshell, Marcus Da Costa, Hannah Davis, Ekamveer Hundal, Zoe Hancock, Aleigha McAlister, Shreeman Korada, Summer Loydall, Nathan Van Dieman, Sarah Liberatore, Aaditya Mehta