



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 2 Week 3: Monday 13th May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Federal Election

Our Federal Election of course will be taking place this weekend. Below are three links to important sources that will assist families in being further informed about the major parties and their policies around education and funding to Catholic Schools. I invite you to follow these links and ensure you are aware of the implication of your vote on your child's future schooling.

<https://parracatholic.org/election2019/>

<https://www.ncec.catholic.edu.au/news-events/2019-federal-election>

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/federal-election-guide-education/>

Parking Arrangements

The safety and wellbeing of our community are constantly being reviewed at MIPS. You may have noticed that we have been landscaping the hill from the top carpark. The plan is to prioritise the lower parking areas for families who need to use prams or need disabled access. From next week, we will be trialing this arrangement. Interim signage will be placed in the relevant areas and we request that everyone follows that signage responsibly.

We have discovered an incident of head lice at this school. This is not a case for serious concern, as your child may not be affected. However, head lice are extremely contagious. More than one treatment may be needed until all eggs are removed (usually by combing with a fine tooth metal comb).

In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their child's hair. We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that could indicate the presence of head lice:

- General: child scratching his/her head excessively
- On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material
- In the hair: signs of lice eggs (nits) – cream or coffee coloured specks, close to the roots
- Lice: small white or greyish parasites the approximate size of a pin-head

If you notice any of the above signs, or if you require further information, please contact your local pharmacy, as treatment is readily available and easy to apply. We encourage you to ensure that this problem is solved quickly by determining if your child is affected and seeking recognised head lice treatment if necessary. Please do not be offended, as it is often the cleanest of hair that they prefer to infest.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

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NAPLAN

Over the next two weeks our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (Naplan) tests. This year all tests with the exception of Year 3 writing paper will be completed online.

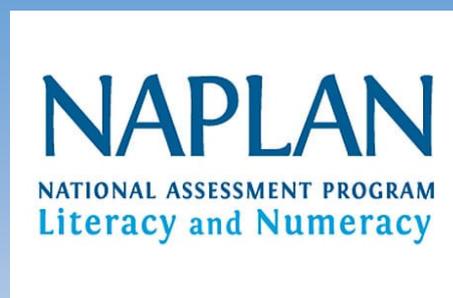
Naplan tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide every year.

Naplan is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Writing (**Tuesday 14th Year 3 paper test, Year 5 online**)
- Reading (**Thursday 16th Year 3 & 5**)
- Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) (**Monday 20th Year 3, Tuesday 21st Year 5**)
- Numeracy (**Wednesday 22nd Year 3, Thursday 23rd Year 5**)

We wish our students all the best.

Sharon Mizzi
Assistant Principal



Maths Olympiad 2019

Throughout Term 1 and continuing into Term 2 & 3 MIPS have a team of Year 5 & 6 Mathematicians preparing to take part in the 2019 Australasian Problem Solving Olympiads. This is an annual contest which has been operating since 1987. Every year, schools from all over Australia, New Zealand and other neighbouring countries take part. Approximately 64,000 students participated in 2018.



The Olympiads consist of 5 separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable environment.

Each Monday during lunch time the following group of students have been meeting to work on their problem solving skills. They have been collaborating to discuss their solutions, to solve challenging problems and explaining their reasoning to their peers. We wish them all the best with the first Olympiad on 22nd May 2019.

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| Darrell S | Sebastian T | Lucas W | Jacob G | Isabella N |
| Evan P | Alaysha G | Kanav S | David G | Gerald R |
| Noah S | Samuel R | Harrison N | Chaline C | Joshua C |

Sample Olympiad Question

Time: 5 minutes

The Pascal family has 7 children. 2 of the children are twins. Each odd number from 3 to 13 is the age of a Pascal child. For their birthday presents their mother gives them \$10 for every year they have been alive. She gave out a total of \$550 in birthday gifts this year.

How old, in years, is each of the twins?



