



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 1: Monday 15th October 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term Four!

This is a very full and exciting term. We welcome, beginning next week, our 120 new Kinders for 2019 at their 4 orientations sessions each Thursday morning. That culminates in "Meet The Teacher" on December 12. We have begun the recruitment process for our new teachers for 2019 already and so should have all staffing finalised by December 12.

Our students will in the early part of this term be engaged in their grade "Mission Unit" in Religious Education. We are focusing on Mission as a whole school at this time as I outlined in the previous newsletter. I invite you to be involved in this process by checking in with your child's learning in this most important area.

For over a year now our staff have been working with their students to enable them to be more knowledgeable and active in their learning progress through strategies such as the Student-Led Conferences and Seesaw. As we lead into this term, I invite you to also keep checking in with your child as to how they are progressing this term and whether they are continuing to successfully achieve their goals. Research has shown that strategies such as that - in which parents are highly involved with their children in their learning - have a significant positive effect in student learning gains!

Our Walkathon will be this term but there was a hold-up. We are trying to make the donation process easier for families and that has taken the time. More news will follow about that soon.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

SOCKTOBER

Next **FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER**



As part of our school Formation Goal and Religious Education Mission units during Term 4,

Mary Immaculate is registered to participate in

Catholic Mission Australia's initiative of "Socktober". We will have a "Socktober Day" next Friday 26th of October, where the students are asked to wear 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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CARPARK ETIQUETTE

We are fortunate to have a carpark for Mary Immaculate Primary.

Parents are reminded that all cars need to be parked in **Marked spaces only**.

This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and respectful manner.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Supervision begins at 8:25am.

Children should not be left at school before this time.

A 'kiss and drop' zone operates in the morning if you do not wish to walk your child into school. Adults must stay in the car at all times if using the 'kiss and drop' zone. The children's bags must be in the car with them to ensure they can exit quickly. At no time can a car be left unattended in the 'kiss and drop' zone. If you wish to walk your child into school, please drive up the ramp to the car park. Children take their bags to the classroom and then must go straight to the playground for supervision. No one is to remain in the building before school unless they have made a formal appointment with a staff member. If this is the case, you must sign in at the office. Parents who come down onto the playground are asked to stand to the side and allow their child to socialise with the other children on the playground. The perimeter gates are locked each morning. The Barrier Drive main gate entrance remains open during the day.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

School finishes at 3:20pm and we appreciate your efforts to pick up your child promptly at that time. Supervision ceases at 3:40pm. The 'kiss and drop' zone does not operate in the afternoon. Parents/caregivers are required to park in the top car park and collect children from the designated point outside the building. Please do not go into the building to collect children from classrooms. Please note, children are not allowed to walk to the car park and meet their parents. They must be collected from the teacher. The perimeter gates are closed after the last bus leaves in the afternoon. If there is an emergency and you are late to collect your child, please contact the school office. Children can become anxious when parents are late or they are unclear about their afternoon arrangements.

Students arriving before 8:25am or remaining at school after 3:30pm are required to be enrolled in COSHC. Students are not to be left outside the school main gate unsupervised. This is a child protection issue of grave concern.

