

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update ~ 1st December 2014



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week, we were saddened by the death of two people close to our community. Early in the week, we learn that Mrs Jocelyn Williams had lost her brother who was living in the Philippines with his family. Then later in the week, Alison Pisani passed away after suffering critical injuries following an accident on the weekend. Alison is the mother of Erica in Year 2 and Renee in Year 1. We pray for these loved ones from our community and also their families at this time of great loss.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



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## Staffing - Matt on leave

Mr Matthew Troy, our Assistant Principal, is unwell and will be taking leave until the end of the year. During this time, Mr Mark Boss will assume the role of Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Sarah Hutton will take on the role of Acting Leader of Learning (Stage 3). Please keep Mr Troy in your prayers and we look forward to his return to MIPS once he is well again.

## Students leaving MIPS

If your child will not be returning to MIPS in 2015, please let the school office know so that appropriate planning for next year can occur.

## Moving day help needed

At the end of the year, a number of classes will be moving to different locations in the school. We will be moving Year 1, Year 2, Learning Support and the Art Room. We need parents to assist moving some of the heavier items like book shelves, filing cabinets on Monday 15 December from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. A separate note will be sent to all families later this week so that we can know how many parents to expect for that time. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance.

## Working Bee

Many thanks to all the families that attended the working bee on Friday afternoon. We were able to complete many tasks including: spreading mulch, weeding, cleaning and preparing the grounds. For assistance at the working bee we extend our thanks to: The Perera family (Joshua), The Tromp family (Aimie and Max), Blake Collins, Ariane Swift, The Blake Family (Olivia), The Cheadle family (Kate and Laura), The Danaher / Harris family (Ashley and Maddison), The Ramirez family (Aisha and Zachary), The Calafate family (Kai), The Hutton family (Kierra and Mikayla, The Trotnar family (Larysa), The Tomas family (Sebastian and Sabrina) The White family (Cody and Tristan) and the Pettit family (Cooper and Oliver). Without the help of these families we would not have achieved so much.

## Staffing—Meet the teacher

Classes for next year are being formed by the teachers and they will be announced at 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 10 December. During 'Meet the Teacher', the children get to spend some time with their teacher and class for 2015. This allows the children to begin their orientation to the new year group and teacher and also for the teacher to have a brief conversation with the class regarding the exciting learning for 2015.

## Christmas Liturgy for Littlies

Friday 12th December at  
10:00am Mary Immaculate  
Church

The Liturgy is for Children from  
birth to school age.  
We invite Children to dress up as:  
Shepherd, King or Angel.

## Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. We had over 300 children registered to read. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children and assisted them by logging the books that their children read onto the website.

A special congratulations go to the following children who received a Gold Award:-

Ashley Danaher, Kaitlyn Manityakul, Gabriel Palenzuela-Lim, Libby Hartlet, Samuel Sartori, Sabrina Tomas, Joshua Ursino, Jai Wolffe and Ethan Zulfani. These children have been part of the program for over 4 consecutive years.

Congratulations also to Michaela Forster, Zac Zavone and Adrian Periera who receive a Platinum Award for their participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge for 7 consecutive years.

## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday 2nd December

Year 5 Captain's speeches  
Years 3-6 to attend in MPA

### Thursday 4th December

End of Year Mass 9:15am  
Parent Helper morning tea  
10:30am following Mass

Talent Showcase at 12pm

### Friday 5th December

'Cool Kids Music Lessons'

Student Practice for Carols at  
10am

P&F Carols night at 5pm

### Sunday 7th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

### Monday 8th December

'Cool Kids Music'

Reports go home

### Tuesday 9th December

Year 6 Celebration Day

Don Bosco Centre

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## MASS TIMES

Mary Immaculate Church

### Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4.30 - 5.30pm

### Weekday Masses:

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:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am

Sunday: 9.00am

Sunday: 10.30am

Sunday: 6.00pm

# Let's Celebrate!

This Thursday, we celebrate our year together with our end of year Mass in our church.

Immediately following the liturgy we thank all those who volunteered their time to assist this year at our Parent Helper morning tea. If you have helped with reading groups, excursions, bbq's, working bees, covering library books or in any other way we invite you to join us after our Mass in The Allabyrne Space

## Thursday Celebrations

End of Year Mass

9.15am in the church

## Parent Helper Morning tea

10.30am in TAS

## Talent Showcase

12.00 in the MPA



## Christmas Carols

Friday 5th December  
2014

Gates open 5:15pm

For 6pm start

Enter via Main Gate,  
Farnham Road or  
Paterson Reserve.

Parking will be limited,  
walking is encouraged!

Glow Candles available for  
sale on the night  
(limited stock)

BYO Chairs/Rugs to sit on

## Student Talent Showcase 2014

Thursday 4th December

Our Student Talent Showcase is to display the many talents of children at Mary Immaculate.

Parents are invited to attend on Thursday 4th December with the rest of the school in the MPA.

Performers will receive a certificate.

SRC Team

Talent Show



## Uniform Shop

### Additional Hours

The uniform shop will be open  
Saturday 13th December  
1:30pm-3:00pm

For an appointment, please contact  
Elle: 0421 216 414 or

## Visit from Kate Forsyth

On Thursday, 20th of November, Year 5 and Year 6 were very lucky to have a visit from an international best-selling author, Kate Forsyth.

She talked about her early life, how she got into writing and her inspiration for her newest book series, The Impossible Quest. When she was young, she and her siblings used to play games down in the valley beneath her house and the idea for the series came from the creative games that they played.

Kate Forsyth has written a lot of books for children and adults, including The Puzzle Ring, Dragon Claw and the Starthorn Tree. Did you know that she wrote her first book at 7 years old? She was extremely entertaining and a lot of people wanted to buy her new books and we all had a laugh at the things she said. We were able to hear her witch cackle that she did VERY well.

Marcus M and Alan

Year 6