LEARNING AT MIPS

Reading at Mary Immaculate Primary

Students at Mary Immaculate are given levelled readers by their teachers as their Guided Reading book. The higher the level, the more challenging the text is. Are reading levels important? To an extent, yes. Teachers measure student reading progress using their levels and slowly progress students through the levels, as their reading and comprehension skills grow.

Comprehension is another way of saying understanding. Why do we read? We read to understand. It is essential that understanding is our focus as a school community.

Life experiences contribute to a child's ability to understand a text. Some of the concepts in higher level texts require children to have a variety of life experiences. Additionally, they need to be exposed to a wide variety of vocabulary.

It is important to note that information texts are more challenging than stories or "narrative" texts. Therefore, teachers give students informative texts a few levels lower than their usual level.

Children become good at solving unknown words (decoding) as they progress through grades, using their knowledge of letters, sounds, blends (e.g. th, ch, sh, bl), similar words, etc. Solving words successfully is important when learning to read, but it is only a part of what makes a good reader. A child's understanding of what they are reading is **more important** than their ability to read words on a page.

Reading levels are teacher tools to inform our teaching and to assess student growth.

Expected Growth

Generally, you can expect your child to increase 1-2 levels per term.

What can I do at home?

When reading with your child at home, ask them questions about what they have read. Guide them to think about the story they are reading and discuss unknown words.

Comprehension strategies:

- **Predicting** - What do you think will happen?
- **Making Connections** - Connect to own life experiences, other texts, to the world, etc
- **Monitoring** - Is what I'm reading making sense to me?
- **Visualising** - Picturing what is happening in the story and the characters experiences. Children should be making a picture in their mind as they read. (What would that look like? How do they feel?)
- **Questioning** - I wonder...
- **Inferring** - Reading between the lines - not directly stated information
- **Summarising** - What happened in the story? What was the main idea in that paragraph?

If you would like more information please see your child's teacher.

2019 Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to our amazing Cross Country team who competed at Sydney Motor Park last Tuesday. Everyone ran their "Personal Bests" and had a great time. A huge congratulations to Charlotte, Connor, Lucas and Hannah who have qualified for the next level to compete again at Eastern Creek. Good luck and race hard.



Mackillop Representatives

Mackillop Representatives: Lado Sule and Hannah King (Basketball), Daniel Wahba (Football)

Congratulations to these fine athletes on being selected to represent our Mackillop region in their chosen sports. This is a huge achievement to be in the top 13 students chosen out of all the Parramatta, Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong and Canberra/Goulburn Dioceses.

Well done, we are super proud of you all.



WINTER/SUMMER UNIFORM TRANSITION

FULL WINTER UNIFORM—NEXT MONDAY 20th MAY

Due to the arrival of cooler weather now, we request that the children commence wearing their full winter uniform from next week. With the weather being a little unpredictable, if the weather is warm, children are welcome to wear summer uniform this week. Please note that children are to wear either full winter or summer uniform, not a mixture.



WINTER UNIFORMS 2018 NOW AVAILABLE

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Friday 8:30-10:00am. Orders can be placed via email to elle@ozfashions.com.au (order forms can be found on your school website) OR you can order via the QKR app. For any further enquiries please contact Elle via email or mobile 0421 216 414.



