

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

October 7 is of course the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Indeed, October is a month dedicated to our mother Mary. Here at MIPS, we are holding a Socktober month - more information on that is in this newsletter from Mrs Williams and Mrs Moore.

As a Marian school, we have a special devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. We seek to live that out each day in love and service to others. In saying 'Yes' to God, we commit to being the face and hands of Christ in our family and community. Through October, we especially pray the rosary. For many the idea and practice of praying the rosary as a family might now be quite out of the ordinary. For many, this mirrors how we now live as family - sometimes not purposefully gathering for anything at all. In the busy-ness of modern life, we don't often take this time away from the bombardment of distractions that we face - to pray. It is hard to find God when faced with just so many distractions. Is it not?

So what do we pray about? We can pray about lots of things. We can give thanks and praise. We can ask for intercessions if someone we love is undergoing a significant challenge or illness and needs God's help. We can ask for advice when we are facing a challenge ourselves. We can pray for the unity and wellbeing of our family members. Praying can be a very peaceful experience that a family can share. Part of the idea of having a repeated mantra such as the rosary is to allow ourselves to focus on that - free from distraction. Not only do we reflect on the words of the rosary but we use it to block out other thoughts and distractions. Praying the rosary as a family, we focus together on the purpose and focus of our prayer. I invite you to bring your family together regularly during October to get in touch with Mary and each other.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



#### SOCKTOBER - Friday 26th October

As part of our school Formation Goal and Religious Education Mission units during October

Term 4, Mary Immaculate is registered to participate

in Catholic Mission Australia's initiative of "Socktober". We will have a "Socktober Day" on Friday 26th of October, where the students are asked to where crazy socks and encouraged to donate online to support the "Healing a nation through education" drive to support the St. John of God Catholic School in Myanmar. The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to strike out at. We want to invite you to help us strike out at social issues, such as poverty, child labour, child traffic, king, homelessness and lack of education and to do so we also need your practical support. More information to come next term.

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## YEAR 6 MINI VINNIES QUAKERS HILL NURSING HOME VISIT

Mini Vinnies sharing their talents of craft, Bingo, Scrabble and word games with the residents of Quakers Hill Nursing home.



## **UNIFORM TRANSITION**

Due to the change of seasons, students will be allowed to wear either FULL Winter or FULL Summer Uniform, according to the warm or cool weather until the end of the Term.



## **UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS**

Summer uniforms are now available for purchase. Last day for the uniform shop is this Friday 28th September 8.30 - 10.00am. We will return on Tuesday 16th October: 8.30 - 10.00am.

Any further enquiries please call Elle: 0421 216 414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAY 1st October - 31st October 2018

Jireh Allen, Sebastian Anwar, Antonia Barbagiannakos, Piper Barker, Scarlett Barker, Linde Cadelina, Mia Campbell, Sebastian Carboni, Kate Cheadle, Elena D'Lima, Maddison
Danaher, Brandon David, Harper De Munck, Kade De Munck, Jeremy Delfino, Liliana Egan, Nadim El-KhouryNehme, Chayse Fenech-Soler, Madison Fidler, Riley George, Jacob Granata, Thomas Higham, Sophie Holmes, Zara Holmes, Kyla-Paige Hunt, Geo Jabbour, Samantha Johnson, Sharon Joseph, Keiran Keating, Hannah King, Pinchat Limsintaropas, Jayden Lin, Zaraina Mahajan, Hope Milligan, Lily Moore, Jayden Muffatti, Evan Parnaby, Hayley Pfitzner, Dylan Phoenix, Matilda Richardson, Isabella Saunders, Angelena Seguna, Shea Sharma, Bhavjot Singh, Olivia Small, Sarah Small, Adelaide Turner, Olivia Vrataric and Muhammad Zeeshan.

### **TERM 3 2018 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS**

Term 3 fees are now overdue. Please finalise your fees before the end of this week. Second reminder letters have been sent to families who have not yet finalised their fees. Payments can be made via the internet using



your BPay reference codes or over the phone. Payment Plans offered to families at the beginning of the year are now coming to an end. If you did not receive your statement or have any queries regarding fees, please contact the School Office on 9933 7800 or via email to <u>cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The parish is now taking registrations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite students in Year 3 or above who have been Baptised to register for the program. An online registration form must be completed and can be found by logging on to our parish website. <u>www.maryimmac.org.au</u>

Click on the Reconciliation "Click Here to Register" Icon. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate will be requested to be

emailed as part of the registration process. If you would like to know more information about the program please do not hesitate to contact Gerald "Ged" Oblea the sacramental coordinator from the Parish office. E: sacramental.coordinator@maryimmac.org.au P: 9626 3326 Select option "7"

## YEAR 6 DEBATING TEAM

On Tuesday the 18th of September, the Year 6 Debate Team had their very last inter-school debate. We went head to head with OLA Kellyville with the hard topic of "The legal voting age should be reduced to 16 years of age". We were the affirmative team, so we agreed with this statement. It was a home debate, and our speakers were: Anita Quigley, Jeremy Delfino and Tristan Kemp, with our Refuter: Karyss Toilalo. Our first speaker, Anita spoke about how we already had practice with voting, that other countries have already changed their voting age to



