

Dear Parent/Carers,

In this part of our Lenten journey, we approach Palm Sunday. You may recall the question I previously posed stemming from Jesus' question to his disciples, "Who do you say I am?"

We are very much in the "Knowledge" era, having moved from the Industrial era and to a certain extent from the Digital era in our history and evolution. So, emphasising "Knowing" God is in keeping with the societal focus and development of knowledge. Being a catholic, like many societal mores of the recent past, to some meant maintaining and adhering to rules and processes. Pope Francis questions the point of going to mass if one outside of mass does not live by gospel values. Following the rules of religious observance can simply be following an Industrial Input / Output model - "If I do this, I will get that." Jesus told us he came not to change the law but to fulfill it! To help us get beyond the letter of the law and embrace the Spirit of the law - a law of God's love and our love in kind.

How do we embrace this love? How do we model and enable this love to our children? We look to Jesus and to those who live their lives embracing the love of God, living his mission and knowing and showing God. This Palm Sunday let us say, when Jesus asks us, "Who do you say I am?" - "You are God whom I love and serve!"

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



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WEEKLY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

Commencing at 2:45pm in the Multipurpose Area.

Year 3 will be coordinating this Friday. Everyone is welcome.

BOOK CLUB NEWS



NEW

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 1. We received scholastic rewards to the value of \$260, which will be used to purchase books and learning resources. Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club was sent home that week. Orders need to be placed by this Friday 23rd March. We accept: Credit card online payments using LOOP: <u>www.scholastic.com.au/</u>

LOOP. We do not accept cash payments. Please disregard option 2 on Book Club order form. Happy reading! Mrs Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator)

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Rice Paper Rolls ONLY \$2.50 each



Enjoy a healthy rice paper roll with lettuce, carrots, cucumber, rice noodles and chicken.



coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that Mary Immaculate Primary can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear they'll receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

Send your vouchers with your child and they can pop them into the collection box in the student foyer or at Coles Stanhope. 2

MIPS CROSS COUNTRY 2018

Tomorrow, Tuesday 20th March, all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in our school Cross Country Fun Run. The children will complete laps around our school and Paterson reserve to help increase. All spectators are welcome to help cheer the children as they run. Due to the weather being warm tomorrow we will try to bring the running of events earlier. The aim will be to have the majority run by 11am. Please note that this is a normal full school day and classes will resume when the races are finished.

| 11 yr boys | 3km | Yrs 5 & 6 |
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| 11 yr girls | 3km | Yrs 5 & 6 |
| 8-9 yr boys | 2km | Yrs 2 & 3 |
| 8-9 yr girls | 2km | Yrs 2 & 3 |
| Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (7 yr olds) | 1km | K, Yr 1 & Yrs 2 (4-7 yr olds) |
| 10 yr boys | 2km | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| 10 yr girls | 2km | Yrs 3 & 4 |
| 12 yr boys | 3km | Yrs 6 |
| 12 yr girls | 3km | Yrs 6 |
| Normal classes | | Kindy - Yr 6 |
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MARK TAYLOR CRICKET 2018

Mark Taylor Cricket Team

Congratulations to our Mark Taylor Cricket team who competed against OLOL, Seven Hills on Tuesday. The weathers conditions were very difficult but the standard of cricket was wonderful. Well done to all our players on the outstanding manner in which you played the game, we are so proud of you all. Thank you to Mr Hutton, Mr Whitby and Mr Noort for all their help with the team on the day.

AFL AFTER SCHOOL CLINIC

Mary Immaculate AFL Auskick After School program is held for 4 weeks from tomorrow Tuesday 20th to Tuesday 10th April, 3.45 - 4.45pm at Mary Immaculate school oval. Each registered child will receive: Auskick headphones, Footy cards, GIANTS hat, Footy pump, AFL Auskick Football and a Family pass to a GWS GIANTS home game. All this plus 4 weeks of AFL skills for only \$46. Visit www.aflauskick.com.au to register or contact Anika 0431900661 Email: anika.ferrari@afl.com.au





EASTER RAFFLE 2018

Easter Raffle tickets will be distributed from Monday 26th February and hamper winners will be drawn on Wednesday 28th March. You can collect extra ticket books from the office. Please return all

ticket stubs and money collected to school by Monday 26th March.

Please see the office if you did not receive any tickets.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Sorting of Eggs and Wrapping Easter Hampers this Friday 23rd March. If you are able to assist, please Email <u>MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com</u>

with subject header "Volunteer for Easter Hamper Wrapping" and include contact details.

Please remember to sign in at School Reception as a parent helper when attending.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

NSWCPS

Good luck to Rachel S, Harrison, Campbell, Lucas and Kayden who are competing in the NSWCPS Swimming trials at Homebush this Wednesday 21st March. Congratulations to Joshua C on being



selected as a shadow player for the Parramatta Boys Softball team. Well done Josh.

