

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~



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Term 4 Week 4 - 27th October 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staff Recognition Awards

This week, we will celebrate World Teachers Day and we take time to thank all staff who work in our school. We all work together so that our children will continue to grow academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. In preparation for this week, the Catholic Education Office held an award ceremony to celebrate staff members across the diocese who had reached milestones of 25 years or more in their career in the past 2 years.

While we thank all staff for their contribution, we take this time to focus on one very significant award that was received by Sr Marie Butcher for contributing 45 years of service to Catholic education. During the past 45 years, Sr Marie has served a variety of communities in many roles. She has taught countless children in her care and has held up to the position of principal. Currently, she works within our Learning Support Team at Mary Immaculate and her professionalism and experience are always greatly appreciated by all that cross her path.

We thank God for our wonderful teachers and ask God to bless them in their ministry so that our children continue to learn and grow in love and service.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

Important Dates

Tuesday 28th October

Year 8 Terra Sancta Peer Support program with Year 5 Session 2

Parish Reconciliation Home groups commence.

Thursday 30th October

Kindergarten 2015 Orientation 2

Friday 31st October

Gymnastics Gala Day
2:30pm Assembly Year 4 Item
Cool Kids music lessons



P&F Disco

Saturday 1st November

Uniform Shop Open
1:30pm—3:00pm

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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



MIPS Disco

This Friday 31st October 2014

Time: 5:30pm—6:45pm (K—2)
7:00pm—8:30pm (3—6)

Ticket Price: \$5.00 per student

Please note for both discos children have the option to dress up but it is not compulsory.

(Infants can dress up in costumes and Primary can wear sports team clothing.)



ICAS University Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the all students on their results in the recent Mathematics Competition, run by the University of NSW. The following students received Distinction, Credit or Merit awards:

DISTINCTION

(Top 5% of all students who completed the test)

Jackson Northey, Zachary Ramirez, Arpan Bassi, Jayden Kemp.

CREDIT

Samuel Sartori, Juliana Zambrano-Chung, Priyesh Bajracharya, Sandra Mankrious, Mitchell Jachimowicz, Matthew Espinosa, Gabriel Palenzuela-Lim, Joshua Perera, Stephanie Arulthasan, Fady Farid.

MERIT

Vincent Silang, Adrian Perera.

Year Six Cake Stall Tomorrow!

Year Six will be raising funds to buy a gift for our school, by which our school community will be reminded of their contributions during their time here. To that end they will hold a cake stall tomorrow, (Tuesday, 28 October) and next Tuesday, 4 November. All students are invited to purchase cakes, slices and other goodies at the cake stall. Items will be priced at 50c, \$1 and \$2.



Thank you for your support!

Year Six

Staffing

After 12 years of service to our MIPS community, Mrs Cathy Vogt has accepted a teaching position at Holy Family Emerton and will commence there in 2015. We will have the opportunity to formally farewell and thank Mrs Vogt later in the year at the appropriate time.

UNIFORM SHOP ADDITIONAL HOURS

The uniform shop will be open the following days for all uniform purchases:
For an appointment, please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or elle@ozfashions.com.au

- **SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER**
1:30 - 3:00pm
- **SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER**
1:30 - 3:00pm
- **SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER**
1:30 - 3:00pm

Skip-a-thon

What a FANTASTIC morning! Even better was that the rain that was forecast, went right around us! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Skip-a-thon on Friday 24th October. Every student got into the spirit of the morning and dressed in their year group's colours. Everyone had worked hard on their skipping skills and put together some great skipping routines.

Thank you to the staff for all their participation and assistance in preparing the students for this event- it was amazing! A very big thank you to Mrs Scully and all of our volunteer helpers in the canteen, who assisted in organising and getting out the Skip-a-thon Meal Deal. Thank you to the parents for coming and enjoying this event- next year you may be skipping too! Everyone joined together to make it a successful day!

So... what next?

