



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 1 Week 5: Monday 25th February 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our P&F Meeting from last Wednesday evening needed to be postponed to this Wednesday at 7pm - all welcome of course in our staff room.

You would have noticed the surge in vegetation growth on the driveway areas and the bank leading down to the school entrance. Like you are probably experiencing at your own homes, this is quite a challenge to keep on top of. I have employed an extra groundsman today to assist with this initial clearing. We have also engaged the services of a landscape company and the earliest they can begin really clearing the hill for us is in mid-March. So within this month we should see quite a change there.

We have had quite a few parents let us know they are very concerned with the behaviour of some individuals in the car park areas. We share those concerns. Some parents are parking in the wrong areas, driving inappropriately and being quite inconsiderate of others. Disabled parking spots are only for people who possess a displayed disabled authority sticker. The Kiss and Drop area is not a parking area. Double parking is also not permitted. People are acting in an extremely disrespectful manner to each other. This is all very concerning.

This comes on the back of us now being denied access through the Torbert Avenue entrance to Paterson Reserve because of the illegal and dangerous practice some of our community members had in driving onto the reserve despite our earnest requests. Under the Enclosed Lands Act, access to our school/parish site is a privilege and not a right. If individuals continue to act in a manner dangerous and disrespectful of others, they may be denied access to our site altogether. We are very fortunate to have the car park facilities that we do. For many schools, parent parking is on the street. I expect a significant improvement in this area immediately and ask for your support. We are all part of this community and need to act responsibly and caringly towards each other. Think of the message you are giving your child when you act dangerous and inappropriately!

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

MIPS OPEN DAY for 2020 Enrolments

Date: March 7 Time: 9:15am - 11am

School Tour and meet the Principal.

Let your friends and Pre schoolers know!

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Our children from Kinder through to year 6 are well on the way in achieving their learning goals and targets. The teachers have consulted with each of their students to develop individual learning goals in the areas of Numeracy, Literacy and Religious Education. Some students also elect to look at general learning or social goals. These goals are updated on a regular basis.

Studies have shown that goal setting motivates students to

- Become active participants
- Become independent learners
- Identify what is important to their learning
- Achieve their full potential

Our teachers also set learning goals focussing on areas that they feel will assist them in catering for the needs of their students and enhancing their own development.

At MIPS we are all about building student capacity to learn and to increase the confidence of our children to take on more challenging tasks. Developing learning goals enables us to reflect on our learning. It allows us to choose where we want to go and what we wish to achieve. Goal setting assists us to develop habits that lead to success.

Sharon Mizzi

“Developing Literacy Partnerships”

An invitation is extended for you to take part in a programme specifically designed to assist you in helping your child/children in their literacy and language development.

This programme called **“Developing Literacy Partnerships,”** will be held over two days during Weeks 7 and 8. Lesson 1 will be held on Tuesday 12th March either at 9.00-11.00am or 1.00-3.00pm and Lesson 2 will be on Tuesday 19th March at the same times. Please note that you will need to attend one time slot from both Lessons 1 & 2.

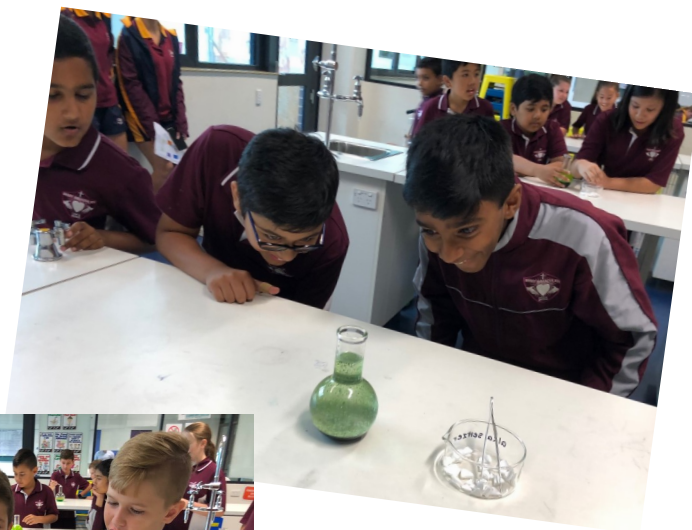
This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child’s learning.