SCHOOL FEES 2018

There has been an unexpected delay in the posting of statements from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). Families should receive their statements to their residential address this week. When you receive this first Tax Invoice included will be the Flexible Payment Plans families can adopt for their 2018 tuition fees. Instructions will be included, should you wish to utilise the Direct Debit or BPay options.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Any outstanding amount in a family's school fee account **will not receive** the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2018 fees. Please contact the school on 9933.7800 or via email: <u>cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> if you wish to enquire about your account or a copy of your statement.

LENTEN SEASON 2018

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

Thursday 29th March - Holy Thursday

Friday 30th March - Good Friday

Public Holiday - No Classes

Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday

Monday 2nd April - Easter Monday Public Holiday - No Classes

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

Mary Immaculate Parish is inviting parishioners and parish families to come and join in our Easter Sunday Family Eucharistic Celebration at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 1st April. If you and your children wish to take part, please contact the parish office through email: parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au or send text to Ged on 0477 151 279. Please include your contact details as well as your child's name, age and roles they would be comfortable doing in the Mass.

PRACTICE TIMES

This Thursday 22nd March 3.30pm - 4.30pm and Thursday 29th March 3.30pm - 4.30pm (if required) A gentle reminder that it is important that children attend their practice session in order to familiarise themselves with their role.

WINTER UNIFORMS 2018 NOW AVAILABLE

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase. The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesdays and Fridays 8.30-10.00am. Working parents, please place your orders early before next term to ensure you receive them on time. Orders can be placed via email to elle@ozfashions.com.au (order forms can be found on your

school website) or you can order via the QKR APP. All orders will be delivered to the school office on the days we are open. Please note uniforms cannot be purchased from OZ FASHIONS in Granville. For any further enquiries please contact Elle via email: elle@ozfashions.com.au



WESTERN SYDNEY AND THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Care Solo Parent Services' YWSG is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. Next gathering: Tomorrow: Tuesday 20th March. Venue: <u>13 Buller St, North Parramatta</u>. Time: 7pm – 9pm Cost: \$5.00.

Registration: Rita Ph. 8843 2530 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

Shop 15, 216 Farnham Road Quakers Hill Ph: 9837 1399

Local Barbershop - Come and See Us

TRADING HOURS

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

CLOSED 9am - 5:30pm Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm 9am - 8pm 9am - 5:30pm 9am - 4pm 10am - 3pm



TIGERS NETBALL CLUB

PATERSONS RESERVE, QUAKERS HILL Join us to play in the 2018 netball season. We are looking for players of all ages and skill levels. COSTS: Netset Go (Comp): \$150 Junior (10-17yrs): \$180

Senior: (18+ yrs): \$220 For more information contact our

Registrar: 0414 534 562 or fb: tigers netball



Date: Friday 6th April 2018



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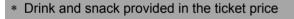
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7:30pm - 9:00pm (3-6)



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- * Glow stick products will be sold for \$2 each on the night
- Gates will open at 5:15pm (infants disco). Please do not leave children unattended before this time. Gates open for Primary at 7:00pm for parents collecting children from the infants disco.

Parent volunteers needed on the night.

Parents are welcome to assist at any of our events throughout the year. Please complete the slip if you are available to help. Assistance required for this night includes:

- * Glow stick/ring stall
- * Canteen snack set up & distribution
- * Car Park and Children drop off Zone
- * Set up/clean up

Remembering all money raised goes towards r Air Conditioning for the MPA/Discotech



A school community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association

Attendance Confirmation

I would like to order the following tickets at \$5.00 each: Please enclose the correct money in a sealed envelope and have it returned, with this cut out slip, to the office by Wednesday, 4th April 2018.

Volunteers: I can assist on the night

Yes / No Please Circle

Name:

Email:

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Mobile:

A member of the P&F will contact you

| Childs name: | | Class : | |
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| Childs name: | | Class : | |
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| Total No. Tickets requested: | Infants: | | |
| | Primary: | | |

Please enclose the correct money in a sealed envelope and have it returned to the office. Last day tickets sales are 4th April 2018.



Mary Immaculate Primary School AFL Auskick Centre After School (School Oval) Each Tuesday starting 20th March – 10th April from 3.45pm - 4.45pm



IARY IMMACULATE PRIMAR QUARERS HILL Each child will receive: Auskick Headphones, Footy Cards, GIANTS Hat, Footy Pump AND an AFL Auskick Football! Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$46!

Each child will also receive a FREE Family Pass to a GWS GIANTS home game in 2018.

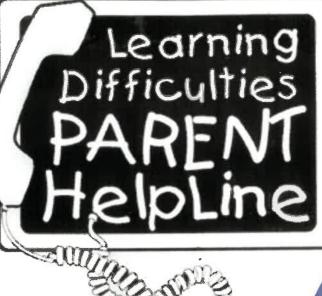


Register Now

To register visit www.aflauskick.com.au and enter your postcode then click on "Mary Immaculate Primary School AFL Auskick Centre After School" or register in person at the first session. Payment available online or at the program via credit card or debit card. For more information contact: Anika Ferrari on 0431900661 Email: anika.ferrari@afl.com.au



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.

