



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 2 Week 1: Monday 29th April 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2!

We are now of course in the wonderful Liturgical season of Easter. During this time we reflect on the risen Christ, God's power over death and our renewal as people of faith and action. During the readings on the weekend we heard again the words of Jesus, "Peace be with you". We carry His peace into our new term. The focus on the weekend was also regarding Thomas who refused to believe in the risen Christ without seeing and feeling Jesus himself. Jesus appears to the disciples again and Thomas sees and believes.

I had a family seeking enrolment this morning. They asked about how our faith is taught. We, as you would know, have a core curriculum which is taught in class each week. But there is much more to our faith that is not only covered in those lessons. Our faith is centrally one of relationship and our role as being made in the image and likeness of God. Our God is trinitarian - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And so our school strives to develop the relational abilities of our students. This is one of the reasons we have agile and flexible learning spaces as students progress up through the grades. Being made in the image and likeness of God, our mission together is make evident to others our divine gift and God's kingdom. We do this by living our Gospel values. It's a lot to do! But all we have to do is be as much as we can like Jesus - The Easter Story has that as its message. We can all be like Jesus - such is God's power and ours!

On May 18 those of voting age will go to the polls for the upcoming Federal Election. I encourage all our community to consider highly the significance of the importance of your vote in supporting the educational future of your child. Education remains one of the most pivotal policy areas for all political parties. They know how education is one of the policies that voters want clarity on. Is there a difference in their policy positions? Which one is best in alignment with your goals for your children?

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



Easter Celebration Mass

Parents are welcome to join us
for our whole school Easter
Celebration Mass this Friday,
3rd May 2019 at 9:30am

125 Barnier Dr Quakers Hill NSW 2763

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ANZAC Day Ceremony

ANZAC: Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

On the freezing, foggy morning of April the 25th, hundreds of people, including students from Mary Immaculate, gathered together in the streets of Riverstone. We marched together, towards the stage where the ceremony would be held. As we passed, we saw policemen and surviving soldiers surrounding a statue in the centre of the street, standing at attention.

We all felt a sense of pride as we heartily sang our Australian Anthem. Many people gave their speech on what ANZAC day meant to them, and we were also reflecting on what it meant to us during the Last Post and the Minute of Silence. We were called up to the stage with the rest of the schools and sporting clubs to lay our wreath underneath the sculpture. It felt like such a privilege to be able to add our own contribution to a cause that people sacrificed their own lives in. It felt like such an honour to just attend the ceremony.

Being there filled us with a range of emotions, showing our respect to the soldiers that served us in war. We laid the wreath with pride, in honour of everyone that sacrificed their lives for us. We all felt proud to be Australian, as they raised the flag, as we sang the national anthem and as they played 'The Last Post'.

During the minute of silence we reflected deeply about those who died in war and the things they sacrificed for their country, Australia. We didn't gather to celebrate these soldiers but commemorate them, remember them, as the people who sacrificed their own lives for the country. They made the greatest sacrifice whether they knew it or not.

As John the Apostle once said, 'There is no greater love, than to lay down your life for a friend'.

'Lest We Forget'.

Mary Immaculate Primary School Leaders

*Isabelle Boshelle
Konnor Gonzales*

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

Please join us for the ANZAC Day Liturgy on
Wednesday, 1st May 2019 at 9:30am.

To be held in the Multipurpose Area

All welcome to attend





Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

27 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

CEDP has always valued parent feedback and with the use of new technologies, we now have the opportunity to become more connected with families in real-time. As part of our commitment to promoting student and parent voice in our schools, we have launched a new initiative called *Chatterbox Live*.

We have had success using social media platforms to host Chatterbox Live in a number of primary and secondary schools already. I was impressed with the range of questions students asked me on issues related to schooling in today's world.

I am extending the invitation to our parent community to join us for the first Chatterbox Live event for parents and carers. This will be held on Thursday, 13 June at St Andrews College Marayong from 7.00pm. I'm looking forward to hearing your views and responding to your questions related to Catholic schooling in the Parramatta Diocese.

Registrations to attend the event in person will open on May 20 at 9am. If you would like to attend in person, please register your interest as soon as possible by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you're unable to attend in person, you are welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page to be reminded when the event begins. You can do this at www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regard to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

I look forward to strengthening our engagement with parents.

Regards

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director



Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope that everyone had a great Easter break and enjoyed our Vacation Care.

Just a few reminders:

- Tuesday and Wednesday after school care is at capacity so we are unable to take any extra children on those days.
- If you are wanting to enrol into COSHC collect a 2019 enrolment form from the school office or from COSHC directly. Enrolment forms however **must be handed back to COSHC**. We are on site 6:30am - 10am and from 2:00- 6:30pm

If you have any questions please contact Courtney on 0417 203 333.

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians, families should have received their statements by now.
If you have not, please contact the office for a copy.

Please note that the school fee accounts are **30 day terms**, therefore
all Instalment 1 2019 fees are now to be finalised.

For families not on a Flexible Payment Plan, please ensure that Instalment 1 2019 fees are finalised via internet banking this week (refer BPay details on your statement).

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**
to discuss your situation or to make alternate arrangements.

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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Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 12 May 2019



You are invited to a
FEDERAL ELECTION EDUCATION FORUM
with special guest

TANYA PLIBERSEK

Shadow Minister for Education

Ms Plibersek will answer your questions
about Labor's school education policies

7.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College

17 Comer Street, Burwood NSW

RSVP by Friday 26 April
comms@cnsnw.catholic.edu.au

Enquiries: Jim Hanna 0414 828 629

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