



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 6: Monday 19th November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

MARY IMMACULATE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AND SKIPATHON Friday 7th December

We've planned a huge day for everyone!

Everyone is welcome to join us for this great community day.

- We will begin with a wonderful Mass together at 9am.
- The students will then display their prepared dance routines.
- We have a yummy lunch together assisted by the Year 1 parents on the barbeque.
- After lunch we will hold our Skipathon.

The students have begun their preparations and would love all families to come for the day.

The Skipathon sponsor cards were distributed on Friday - thanks especially to Mrs Smith and Mrs Moore who gave a skipping demonstration at our assembly! Prizes and awards along the way will be presented to students. Funds raised will go towards resources for the students. This event is in place of the previous Colour Fun Run as a major fundraiser for 2018. I am told lots of families have already gathered lots of sponsors!

Fundraising from this year and previous has been great. Last week, I authorised for the air conditioning to be installed in our MPA in readiness for summer. This is thanks to our community's efforts and support, assisted by our wonderful P&F. This will be another amazing day at MIPS.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

MIPS STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY This Wednesday 21st November

Our Staff Development Day this term is this Wednesday 21st November.

All staff will be attending a day of spiritual reflection.

There will be no classes and no staff on site.

COSHC will be open for the Pupil Free Day from 6:30am - 6:30pm.

Forms are available at COSHC or the school office,
feel free to contact Courtney on 0417 203 333.

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LEARNING at MIPS

At Mary Immaculate, we have some amazing PBL projects that students are undertaking. As teachers, we are continually learning and aiming to refine our teaching practice. Last week, some teachers were given the opportunity to attend a Rigorous PBL training session lead by Aaron Eisberg from New Tech High Network, USA. During this training, we were challenged to examine our current teaching practice and how we can continually improve the learning outcomes for all students. As we challenge students at MIPS to work collaboratively to solve real-life problems, we also strive to ensure that students still understand basic skills and concepts- known as surface learning. During our PBL projects students are challenged to use their surface knowledge to develop a deep understanding that can then be used to solve real-life problems (known as transfer learning.)

CULTURAL VISIT JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS VISIT YEAR 6!

Hamamatsu Nittai Junior High School students visited Year 6 during Week 5 and Week 6. We engaged in activities which promoted conversation and sharing of cultural experiences. Year 6 are currently learning about Australia's Global Connections in their Geography PBL, so they were able to share their learnings with their Japanese buddy. The Year 6 children and our visitors thoroughly enjoyed the experience!



UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Dear parents,

Our last trading day for 2018 is **Friday 14th December** : 8.30 - 10.00am

KINDERGARTEN 2019 ONLY UNIFORM FITTING APPOINTMENTS

This Tuesday 20th November 9am - 11am &

Saturday 24th November 4:30 - 6pm in the Uniform Shop

These fittings will take about 10 - 15minutes and will ensure that your child has a uniform to start school. Please email elle@ozfashions.com.au for an appointment.

JANUARY HOLIDAY TRADING

Wednesday 9th January 2019

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 19th January 2019

12.00pm - 1.30pm

Normal trading will commence: Friday 1st February 2019: 8.30-10.00am



Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

P&F ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be held **next Wednesday November 28th**. An invitation is extended to all of the MIPS Parent Community to join the P&F Association and partake in this important meeting for the planning of 2019. *Clause 8.5.3:* At each Annual General Meeting all positions shall be declared vacant. The members of the Association shall elect an Executive Committee as required by 5.1. Other positions and sub-committees as determined by the meeting may also be elected at this time. The Parish Priest or the Principal or the Assistant Principal shall conduct each election and declare the result.

Regards, David Smithson - P&F Association President



2018 SCHOOL FEES

All 2018 school fees should now be finalised unless families are on an extended payment plan. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2018 school fees. **PLEASE NOTE: Any outstanding amount in school fee accounts will not receive the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2019 fees.**

Mary Immaculate Primary SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tuesday 11th December

Mt Druitt Swimming Pool

Years 2 - 5

Permission notes have been sent home and also included in this newsletter.