YEAR 6 EXPERIENCE HIGH SCHOOL!

Year 6 have had the opportunity to visit our two local High Schools- St John Paul II, Schofields and St Mark's Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens.

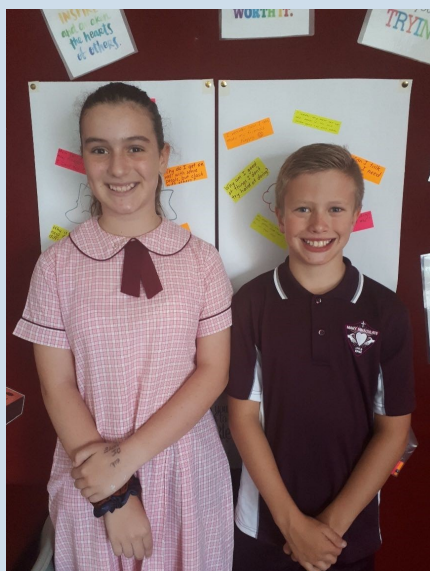
The children were lucky enough to go on a tour of the facilities and participate in Science experiments, cooking, sports lessons and agriculture! It was a fantastic experience for the students in the lead up to high school next year.

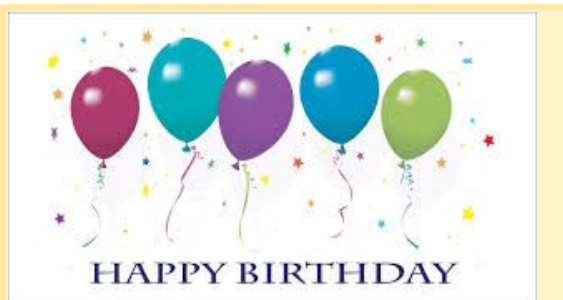
Mrs Kylie Behrens



ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to Brisa Ricci who was awarded Blacktown Zone Swimming 11 Years Girls Runner Up Champion and Cameron Dale who was awarded 11 Years Boys Champion. This is a massive achievement by these two fantastic swimmers.





to the following students who celebrated their birthdays in February

Konnor G, Spencer W, Orion A-O, Gillian C, Jordan N, Timothy S, Nick B, Zoe H, Bethany H, Ekamveer H, Eryn P, Chloe B, Aleisha B, Isaac H, Summer L, Chosita T, James P, Zane W, Liam H, Sarah L, Enzo P, Divya P, Lucas G, Fraser M, Ethan L, Oliver V, Lourdes K, Hannah D, Havana M, Sharnie B, Alice C, Zara F, Carlos H, Felipe R, Penelope Davies, Bailey H, Summer S, Alex J, Marsae L, Benjamin C, Gowri V, Prachi S, Wellington C, Jonathan C, Sebastian T, Cooper L, Aisha R, Saishsha P, Addison R, Charlee H, Byron L, Casey S, Stella P, Caleb M, Vrinda K, Elora T, Noah M, Azalea P, Cruz A, Jamie J, Eliana R, Gavin P, Amelie P, Abhishek S,

St John Paul II Catholic College

Meet our welcoming College community & explore our educational opportunities!

Year 7 2020/2021 enrolment information, Years 7-10 subject stalls, tours, free BBQ & more.

OPEN EVENING

11 MARCH 4PM - 6:30PM

SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS



SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS (YEARS 7-10)
85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS

NIRIMBA CAMPUS (YEARS 11-12)
EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL

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THURSDAY TALKING TEENS (GIRLS 12-18YRS) 6-7PM

SATURDAY LADIES & GENTS 7.30-8.30AM

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Sponsored by Kindy Parents

Friday 1st March

We will be holding a Bake Sale. This will be the first P&F fundraising event for 2019, run by the Kindy Parents who will prepare Baked Goods and will sell them at a Cake Stall Friday 1-03-2019, to your children.

So please send your children to School with a few gold coins so they can purchase Goodies from \$1 to \$2 prepared by our Great New Kindy Parents.

Should you have any questions please email

MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com with

subject line "Bake Sale" with your questions, for our

Kindy Volunteer Lead, contact Michelle Guelpa mich.guelpa@gmail.com.



A School Community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association