



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 9: Monday 10th December 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday was a huge day here at MIPS! Our Feast Day Mass, the dance showcase, the shared lunch. The Skipathon and the Year 5 assembly all contributed to a wonderful community day. Our thanks to everyone who supported this day so well. It was tremendous to have people here for such an extended time on the day - lots of folks stayed the whole day! We of course ended the day in our newly air conditioned MPA which was so lovely and cool.

We ask that Skipathon sponsorship donations are in by the end of the week so we can ensure the students who raise the most in each grade can receive their prizes!

Tomorrow, we have our Swimming Carnival for which the weather now looks fine. This is a school event for all Years 2 to 5 students. Good luck everyone for this day.

Wednesday morning we have Meet the Teacher for the students. Mrs Williams has been appointed as REC at St. Angela's Castle Hill and this may affect our staffing in some way as we seek her replacement.

On Thursday, at 9:30am we have our Christmas Concert planned. We would love to see everyone there for this great performance and celebration.

Reports are scheduled to go home Wednesday for you to celebrate your children's learning throughout the semester.

What an amazing year this has been! So much to celebrate as a community.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

RETURN DATES FOR 2019

January 29th, 30th & 31st	Mathematics Assessment Interviews for Years 1 - 6
January 29th, 30th, 31st & February 1st	Mathematics Assessment Interviews & Literacy Skill Interviews for Kindergarten
Friday 1st February	Years 1 - 6 to commence classes
Monday 4th February	Kindergarten to commence classes

PATERSON RESERVE AND PARKING

Complaints were made to council from our community regarding safety of students while some parents parked illegally on Paterson Reserve. Council has agreed to work with the school to reduce the risk. However, it appears that the solution will be a considerable inconvenience to the school in its daily operations. This is very disappointing. The reserve gate will now be permanently closed with access considerably limited. We urge all our community to follow our operational requests for the safe and smooth running of our school.

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Mary Immaculate Primary SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Tomorrow Tuesday 11th December

Mt Druitt Swimming Pool

Years 2 - 5

TRANSPORT: Travelling to and from Mt Druitt by bus

UNIFORM: Full sports uniform or t-shirts in house colour with swimming costumes underneath. School hat and sunscreen necessary.

CANTEEN: Facilities will be 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 drink.

Mary Immaculate Students K-6 Present

"The Curious Christmas Elf"

An original mini musical script by Mrs Cauchi

This 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?



UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Dear parents,

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

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

2018 SCHOOL FEES

All 2018 school fees should now be finalised by most families.

Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2018 school fees.

Families will receive 2019 statements around the end of February 2019, which will include Flexible Payment Plan options.

PLEASE NOTE: Any outstanding amount in school fee accounts will not receive the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2019 fees. Please ensure that your mailing address is correct.





CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Our local chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society is collecting donations of food and toiletries. These items will be sorted into hampers and distributed to those in our community who need a little extra support this Christmas. Families in our community are invited to add an extra item or two to their shopping trolley and to bring them into school. Donations can be deposited in the baskets in each classroom or in boxes in the church foyer.

We are collecting donations till this Friday, 14th December.

LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS

Tins of shoulder ham	Christmas plates/ napkins	Rice	Pasta and pasta sauces
Christmas cake/ pudding	Tins of fruit Lollies	Jellies	Meal base ingredients
Long life custard/ cream/milk	Chips	Jam/honey/vegemite	Tins of vegetables (eg. carrots, peas, corn, potatoes)
Christmas decorations (eg. Bon- Bons, Tinsel)	Biscuits (assorted) Salsa	Coffee, tea, sugar Hot chocolate/Milo Gravo	Drinks (eg. soft drink, fruit juice, cordial)

**Thank you for your generosity in helping
to make this festive season extra special
for families in need! God bless you!**
Mrs Helen Moore & Mrs Jocelyn Williams

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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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STUDENTS LEAVING AND NOT RETURNING IN 2019

For any students not returning to Mary Immaculate Primary in 2019, formal notification is required to be submitted to the Principal. Please download the form from Skoolbag app, school website or collect from the school office and return as soon as possible.



**MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY
QUAKERS HILL**

LEAVING STUDENT

Please complete this form and return to the School Office

This is to advise that: _____ (Student's Name)

in Class: _____

Will be leaving Mary Immaculate Primary School on: _____ (Date)

Reason for leaving:

New School transferring to:

Current (New) Home Address: _____

Current (New) Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

**Carefully please read the following notice issued by the Catholic Diocese of Education
Parramatta (CEDP).**

Credit/Refunds and Notice Period

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated in the same manner as above refer "Billing - Pro Rata Period" where leaving Year K to 11 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 40 week year and Year 12 Students pay fees based on a pro-rata 30 week year. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

The requirement for a terms notice (10 school weeks) is recognition by the family of the commitment to assist with funding of the School by having their child take a place that could have been offered to another family.