PARISH MASS Years 3 & 4	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	DENTAL ASSESSMENTS
This Thursday 22nd November 9.15am	This Friday 23rd November 2.45pm	Next Wednesday 28th November Kindergarten, Yrs 2, 4 & 6



Mary Immaculate Students K-6 Present
"The Curious Christmas Elf"
 An original mini musical script by Mrs Cauchi
Thursday 13th December 2018

Mipsie is a mischievous Christmas Elf. He likes to play with the Christmas decorations and toys at night once everyone has gone to sleep! One Christmas a new decoration appears that has Mipsie very curious. What is this new decoration and what has it got to do with Christmas?

LIBRARY NEWS

As we edge closer to the end of another busy term, now is the perfect time to return any overdue items to the library.

We are keen to recover any overdue resources you may have forgotten about or misplaced. If you genuinely think you may have lost an item it is still worth letting library staff know so that we can come to an arrangement with you and ensure stock is replaced.



CANTEEN SPECIAL

This Tuesday

Small bag of **POPCORN CHICKEN**
for only \$3.50 (with Sauce only \$3.80)



TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

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

Local Barbershop - Come and See Us

TRADING HOURS

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



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MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year Mary Immaculate will host our 2019 school swimming carnival in December 2018. The Diocesan swimming results need to be collated and entered by February 2019 and due to restrictions on available dates for swimming centres, our carnival will be held in December.

Date: Tuesday 11th December 2018

Participants: Years 2 - 5

Venue: Mount Druitt Swimming Pool. Mount Street, Mount Druitt.

Time: 9am – 2pm

Transport: Travelling to and from Mount Druitt Pool by bus.

Uniform: Full Sports uniform or T-Shirts in colour house colours with swimming costumes underneath. School hat and sunscreen.

Cost: Students free, Spectators \$3

Canteen: Canteen facilities available. There will be a set time for each age group to visit the canteen to help prevent congestion. It is recommended that children bring their own food and drinks.

Events:	1. Freestyle	100m	Open
	2. Freestyle	50m	12-13yrs
	3. Freestyle	50m	11yrs
	4. Freestyle	50m	10yrs
	5. Freestyle	50m	9yrs
	6. Freestyle	50m	8yrs
	7. Backstroke	50m	Junior (8,9&10 yrs.)
	8. Backstroke	50m	11 yrs.
	9. Backstroke	50m	Senior (12-13 yrs.)
	10. Breaststroke	50m	Junior (8,9&10yrs)
	11. Breaststroke	50m	11 yrs.
	12. Breaststroke	50m	Senior (12-13yrs)
	13. Butterfly	50m	Junior (8,9&10yrs)
	14. Butterfly	50m	11 yrs.
	15. Butterfly	50m	Senior (12-13 yrs.)
	16. IM	200m	Junior
	17. IM	200m	Senior

25m Non-Competitive events held in small pool:	10.00am - 10.40am	Yr 5
	10.50am - 11.30am	Yr 4
	11.40am - 12.20pm	Yr 3
	12.20pm - 1.00pm	Yr 2

Children who nominate for the 50m events will not participate in the 25m events.



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Permission: Complete the permission slip below and return to your child's class teacher (not the Office) by Monday, 19th November 2018. (No late entries will be accepted)

Children who would like to represent Mary Immaculate at the Blacktown Zone Carnival on 14th February 2019 must qualify through the 100m & 50m races and within Diocesan qualifying times.

*Thank you for your cooperation,
Mary Immaculate Sports Committee*

RETURN NOTE BY MONDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age turning in 2019: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the swimming carnival at Mount Druitt pools on
Tuesday 11th December 2018.

Please tick either 1, 2 or 3 below.

1/ My child is a competent swimmer and will enter

☐ 50m Freestyle ☐ 50m Breaststroke ☐ 50m Backstroke

☐ 50m Butterfly ☐ 100m Freestyle ☐ 200IM

2/ My child can competently swim ☐ 25m

3/ My child is a non swimmer ☐ (Will not enter the water.)

My child will be returning to school by bus ☐

My child will not be returning to school by bus ☐

(please tick appropriate box)

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mobile telephone number on the day: _____

Child's medical requirements: _____

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



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EVENT!**

INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY EXPOSITION SUNDAY, 02 DEC 2018 1PM - 4PM

Guests of Honour

- **Minister of Disability**

Raymond Williams

- **Mayor of Hills Shire**

Michelle Byrne

- **Mayor of Blacktown**

Stephen Bali

- **Local Councillors of
the Hills Shire and
Blacktown**

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Rouse Hill Community Centre

39-41 Clower Ave NSW 2155

- Light Lunch
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