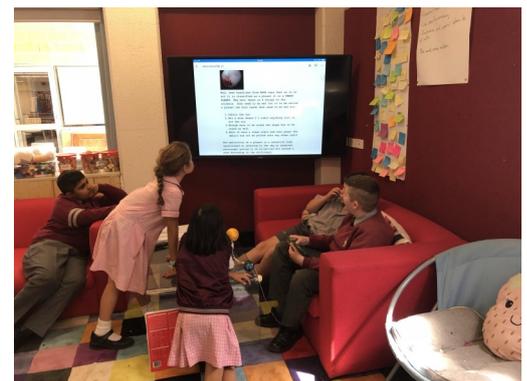
LEARNING at MIPS

On Tuesday 25th September, Year 4 had the opportunity to share their Geography Project Based Learning (PBL) with Year 6. They presented their proposal for a new outdoor recreation area at Paterson Reserve. Throughout the term the students had collaborated in teams to create their proposal, they had firstly identified the needs and wants of the local community through the development and analysis an online survey. These included cycle paths, multi age play equipment, better access for all of the community and areas for outdoor exercise and gathering. They then developed a plan to meet the community's expectations in a sustainable way, justified each element in their recreational space and predicted the community reaction to their proposal. The students were responding to the PBL driving question "How can we as the Quakers Hill Community Action Group, investigate community needs and wants, so that we can create a plan to increase the appeal and usability of Paterson Reserve for the local residents?" Driving questions enable learners to understand why they are engaging in learning at different levels, so that they can understand their academic goals. Their peers in Year 6 provided critical feedback in the form of 'What went well' and 'Even better if.' This process allows for collaboration across stages and the building of positive relationships around learning.



LEARNING at MIPS ... continued

On Tuesday, 25th September, Year 6 visited Year 3 to present their Space PBL to provide an insight into what their Term 4 PBL might look like. During Term 3, Year 6 have explored the driving question of “How have past discoveries contributed to our understanding of the Solar System and what else is to be discovered?” And in Term 4, Year 3 will be exploring “How can we, as space explorers, what do we need to consider for the moon to sustain human life?” Year 3 engaged in the Critical Friends process whereby they provided constructive feedback to their Year 6 friends on their completed project. This was a really rich learning experience for both grades and truly encouraged collaboration across the school!



NSW PARLIAMENT VISIT FOR OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

On Tuesday 25th of September we attended the New South Wales Junior Youth Leadership Assembly which was held at NSW Parliament House, Sydney. Kevin Connolly, the MP of Riverstone gave us a tour of Parliament House and talked about different types of leadership. His talk was about past and present leaders in our society and the many different responsibilities they have. He also showed us his office and the offices of other Ministers. We then had the privilege to watch the Lower House have Question Time. It was very loud and animated as they were all trying to put their points forward. Soon after that we saw the Upper House and it was much more settled. The entire experience was great and it was a privilege to be there. We learnt so much about leadership and we are grateful to have had this amazing opportunity.

Erica Pisani and Rafael Jimenez

TERM 3 2018 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term 3 fees are now overdue. 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 cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au.



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

SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST

Can we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. Little accidents may occur, particularly in this cold weather. Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office can you please return them to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.



STUDENT BANKING - Recommencing this Friday 19th October

Student banking will continue this Friday. Please send your child's Dollarmites book to the classroom teacher for processing.

LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

This Wednesday 17th October - POSTPONED

This rain unfortunately has resulted in ground closures, therefore the League Tag Gala Day scheduled for this Wednesday 17th October has been POSTPONED.

An alternative date will soon be confirmed.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	YEAR 3 FIZZICS INCURSION	KINDERGARTEN 2019 ORIENTATION	SOCKTOBER FUNDRAISER
This Friday 19th October 2:45pm	Next Tuesday 23rd October	Next Thursday 25th October	Next Friday 26th October

MIPS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday 27th October

Come and have a great night out with trivia minded friends and parents of MIPS for its

Inaugural Trivia Night FUNDRAISER, to be held in the School's MPA starting at 7:00pm. Entry will be \$20 per person with up to 10 to a Table, BYO food and drinks. Prizes, giveaways and lucky door prize, fun games on the night.

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



FUNDRAISER



STUDENT STAR SPOT

Siobhan Turner of 4P attended the National Clubs Gymnastics Carnival on the Gold Coast as a part of the NSW SGAC Acrobatics team. She competed in two routines (Dynamic and Balance) in the 11-16s Mixed Pairs Category and placed first in both, with the pair finishing first overall which makes them the National Champions in their category. They have now been invited to compete in Las Vegas in March, 2019.



UPDATE REGARDING THE NEW SKOOLBAG APP

In September a new SkoolBag App was released. A small number of iPhone users have been having issues accessing the new SkoolBag App. This can be caused by having larger font sizes enabled on your device. If you are experiencing issues, please temporarily switch off this setting by following these steps: On your Apple Device > Settings > General > Accessibility > Larger Text - OFF. Then try to open the SkoolBag app and log in.

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Wednesday	9am - 5:30pm
Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 5:30pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	10am - 3pm



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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: \$ _____

Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00