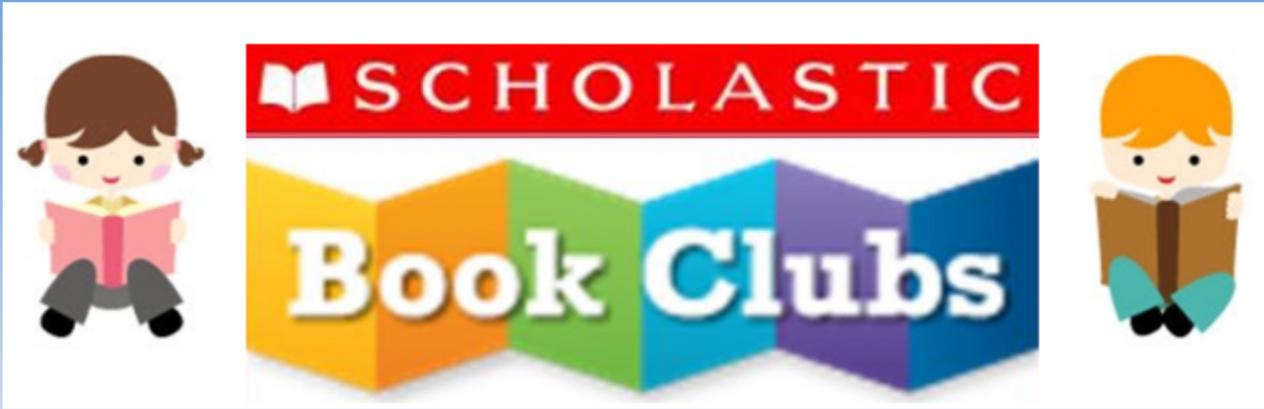
CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the winners of the 2019 Mother's Day Raffle!

1st Prize—Sharlet M (1M)

2nd Prize—Ezekiel D (KP)

3rd Prize—Samantha J (5M)



BOOK CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 2. We received scholastic rewards to the value of \$100 which will be used to purchase books and learning resources. Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club was sent home last week. **Orders need to be placed by Friday, 17th May 2019.** We accept credit card online payments using LOOP: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. **We do not accept cash payments. Please disregard option 2 on Book Club order form.**

Happy reading! - Mrs Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator)

SCHOOL FEES 2019

Instalment 1 2019 fees are overdue

For families not on a Flexible Payment Plan, please ensure that Instalment 1 2019 fees are finalised via internet banking this week or by contacting the school on 9933 7800 to pay over the phone (refer BPay details on your statement if paying online).

Instalment 2 statements were sent out last week, if you have not received a copy, please contact the office.

If you 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.



To keep up to date with announcements from Mary Immaculate Primary School, please install the SkoolBag app on your smart phone. You can also subscribe to your child's year group to ensure you receive notifications relevant to you.

How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au





FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

A challenge to all Australian Primary Schools and Councils

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 17 May 2019. Now in its 20th year, the annual campaign and community event encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk and commute regularly and safely to school.

The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

How your School and Council can be involved (detailed information is at walk.com.au):

Enclosed is the WSTSD kit which contains stickers and posters for school and council noticeboards. We ask that every student wears a sticker on the day to help promote this important community event. Other ideas include:

- Use the teachers' tool-kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our website)
- Print and colour in the online poster
- Ask your P&C and council to help promote and support the campaign and event
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local supermarket / grocery store to sponsor a breakfast at your school)
- Tell your parents, friends, carers, teachers and local businesses about the event
- Encourage parents or carers who have to drive, to park at least 1km away and walk to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity

Thank you for your support and participation.

Pedestrian Council of Australia



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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#WSTSD



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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

**Date: Friday 31st
May 2019**

**Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm (K-2)
7:30pm - 9:00pm (3-6)**



MIPS Disco

- * Drink and snack provided in the ticket price
- * Glow stick products will be sold for \$2 each on the night
- * Gates will open at 5:15pm (infants disco). Please do not leave children unattended before this time.
- * Supervision for Primary Disco children will be available from 7:00pm for parents picking up Infants Disco children

Parent volunteers needed on the night. Parents are welcomed to assist on any of our events throughout the year. Please complete the slip sent home if you are available to help. Assistance required for this night includes:

- * Glow stick/ring stall
- * Canteen—snack set up & distribution
- * Car park and children drop off zone
- * Set up/clean up

Remembering all money raised goes towards Our children and our school.



Ticket Price: \$6.00 per student

Please look out for the note sent home which includes ticket order form



**A school community event
hosted by MIPS P&F
Association**



Casual Work

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

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

PIANO LESSONS



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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 26 seats for sale.

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



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