16 and that not allowing us to vote is a form of discrimination which is called ageism. Our second speaker, Jeremy spoke about how we learn about voting in year 6, that 16 year olds are just as capable as 18 year olds and the fact that 16 year olds have too many restrictions. Our third speaker, Tristan, spoke about what you can do at 16, getting a job and how voting generates an interest in politics. The team presented their speech with great public speaking skills and won the debate by a mere 2 points! Congratulations to our successful team

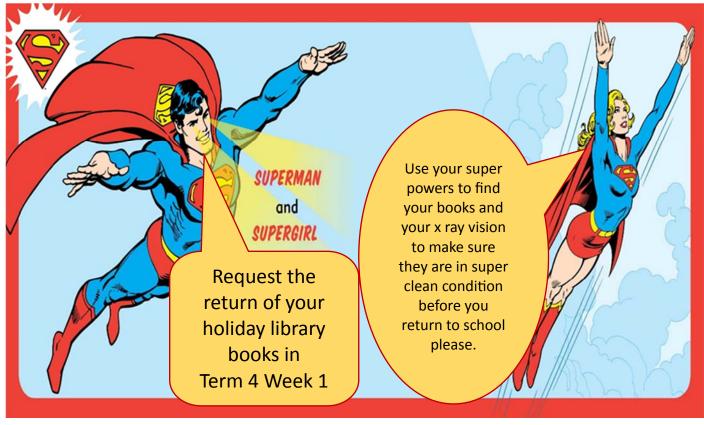
## TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Friday 21st September

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day. Congratulations to all the students who attended the Touch Gala Day. You all played in the spirit of the game and did our school proud. Well done to our Boys team who came first in their pool.







## **DISRUPTIONS TO BUS SERVICES**

Late on Friday afternoon, we received a notification from the Transport Worker's Union that drivers at Busways depots in Western Sydney will be holding a series of PEAK HOUR STOP WORK MEETINGS this week. Depots affected include Penrith, Windsor and Blacktown. The dates and time of the disruptions are listed below:

#### Stop Work Meeting 1: This Wednesday 26 September 6.00am to 9.00am Stop Work Meeting 2: This Wednesday 26 September 3.00pm to 6.00pm Stop Work Meeting 3: This Thursday 27 September 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Buses are not expected to run at these peak hour times.



## HEALTHY KIDS CUCINA CANTEEN

## RICE PAPER ROLLS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ONLY \$2.50 each

Miss Paula makes gorgeous fresh rice paper rolls for \$2.50 with chicken, vegetables or tuna. Yummy!!



## **COSHC VACATION CARE**

Vacation Care is just around the corner and some of our highlights this school holidays are: Taronga Zoo, Mad Scientists Day, Tree Tops Excursion, Dinosaur Dig Day and

much more! If any families have any suggestions and/or questions about the January school holidays please don't hesitate to contact Courtney at 0417 203 333 or come in and visit for a chat. COSHC hours are: 6:30 - 10am and 2:00pm - 6:30pm

Next term, watch this space! We will be showing off our COSHC raffle winner of the week! The raffle winner gets to pick a prize from the prize box, their photo displayed on the wall at COSHC and the whole week off packing up.

## MIPS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER Saturday 27th October

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Please email <u>mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com</u> to secure your table of 10. Please return your money through the class office bags with table name by Friday 19th October.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Year 1 Item	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
This Friday 28th September 2:45pm - MPA	This Friday 28th September	Monday 15th October



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Please return your details below and money through the class office bags by Friday 19th October.

CONTACT NAME:	
CONTACT NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:	

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_







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## **BUY YOUR WYD RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE**

## STEP 1:

Visit website www.rafflelink.com.au/wyd2019

STEP 2: Select the number of tickets

## STEP 3:

Choose the parish or school you're supporting

## STEP 4:

**Pay online** 

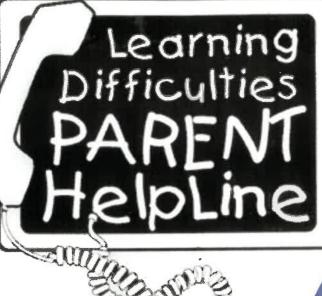
## **DIOCESE** of PARRAMATTA

For tickets and further information please contact yourfoundation@parracatholic.org

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I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Lk 1:38)

Telephone helpline for parents & teachers



Open school days during school hours

## 9806 9960 www.ldc.org.au info@ldc.org.au

Info on: assessments, support, resources, websites, booklists, fact sheets, and more.



## **Stepping Beyond** Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u> for more information about our Support Group.



- VENUE: 13 Buller St, North ParramattaDATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan Nov)TIME: 7.00pm 9.00pm
- **COST**: \$5.00