

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update 13th June 2015 - Term 3 Week 1



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Historically, pilgrimages have been opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal undertaken by individuals or groups. A group of principals will be undertaking a pilgrimage in the coming weeks to follow the journey of Mary MacKillop and I will be joining colleagues in this experience. The pilgrimage will commence on 22 July and conclude on 3 August while traveling to Melbourne, Adelaide, Penola, Alice Springs and Uluru. This will be an opportunity to renew my own faith while focusing great work and spirituality of Mary MacKillop as she served and educated many families in her time.

I look forward to this time of renewal and growth and will share my reflections upon my return. Mr Mark Boss will be Acting Principal during my absence.

I will keep all Mary Immaculate children, parents and staff in my prayers during this special time.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



**Today we extend a very warm
MIPS welcome to Aditya Purohit who
commenced today in Year 3.**

Week 1

Wednesday 15th July

- Peer support training

Thursday 16th July

- Primary Athletics Carnival
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting

Friday 17th July

- Cool Kids Music
- Infants Athletics Carnival
- Peer support training

Week 2

Monday 20th July

- Spelling Bee commences

Tuesday 21st July

- Netball Gala day

Wednesday 22nd July

- 9:15am-10:00am Parish Mass Years 5 & 4
- 12:00-1:50pm Reconciliation Year 6

Thursday 23rd July

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Friday 24th July

- 9:00am-10:15am Captivate
- 2:20pm-3:15pm Assembly Year 6 item
- Cool Kids Music

Saturday/Sunday 25th 26th July

6:00pm-7:00pm Confirmation enrolment meeting.

Primary Athletics Carnival

This Thursday 16th July we will be holding our Primary Athletics Carnival at Charlie Bali Reserve, Knox Rd, Doonside.

All primary students will need to return their permission slip before the day.

We still need parent volunteers for this day.

Any parents able to assist on the day could they please let Mrs Hutton or their classroom teacher know.

We will have a canteen and a coffee van operating on the day.

Infants Athletics Carnival

This Friday 17th July we will be holding our Infants Athletics Carnival. The day will begin at 9:30am

Lunch will be held at 11:00am and activities will conclude at approximately 1:00pm.

The children will participate in a variety of activities throughout the day with the emphasis on fun, fitness and participation.

Parents are most welcome to come and cheer on their children and share in a picnic lunch together.

We will have a coffee van operating for parents on the day.

Parents and Friends Association

The Parent and Friends Association will hold its first meeting for the term next week on 22 July. This meeting will commence at 7:30pm and is held in the school staffroom. Entry is via the school foyer. Please feel free to come along and contribute to the association that supports you and the school.

Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put Trials

Students who have not completed their trial for any of these events will have the opportunity to trial on Wednesday 15th July.

Trials will be conducted by Mrs Wolffe and Mrs Hutton during the day.

Students who wish trial will need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Skip-a-thon 2015

Where: Mary Immaculate Primary School
When: Thursday 6th August (Term 3, Week 4)



This will be a major fundraising event for our school.

Mrs Glynnis Smith
Early Stage 1 Leader of Learning

We are having a special Skip-a-thon Meal Deal to celebrate our Skip-a-thon. Please look for your order form coming home today. NOTE: Your order form must be returned by Monday 3rd August. Unfortunately no late orders will be accepted.



We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem

these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

School Fees

School fee statements for Term 3 will be sent to families in the mail next week. Any outstanding amount from Term 2 should be finalised by this Thursday so no outstanding amounts will be included on your statement. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their account and are up to date.

If you have any queries regarding fees, please contact the School Office on 9626-3999 or by email to mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you

Claudine Nalletamby-Sandel

Office Administrator

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.



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For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000

Students with Hand, Foot and Mouth (Viral Disease)

At the end of last term, the school had reported a number of cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease.

Symptoms usually start three to seven days after catching the infection and can last from seven to 10 days. Admission to hospital is rarely needed. The common signs and symptoms include:

- high temperature (fever)
- sore throat
- small blisters on the inside of the mouth, the sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet and nappy area (the blisters should not be itchy like chickenpox blisters)
- poor appetite (drinking and eating can be painful because of the mouth blisters)
- tiredness.

More information can be obtained from <http://www.rch.org.au>
If your child presents with these symptoms, please seek medical advice and alert the school if confirmed.

Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight's Social Skill is: **CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING**



- When people cooperate, they work together toward a common goal or something they want to achieve. For example, they might cooperate to get a school project done, or to do something they enjoy in their free time together.
- When you cooperate, you save time by putting your heads together. You can also have more fun, because you are interacting with someone and getting to know that person. In the end, when people cooperate, they usually both feel good about working and learning together.
- How can we work together to achieve a common goal?
- Think about ways in which you can work with others:
 - ⇒ Ask someone to help you if you are unsure or stuck on a task
 - ⇒ Share thoughts and ideas
 - ⇒ Problem solve with your peers
- It's about working together and sharing the workload in cooperative learning groups and tasks.

Parent Links: Discuss that we all need to work together to get things done and achieve a goal. Relate these ideas to home life like working together on projects in the house or completing chores. Explain the importance of teamwork and interacting with one another to achieve a desired outcome. Encourage your child to think of situations when they had to cooperate with another person. Discuss and ask your child
What are some ways you cooperate at school? What are some ways you cooperate at home?
What are some ways you cooperate when you play a game or sport? What might happen if one person in a group didn't cooperate?
What could you do if one person in a group didn't cooperate?