



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 1 Week 11: Monday 8th April 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Enrolments 2020

We are of course in the middle of enrolling for Kindergarten. We are fortunate here at MIPS to be able provide opportunities for enrolment to not only Catholic families but also families with other backgrounds. MIPS has a large diversity of student backgrounds amongst our population and this brings a richness to our community. It is part of our mission as a Catholic school to be welcoming and inclusive. So if in talking to your friends at preschool this comes up, please make sure you let them know that we welcome their application for enrolment regardless of their religious background. Also, our diocesan policy states that no child will be denied a place in a Catholic school because of a family's inability to pay school fees. Arrangements can easily be made to assist those families as well. If prospective families are not seeking enrolment because of fees, please reassure them and have them contact the school. We are very keen to provide places for those who want Catholic education for their children.

It is my intention to ask our current students for a show of hands if they have a brother or sister who will be coming to MIPS in Kindergarten next year. Applications for sibling enrolment cannot be processed without parents sending us an application—so please get yours in so you don't miss out!

With Holy Week approaching, we think of renewal as I mentioned in the last newsletter. I pray that over this Holy Week we are all renewed and ready for an exciting term ahead full of possibilities and learning!

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 AND UNIFORMS

First day back of Term 2 will be **Monday, 29th April 2019**.

As the weather is unpredictable, we will have a transition period into full winter uniform. If the weather is warm, children are welcome to wear summer uniform. However, if the weather changes and you would prefer your child to wear their winter uniform they are able to do so. Please note that children are to wear full winter or summer uniform, not a mixture. Parents will be advised of the date the students are to commence wearing full winter uniform only. Thank you for your co-operation.

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ANZAC Day Dawn Service



The Executive and Members of the Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-branch have invited our students to attend the 2019 ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Details below:

March to commence at
5.45am Thursday, 25th April 2019

(5.30am assemble at the RSL sub-branch Hall,
18 Market Street, Riverstone NSW)

Mrs Moore and Mrs Henson will be in attendance to march with the students. If you and your child are attending please meet at the RSL Sub-branch Hall at 5.30am and look for our school banner. Please remain in close proximity to the school group and collect your child immediately at the conclusion of the service.



AUTHOR VISIT

On Friday we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Tamsin Janu. Tamsin is well known for her Figgy series books and also speaks at a lot of motivational lectures.

Tamsin showed us some videos of her time in Ghana where she worked as a Youth worker. A lot of Tamsin's ideas for her Figgy series originated in Ghana through her experiences and the people there.

Tamsin explained that our inspirations and ideas for writing can come from all aspects of our everyday lives and keeping a journal of this is the best way to start.

The visit by Tamsin was very captivating and inspirational. Who knows, the idea of keeping a journal and Tamsin's very enthusiastic talk may inspire some new young authors in our school.

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Instalment 1 School Fees Are Now Overdue

Families who have not finalised their accounts will receive a reminder letter that their account is now due for payment.

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 or **02 9933 7800** before this Friday to discuss your situation or to make alternate arrangements.



GET READY FOR A BARGAIN!

You would be familiar with our church pews situated around the school grounds, they are now up for sale.

We are looking from \$300 each and there are approximately 20 seats for sale.

Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a seat or 2, otherwise please spread the word.



EASTER RAFFLE 2019

Easter Raffle tickets will be drawn this Wednesday afternoon (10th April 2019).

Please return all ticket stubs and money by tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone for your support!



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH STUDENTS



Isis A, John A, Arjun B, Zoe B, Elke-Rose B, Amaan B, Abby C, Lachlan C, Cassidy C, Olivia C, Riley C, Danica D, Jenniah D, Nikayla-May E, Lily F, Sophie G, Alaysha G, Norah G, Grace G, Dominic G, Mya H, Harrison H, Aaron H, Sean H, Avianna H, Lillith-Anne H, Ava J, Jamie J, Mishka K, Barsam K, Joshua K, Benjamin K, Scarlett L, Moses L, Peerachat L, Lieny M, Micah M, Jobel M, Tiarna M, Daniel M, Eibhlinn M, Shenaya N, Isabella N, Harrison N, Joseph O, Allegra P, Jayden P, Josephine P, Rachel P, Olivia P, Rhys P, Nachel R, Karla R, Ronan S, Alissa S, Campbell S, Amitoj S, Harwin S, Dylan S, Scarlett S, Darrell S, Dev V, Luke V, Kiarra W, Cody W and Carina Z

EASTER SHOW PERFORMANCE

“Chookas” to our MIPS dancers and thank you to Mrs Peta Markham-Ward for the opportunity provided to children from a mix of dance studios to perform at the 2019 Royal Easter Show.

If you get a chance to go to the Easter Show this year, please join us in cheering our dancers on. Performance will be on Thursday, 18th April 2019 at 3:30pm in The Amphitheatre. GO MIPS!!!





PARISH LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 6:15pm
April 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 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.

Celebrate Mother's Day

Friday 10th May

Happy Mother's Day!

Celebrate **Mother's Day** with a **BBQ Breakfast** that will be served from **7:30am** (Fold or Gold Coin donation)



Enjoy **Open Classrooms** from **8:30am** and **Liturgy** at **9:00am**

All families are invited to attend and enjoy the morning!

Our **Mother's Day Stall** will be held after Liturgy with gift selections at **\$5.00 each.**

Please look out for the note being sent home for this event, and return your RSVP slip as soon as possible.

Thank you.



All money raised goes towards your kids and our school community.



A School Community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association

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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, 9TH APRIL 2019
GOLD COIN APPEAL**

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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Annual Seminar - Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Services together with the Catholic Tribunal Office hosts an Information Seminar on Marriage Annulments in the Catholic Church.

The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining a greater understanding of the Annulment Process.

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta (onsite parking via Victoria Rd).

No charge: Donations welcome

Registration Essential: Ph: 8843 2575 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and relaxing holiday break.



Rita Chater

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