The hard work is done, so now it is time to chase up your sponsors. Please return your sponsorship cards and money by Friday 7th November (Week 5) to ensure you are in the big prize draw at the Week 6 assembly. Students will receive 1 raffle ticket per \$5 raised. Remember- the money raised goes towards the purchase of resources and equipment for the students. Last year we raised almost \$13,000.00- I wonder if we will equal or better it!!! Mrs Glynnis Smith



Basketball Gala Day - 21st October 2014

Last Tuesday, children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Schools Basketball Championships at the Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park.

The children performed remarkably well. The girls teams recorded four wins and only a single loss. The boys team was undefeated and thereby crowned CHAMPION YEAR 6 BOYS TEAM

Boys' Team: Jacob Morisio, Jacob Dulalia, Ryan Morales, Gabriel Sahlieh, Lachlan Miller, Alan Nebu Cherian, Tristan White, Frank Diab, Joel Abraham, Carlo Tan

Girls' Team: Emerson Williams, Michelle Pribadi, Tess Turner, Helen Pati, Stephanie Arulthasan, Juliette Mitchell, Laura Mangion, Michaela Forster, Payton Whitney

The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to themselves, their parents and their school. Thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the event. We are especially grateful to Mr Miller, Mrs White and Mr Saleigh who acted as coaches, scorers and photographers on the day. Bravo! Mr Boss, Basketball Coordinator

TERM 4 P&F FRIDAY 'Twilight' WORKING BEE A smaller turnout but a very energetic group!

Last Friday's 'Twilight Working Bee' was a positive success due to the energetic efforts and time of the following families:

Hutton (Mikayla 2P Kierra 4M) *Calafate* (Kai 4G) *Blake* (Olivia KM)

Perera (Joshua 5M) *Wolffe* (Byron 2M Jai 3M Tiarna 4P Tyler 5M) *Eason* (Alexander KP)

Houseman (Isabella 3G Tamsyn 5M) *Onglingchuan* (Chelsea 3G Adrienne 5M)

Under the coordination and organization of *George James* (General Assistant), *Ryan Hutton* (P&F Working Bee Coordinator) and *Paul Devlin* the following projects were completed:

- Weeding/Trimming and mulching of Church car park and entrance gardens
- Whipper snipping and weeding around top car park
- Trimming shrubs on Picnic Hill
- Blowing paths and paved areas
- Collecting balls and toys off roof tops
- Cleaning demountable and roof gutters
- Wash and gurney Primary toilet blocks
- Gurney moss from shade structure on front concrete
- Washing sinks and bubblers around the school
- Whipper snipping gardens and pathways around the school
- Raking and tidying up Picnic Hill and Kindy & Year 1 Fun Area
- De-cob webbing around school



This is a large school and the support and assistance of families in completing projects like these is invaluable. It is energizing working alongside parents and children who show such a great pride for our school environment and whose labour and time benefits the whole community

The Final 'Twilight Working Bees' for 2014 will be held on Friday afternoon 7 November from 3:30 - 7:00pm.

Already a number of families have committed to attend. It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater impact we have on keeping our school grounds in wonderful condition for all to enjoy.

If you can attend please contact the school office to register your availability. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things together!

Paul Devlin
Principal

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal

Facebook

Facebook is a terrific social network tool that allows us to remain connected to family, friends and colleagues via a quick and easy medium. Facebook is helpful when used well but can be harmful when used inappropriately. Parents are requested not to use Facebook to discuss school matters that have negative implications on other children, staff or families. Facebook is not the venue to discuss matters of sensitivity or confidentiality at any time.

Parents are reminded that if they have an issue that is school related, it needs to be raised with the appropriate person so that the matter can be discussed and a resolution reached without the distraction that Facebook creates.

Thank you for your assistance in the matter. Mr Devlin

Car Park

Our parish / school car park is a very busy place especially in the morning and afternoon. Co-operation is sought from all car park users to drive slowly through this area to help ensure the safety of children and adults alike. Respect for the safety of others is required by all.

