



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 1 Week 9: Monday 25th March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Pace for taking the time to speak at last Friday's assembly and share her experience with us all in relation to World Down Syndrome Day.

Please read below a lovely thank you message from Mrs Pace.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



MESSAGE FROM MRS PACE

Good afternoon boys and girls. My children Cassius, Ashton and Stella are students here at the school. My daughter Stella is in Kindergarten and she was born with Down Syndrome. Having Down Syndrome means that you have a disability.

It was fantastic to see all the school kids and teachers wearing crazy socks. Did you guys have fun wearing the crazy socks???

That's because it was different, some thing out of the ordinary. I saw spotted socks, striped socks, unicorn socks, lots of different colours and socks.

And in the same way we celebrate people who are a little different in our community, people who have a disability.

People with Down Syndrome are really no different to you and me. Stella loves to have fun, she loves to come here to school and make friends.

But people with Down Syndrome can take longer to learn things. Such as walking, talking and reading.

Stella will learn like any other child, she just needs extra support and a little bit more time.

By participating in the day you are actually making a statement that you support people with Down Syndrome.

The theme for the event was "leave no one behind".

It's about including everyone in our community in every day life.

It's about changing the future and giving people with a disability the same opportunities as everyone else...

Thank you

STATEMENT ON THE CHRISTCHURCH ATTACK

Statement on the Christchurch Attack

17 March 2019

I wish to express my deepest sympathies to the victims and those who grieve because of the consequences of the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand.

To all my Muslim brothers and sisters in New Zealand, Australia and around the world, I stand in solidarity with you in your horror, grief and distress.

I offer my prayers on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta to the deceased, the injured and to all the individuals and communities who have been affected by this senseless violence.

The attacks on innocent lives at a worshipping place were sadly motivated by hatred and prejudice against people of the Muslim faith.

I condemn Islamophobic, racist and extremist violence in all its forms. It is an offence to God, to believers of all faiths, to all people of good will, and to our common humanity.

Times like this should make us reflect on the way we treat one another in words and actions. We will reap what we sow.

Let us therefore not only eliminate the fruit of prejudice, hatred and violence but also its seeds in their many forms and on many levels of our society.

May Muslims and Christians everywhere respond to the joint invitation by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam, Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, to "all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity, to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters." (*Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019).

In these troubled times, when evil forces seek to divide us on the basis of race, colour, ethnicity or religion, may Muslims, Christians, people of all faiths, and all people of good will remain united in heart and mind and resolve.

May faith bind us in human solidarity, hope drive out fear, and love overcome hatred.

Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Chairman, Bishops Commission for Social Justice

Bishops' Delegate for Migrants and Refugees

Bishop of Parramatta



2019 MIPS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Thursday 21st March was our school Cross Country. We had a wonderful time running around Paterson Reserve and our school grounds. We all tried our hardest to improve our fitness and have fun.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 6 for their age group.

Age	Boy Runners' Names
8/9 Years	1 Ashton P
	2 James P
	3 Pheonix B
	4 Jake L
	5 Alexander W
	6 Jayden M
10 Years	1 Rhys P
	2 Jordan J
	3 Dominic G
	4 Campbell S
	5 Matthew B
	6 Lucas C
11 Years	1 Lucas W
	2 Alex M
	3 Liam H
	4 Kayden M
	5 Jeremiah F
	6 Thierry V
12 Years	1 Connor O
	2 Joshua C
	3 Luke V
	4 Jay S
	5 Kyzac W
	6 Konnor G

Age	Girl Runners' Names
8/9 Years	1 Matilda O
	2 Caitlyn W
	3 Olivia D
	4 Alexis H
	5 Emma S
	6 Sarah L
10 Years	1 Alaysha G
	2 Charlotte B
	3 Zaraina M
	4 Piper B
	5 Scarlett B
	6 Laura C
11 Years	1 Sienna A
	2 Scarlett S
	3 Samantha J
	4 Macy F
	5 Bethany H
	6 Brianna A
12 Years	1 Hannah K
	2 Ella F
	3 Kate C
	4 Kennedy S
	5 Alana C
	6 Chelsea M

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Statements have gone out, if you have not received your statement, please contact the office.

A reminder for those on a flexible payment plan that the due date for your first payment of Instalment 1 fees is **Friday, 29th March 2019**.

For families not adopting a Flexible Payment Plan, please ensure 2019 Instalment 1 fees are finalised by **Friday, 12th April 2019**.

Please contact the school on 02 9933 7800 or via email imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au if you wish to enquire about your account.

TRIAL P&F MEETING

There will be a trial P&F meeting this Friday, 29th March 2019 at 9am.

This is to enable all those that cannot attend at night an opportunity to participate.

Please join us in the staff room.

PARENT RETREAT DAY AND ANIMATORS DAY

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have provided two wonderful opportunities for the spiritual formation of our parent community. One is a Retreat Day and the other, called the Animators Day, is for anyone in our community who would like to be a part of a group to lead others in prayer.

All training and resources are provided on the day to assist you. If you are interested in either of these days, please follow the links to register.

[Link for Parent Retreat Day](https://bit.ly/2uoumlq)

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“Do not
be afraid”

LUKE 5:10

INTO THE DEEP

LEADING FOR MISSION

Parent Retreat Day

DATE

MAY 1 2019

TIME

9.30 – 2.30

VENUE

**ST JOSEPHS
RETREAT
CENTRE**

**33 BARINA
DOWNS RD,
BAULKHAM
HILLS**

**CLICK TO
REGISTER**

Join parents from the Paramatta Diocese in a day of personal TRANSFORMATION as you nurture faith through reflection, small group discussion and creative activities.

Explore the concept of WITNESS as you interact with Scripture, God, Self and Others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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[Link for Parent Animators Day](https://bit.ly/2Wn6WsB)

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The Animators Program is a new parent initiative in the Diocese of Parramatta. Spend a day interacting with Prayer so that you can confidently lead Parent Communities.

WITNESS to your faith by exploring themes of Luke's Gospel through the framework of Scripture, God, Self and Others.

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SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST



Can we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. Little accidents may occur.

Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office could you please return them to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Ballet
Lyrical Jazz
Hip Hop
Musical Theatre
Acrobatics
Salsa
Rock & Roll
Drama
Privates
Toddler's
Mini's Elite Performance



Nurture Flourish Grow



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