



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

**Term 1 Week 10: Monday 1st April 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our readings at mass this weekend spoke of a new creation and reconciliation as in the parable of the Prodigal Son. As children of God we share in His work, His kingdom, by renewing ourselves and our world each day. Looking to each day with hope and positivity - a growth mindset - is His gift to us. At MIPS, we continue to seek out new and better ways of being a learning community - and we do this together. In doing so we are bringing about God's kingdom!

On Tuesday evening we held an information session for parents on Cyber Safety. All those who attended found it an invaluable experience. Our thanks to Constable Bollard for his presentation and support of our school community.

Following that session we held elections for the vacant P&F positions. Currently our P&F Committee are:

President	Maria Petridou
Vice President	Lan Boshell
Secretary	Jarrad Whitby
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Annette O'Reilly
Fundraising Assistant	Karen Collins
Communications	Michelle Guelpa

Thank you to all the members of the committee for offering your support.

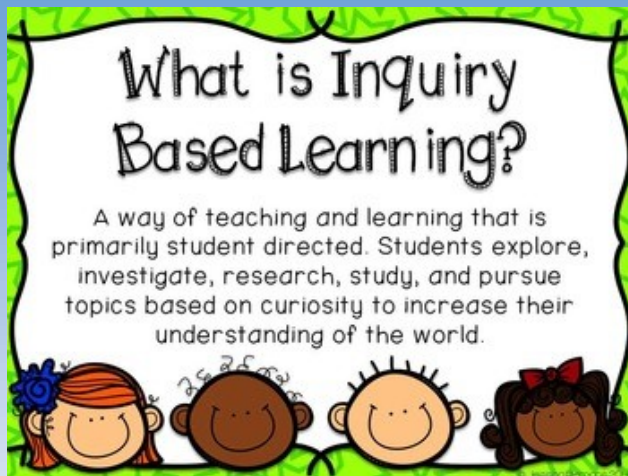
Last Friday morning, we held a P&F get together in the staff room at 9am. The roll up and the conversation was tremendous. Thanks to all who attended. This is a forum that we will look to continue. At the get together, our SRC students outlined to the parents our plans for 2019 which involve lots of playtime clubs. Fundraising this year will be in support of resources required for those clubs. For example, if we have a chess club then the equipment needed can be purchased through the P&F fundraising efforts. We will work with the students in developing the clubs and what they require. This is a different approach to P&F fundraising and one through which students will almost immediately see the benefits of their efforts.

Since our vehicle access through Paterson Reserve has been discontinued, we have had to investigate another area through which vehicles such as an ambulance can access our site. The grass area where the flagpole now stands will be resurfaced as soon as practicable to address this need. We will seek to minimise the disruption to traffic during the works involved.

It is with great sadness that I announce that Miss Rowena Benjamin (5M) has stepped down from her full-time position due to family demands. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



## INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

As the end of the term rapidly approaches we take the time to look at the wonderful learning that takes place within the spaces at Mary Immaculate. At the end of next term our students will again be given the opportunity to share with you their learning and goals during Student Led Conferences.

As previously mentioned, evidence and ongoing data suggests that the best way to ensure success for our students is by engaging them with the material they are learning. This is done quite successfully at MIPS through using the Inquiry Based Learning approach. This accentuates the role of the student in the learning process. Rather than the teacher being the keeper of all knowledge and only telling the children what they need to know the children are encouraged to explore the material, ask questions and share their ideas.

This different approach to learning includes small group discussions and guided learning. The children learn by doing, they build their knowledge through exploration, experience and discussion. This method of learning actively engages students in the learning process providing them the chance to explore more deeply and learn from first hand experiences allowing them to make their own connections.

There are many known benefits for our students using this approach to learning such as –

- Enriching the learning experience – provides students the opportunity to explore topics
- Teaches the skills needed for all areas – educates the children in critical thinking and using various communication skills. The cognitive and problem solving skills learnt are then able to be used to improve comprehension in all learning areas and in day-to-day life
- Encourages curiosity in all students – the students share their ideas and continue to explore the areas they are interested in
- Fosters understanding – the children make their own connections and develop a greater knowledge
- Students take ownership of their learning – providing them various opportunities allows them to learn in a way that works for them

On speaking with any of our students they articulate their love for learning and their desire to enrich their knowledge through exploration and discovery.

Sharon Mizzi  
Assistant Principal

# Captains attend National Leaders Convention!

On the 11th of March, 2019, we (the 4 school captains) went to the National Leaders Convention in Darling Harbour. The main doors opened at 8:45am. Throughout the day, we listened to the speeches of successful and famous Australians about their advice to be the best Leaders we could be. Our hosts were DJ Raph and Liv Phyland.

During the first session, we listened to Tim Diamond, who established the Cotton On Foundation. It was about how a small change can make a worldwide impact. We then stopped to munch on some food and then began the second session. Throughout this session, an author named Tamsin Janu, who has won many awards for her books, and an Olympic swimmer Cate Campbell, who is #1 in the world for female 50m freestyle, gave their speeches about seeing your goals clearly and appreciating what you have in the world.