Kiss and Drop guidelines

The car park area immediately outside the school office (near the Grotto) is a Kiss and Drop area. This Kiss and Drop operates from 8.25am till 8.55am every school morning. The purpose of the Kiss and Drop is to provide an efficient way of dropping your children at school in a safe environment where they can easily access the playground. Parents are asked to assist in the functioning of the Kiss and Drop by doing two things:

- Do not park in the Kiss and Drop area between 8.25 and 8.55am
- Do not get out of your car to say goodbye to your children - do this while they are in the car.

Ideally, your car should pull up in the Kiss and Drop and your children will get out of the left side of your car with their bag and they head off to school. (Parents do not get out of their car). If we all follow these guidelines we all help to move our children into school safely and efficiently without causing undue lengthy queues of cars waiting to drop off their children.

Uniform and Grooming Policy at Mary Immaculate

Parents,

Could you please read over the school policy, particularly regarding hair styles. We appreciate your support in this area.

Students are to be neatly and cleanly dressed at all times. Shoes should be clean and well presented.

Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided. Some examples of "styles" that are unacceptable include: ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, any excessive shaping with gel, and any shaving cuts (specifically grades No. 1 and No. 2)

Girls' hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.

Ribbons, hair slides etc. if worn should be in the uniform fabric or maroon or pink.

accept respect



Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight's Social Skill is:
IGNORING DISTRACTIONS

Count to five

Say to yourself "I won't look. I'll keep working"

Continue to work

Say to yourself "Good for me. I did it!"

Parent Links: Talk with your child about the importance of school and how distractions could affect their school work. Serve as a role model to show that learning is an on-going and enjoyable experience. Show that when you are working or playing with your child that you are not distracted by the TV or phone call. Show interest in what your child is learning and offer constant encouragement so your child can learn effectively. Acknowledge and celebrate your child's efforts to learn.

MARY IMMACULATE STUDENT TALENT SHOWCASE 2014 Thursday 4th December, 2014



Talented students,

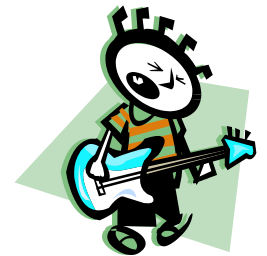
We are planning to hold a 'Student Talent Showcase' to display the many talents of children at Mary Immaculate. An item can be either by an individual or pair or a small group. It can include: Dancing, Singing, Playing a Musical Instrument, Magic Tricks, Boy Band, Girl Band, Gymnastics, Jokes, Poetry and so many more things. Each item will go for no more than 2 - 3 minutes. Auditions will be held. If you are selected in the 'Student Talent Showcase' it will be on Thursday 4th December, 2014 in the MPA. Parents will be invited to watch with the rest of the school.

Performers will receive a certificate. **Good luck and put a Nomination Form in by Monday 3rd November, 2014.**

We hope you enjoy this great opportunity to let your talents shine!

School Captains - Stephanie, Thomas, Annalise, Marcus

SRC Team - Michael, Lucy, Lara, Adrian, Larysa, Payton



CANTEEN NEWS

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.

Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 22nd October Lisa Piskor

Thursday 23rd October Angela Portelli, Jacqueline Cheadle

Friday 24th October Melissa Loughlin, Sue Champion, Nicole Eason

Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday 29th October Angela Cooper

Thursday 30th October Tanya Dickerson

Friday 31st October Michelle Attard, Belinda Campbell



To our friends at Mary Immaculate who celebrated their birthday between 14th October and 27th October

Jaden Papelera, Tamsyn Houseman, Jenna Cross, Olivia Small, Dylan Jamgotchian, Miguel Del Valle, Hannah King, Allana Seguna, Jacob Granata, Kristine De Pedro, Bowen Mackey, Jeremy Delfino, Kate Cheadle, Charlotte Loughlin, Sonique Thind, Hayley Pfitzner, Jacob Morisio, Sharon Joseph, Kyle Arman, Evan Parnaby, Malakai Manuha'apai, Hannah Castueras, Antonia Barbagiannakos, Jenali Jenkins, Oliver Pettit, Samantha Johnson, Qwayn Lumba, Alexandra Papadatos, Conor De Cruz, Sebastian Anwar, Lily Moore