Therefore parents are advised that it is required to give a minimum of one term's notice on departure. School fees will be charged accordingly.

Date received at School Office _____ (Office Use Only)



Our Parish Advent & Christmas Schedule 2018...

Our Parish Prepares For Christmas

The Church is inviting us to: **PREPARE – WAIT – AND HOPE**
for the coming of our Saviour.

The Scripture says **‘BE ALERT’, ‘WATCH’, and ‘PREPARE’**
To receive the graces of Christmas.

ADVENT challenges us to grow in faith and share the faith with others.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT 9 December - 15 December

<u>Saturday 8 December</u>	4:00pm– 5:00pm Individual Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church 5:30pm - Vigil Mass
<u>Sunday 9 December</u>	7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 6pm - Masses
<u>Monday 10 December</u>	8:30am - Mass
<u>Tuesday 11 December</u>	8:30am - Mass 7:00pm - Mass
<u>Wednesday 12 December</u>	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass
<u>Thursday 13 December</u>	9:15am - Mass
<u>Friday 14 December</u>	8:30am - Mass 10:00am - Liturgy for Littlies at Mary Immaculate Church. 7pm - Mass and Holy Hour
<u>Saturday 15 December</u>	8:30am - Mass 4:00pm– 5:00pm Individual Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church 5:30pm - Vigil Mass

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT 16 December - 22 December

<u>Sunday 16 December</u>	4.30am - Start of Nine Day Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. ALL WELCOME, If possible bring a plate to share for fellowship after Mass. 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 6pm - Masses
<u>Monday 17 December</u>	4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. ALL WELCOME, If possible bring a plate to share for fellowship after Mass. 8.30am - Mass 6:00pm-7:00pm Individual Confession
<u>Tuesday 18 December</u>	4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. ALL WELCOME, If possible bring a plate to share for fellowship after Mass. 8.30am - Mass
<u>Wednesday 19 December</u>	4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. ALL WELCOME, If possible bring a plate to share for fellowship after Mass. 9.15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass
<u>Thursday 20 December</u>	4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. 9.15am - Mass 5pm - 7pm - Maltese Confessions at Mary Immaculate Parish
<u>Friday 21 December</u>	4:30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church 7pm - Mass and Holy Hour
<u>Saturday 22 December</u>	4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church 4:00pm- 5:00pm Individual Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church 5.30pm - Vigil Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23 December - 24 DecemberSunday 23 December4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 6pm - Masses

Christmas Mass Times

Monday 24 December4.30am - Novena Dawn Mass at Mary Immaculate Church8.30am - Mass**Christmas Eve Masses**5.30pm, 9.30pm & 12 Midnight

Mary Immaculate Church

5.30pm

Family Masses with Children at Mary Immaculate Church.

9.30pm

Youth & Young Adults Mass.

Singing of Christmas Carols at 9pm.

(All Welcome)

12 Midnight

Midnight Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

Singing of Christmas Carols at 11.30pm.

(All Welcome)

Tuesday 25 December

Christmas Day Masses

Mary Immaculate Church.

8am & 10am** There will be **No Evening Mass** on Christmas Day. **

Christmas Masses of other parishes near our area..

Parish of Saint John XXIII - 160 Perfection Drive, Stanhope Gardens

Christmas Masses

Monday 24 December ~ Christmas Eve (All Masses at the Church)

6pm (Family Mass) 9pm & MidnightTuesday 25 December ~ Christmas Day 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am

Parish of Saint Andrew the Apostle - 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong

Christmas MassesMonday 24 December ~ Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Children's Mass)8pm & Midnight, Singing of Carols from 11.15pmTuesday 25 December ~ Christmas Day 7.30am, 8.45am & 10.30am

Parish of St John's, - 164 Garfield Road East, Riverstone:

Christmas MassesMonday 24 December ~ Christmas Eve 6.00pm (Children's Mass) & 9pmTuesday 25 December ~ Christmas Day 7am & 9am

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community - St Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Ave, Marsden Park

Family Christmas celebration in Marsden Park: 14 December. All Welcome! Join our Catholic Faith community, in conjunction with St Luke's Catholic College, on Friday 14th December 6.00-8.00pm for Christmas Carols and a Nativity play. There will be LIVE animals, BBQ food and drinks available for purchase, and a possible visit from Santa (if he's not too busy!)

Entry via Frontier Avenue carpark.

Christmas Masses

24th December: Join Bishop Vincent Long as celebrant for Mass at 7.00pm.

25th December: 10.00am Mass.