After another break to eat, we listened to Holly Ferling's speech, (who is a famous female cricketer) about how the small children all look up to us. The four speakers were all very enthusiastic and gave us amazing advice on what we could do in our future as leaders. It was great fun with games at the beginning of each speech. What a great day!

## Speakers:

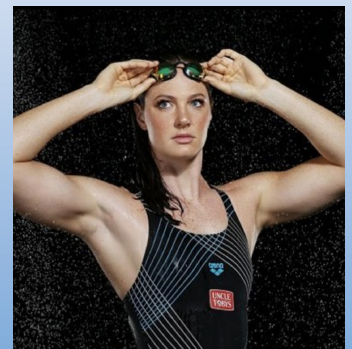
- Tim Diamond
- Cate Campbell
- Holly Ferling
- Tamsin Janu

## Hosts:

- DJ Raph
- Liv Phyland



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## SCHOOL FEES 2019

Note that we have been informed this morning by CEDP that there are issues with direct debits that have been scheduled via BPOINT. You may have noticed that the payment due to be debited on Friday, 29th March 2019 was not taken out. CEDP are investigating the issue, more information will follow once we have been updated.

Families who have not finalised their accounts will receive a reminder letter that their account is due for payment. If you have recently paid or set up a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP), kindly disregard this reminder notice.

If you have only recently received your statement and need more time to pay or are experiencing difficulty with fees, please contact the school via email: [Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) or 02 9933 7800 before this Friday to discuss your situation or to make alternate arrangements.

If any of your contact details have changed, including mailing address, email or phone numbers, please ensure you advise the school to update our records.

## Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Thursday, 4th April 2019 infants (Kinder to Year 2) students will be celebrating a Teddy Bears Picnic.

Students are invited to bring a teddy bear to share the special day with them.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS DURING APRIL

Yvonne A, Alisha A, Olivia A, Kiani A, Jason A, Matthew B, Ruby B, Madeline C, Katrina C,  
Brandon C, Ogomachukwu C, Dominic D, Rafael D, Courtney F, Jeremiah F, Myles G,  
Taylah G, Georgia G, Ashton H, Cassandra H, Jay H, Milana H, Abby I, Kathie J, Jordan J,  
Manreet K, Diva M, Isabelle N, Jacob O, William R, Lado S, Florence T, Marissa U,  
Elyssa V, Daniel W, Holly W, Annabelle W, Aiden Z, Cameron Z



## APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE—TRAVEL (5 OR MORE SCHOOL DAYS)



Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period will be considered individually based on your child's attendance, the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress

at school. Relevant travel documentation such as an eTicket (in the case of flight bound travel) or itinerary (in the case of non-flight bound travel within Australia only) must be attached to this application. Application forms are available on the Skoolbag app or from the school office for completion.



## PARISH LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

### Stations of the Cross

Friday at 6:15pm  
April 5th & 12th

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 13th  
4-5pm Individual Reconciliation  
5:30pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

Monday, April 15th  
8:30am Morning Mass

Wednesday, April 17th  
8:30am Morning Mass  
No Novena & Evening Mass at Parish.  
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Parramatta 7:00pm

### Good Friday—Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 19th No Morning Mass  
10:00am Way of the Cross  
3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Action commemorating  
the Lord's Passion

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 21st  
Easter Sunday Masses—7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4-5pm, April 6th, 13th & 20th  
Tuesday 6-7pm, April 16th

### Palm Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 14th  
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 16th  
8:30am Morning Mass  
6-7pm Individual Reconciliation

### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 18th  
No Morning Mass  
7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

### The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday, April 20th No Morning Mass  
4-5pm Individual Reconciliation  
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection  
Vigil Mass. The Greatest Feast of the Year.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**GIVE  
LENT  
100%**

Lives change when we all give 100%

**2019 STORIES**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
and development

Let us give 100%...  
**HOPE, LOVE, COMMUNITY,  
DIGNITY, INCLUSION AND  
DETERMINATION TO THOSE  
MOST IN NEED**

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**MARY IMMACULATE  
PROJECT COMPASSION  
CARITAS DAY  
TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019  
GOLD COIN APPEAL**

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**100%**

*"The future does have a  
name... and its name is hope."  
— Pope Francis*

**THIS IS NOT A MUFTI DAY.  
STUDENTS WILL WEAR  
SCHOOL/SPORT UNIFORM ON  
THE DAY.**

**THE EMPHASIS OF THIS DAY IS  
ON THE NEEDS OF OUR  
FELLOW COMMUNITIES  
AROUND THE WORLD.  
THIS DONATION IS A CALL TO  
ACTION AS DISCIPLES OF  
CHRIST, TO MAKE A REAL  
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF  
OTHERS.**

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Should you require any reference towards Catholic Schools complaints handling procedures, please visit the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website (see link below).

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central>

Once there, click on the “Catholic school community” and you will find the Complaint Handling—Policy.

Ballet

Lyrical Jazz

Hip Hop

Musical Theatre

Acrobatics

Salsa

Rock & Roll

Drama

Privates

Toddler's

Mini's Elite Performance



Nurture Flourish Grow

  
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

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