



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 3 Week 10: Monday 23rd September 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Last Saturday evening, our Parents and Friends Committee hosted a very successful Bingo Evening for the Wise family. Our thanks to the committee and all those who supported this initiative.

Such acts of community empathy and support are reminiscent of the values and actions of the early Christian community founded on the values and teachings of Jesus. The focus of the early 'church' was to build a community of believers who lived a Jesus inspired them.

In our own community the opportunity to be of support to each other always exists. From time to time, families in our community face a significant challenge and they need our help. The help can take many forms as we have seen in the case of the Wise family. Help can look like visiting families, helping with practice challenges or even assisting with simple things like meals.

At my previous school, we organised a freezer for our community. Families were invited to contribute meals to be stored in the freezer and distributed to families facing a significant challenge. I have proposed to our Parents and Friends Committee that we do the same here at MIPS. Over the coming holidays we will purchase the freezer. Parents will be invited to bring meals in freezable containers, labelled with the ingredients and contact details of the family who donated the meal. That way we can be sure that the meal can safely be distributed. I will let everyone know when they can begin sending in meals.

The parking etiquette of some members of our community at drop off and pick up times certainly leaves a lot to be desired. We have tried to remind everyone of the etiquette required of those using our carpark areas. Some driver's behaviour is self centred and dangerous. If drivers continue to refuse to abide by the guidelines communicated several times through this newsletter, I will be taking the regrettable but responsible step of banning those individuals from using our parking areas completely. If drivers have extraordinary circumstances that I need to be aware of, they can contact me through the school email account. Carpark etiquette is another important way we respect and support each other and our students' safety.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

## REMINDER

At the beginning of Term 4 we will be distributing the school newsletter via Skoolbag. If you do not have the free app yet, we highly encourage you to download it. Please see link below for instructions on how to install. Also, please ensure that you sign up for your grade so that you receive messages that are relevant to your children.

<https://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

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# Peer Support Celebration!

Sadly, today was the final Peer Support session for the term. Year 6 Leaders prepared fun activities to celebrate today with their Peer Support group. Thank you to everyone involved in this great program, which promoted optimism through fun and meaningful activities during Term 3. A special mention to our Year 6 Leaders who worked hard to prepare and plan activities for their group each week!

Mrs Behrens



## Debate week 9!

On Thursday, the 19th of September, Our Lady of the Angels (OLA) came to Mary Immaculate for our final debate this year. The topic for the debate was ***“technology makes us less connected”***. Four of our fabulous students took on 4 other students from OLA.

Our first speaker was Carlos H, who did an absolutely tremendous job. He talked about how technology distracts us from our everyday lives. Our second speaker was Ella F, who also did brilliantly. Ella talked about how technology was a distraction from education. Our third speaker was Joshua C who brought it home. He talked about how phone calls cost a lot of money. Our refuter was Aiden Zi, who did a great job in proving the other teams facts were false.

We tried so hard and so did OLA. Both teams put up a fantastic fight and tried their best. When the adjudicator came to announce the winner, everyone was so anxious but eager to find out the results. It was really stressful! Then the adjudicator addressed the results.....happily we WON! We were so happy to win our final debate. We tried our best and put a lot of effort into it. So did OLA. We want to thank Mrs Behrens for all her hard work!!!!

**Carlos, Ella F, Joshua C and Aiden Z**

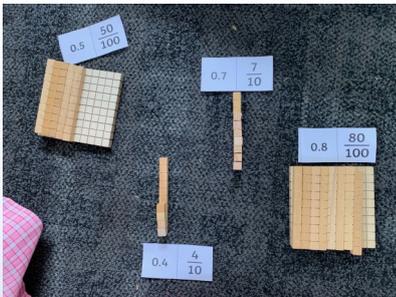
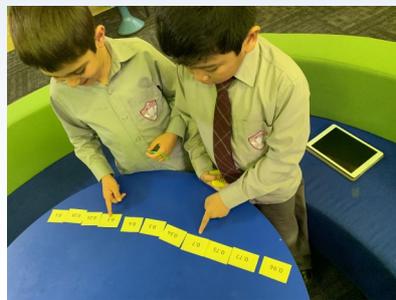


# NUMERACY NEWS FROM YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about Fractions and Decimals. We have represented, modelled and compared various fractions. We have looked at place value and how fractions and decimals are parts of a whole.

Key language we used this week to explain our thinking and reasoning include; whole, part, equal parts, half, quarter, eighth, third, fifth, one-third, one-fifth, fraction, denominator, numerator, whole number, fractional part and number line.

Students were able to order fractions with the place value of tenths and hundredths. They were asked to make connections between fractions and decimal notation. In groups, students ordered and compared fractions, matched decimals with their equivalent fraction and used MAB blocks to model decimals and their corresponding fraction.



# Bingo Night

# BINGO

Bingo Night was a huge success on Saturday night! Thank you to everyone who attended, to all that contributed by purchasing raffle tickets and those for making a kind donation.

As a School community and together with the Parish efforts, we are proud to announce we raised a total of \$6,000!!!



## Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our Bingo night raffle winners:

- 1) Arlo Security Kit - Jayden M (2P)
- 2) Michael Kors Smart Watch – Angela M (1G)
- 3) Playstation—Dax S (4M)
- 4) Domayne \$150 Voucher—Kim V (1P)
- 5) 2 x Raging Water Entry Tickets—Jordana L (1P)
- 6) Extra Bass Speaker—Charlotte B (4M)
- 7) Signed Giants Football—Angela C (2P)
- 8) Signed Parra Eels Training Shirt—Ayushman B (KM)



# INSTALMENT 3 SCHOOL FEES 2019

**DUE DATE WAS 28TH AUGUST 2019**

**Instalment 3 fees are now OVERDUE. Please finalise your fees before the end of this week. Reminder letters have been sent from CEDP.**

Payments can be made via the internet using your Bpay reference code or over the phone. Payment plans offered to families at the beginning of the year are now coming to an end.

If you did not receive your statement or if you have any queries regarding fees, please contact Liz via email [Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) or **02 9933 7800**



## WINNER— ORIENTEERING NSW SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Lachlan C who won the under 11 boys orienteering NSW schools championships held in the Southern Highlands recently in both disciplines: Sprint and Bush.

Well done on a great achievement!!!



## FROM THE LIBRARY



First of all we wish all students, parents and staff a wonderful, safe holiday after our very busy term.

At Mary Immaculate we encourage students to borrow from the library and try to ensure every student has a book to read over the holidays. We have such a wonderful variety of books mainly due to our association with Scholastic and Book Club. Thank you so much for your purchases over the years. With each purchase we receive points to order resources, readers and books for our shelves.

We do ask that all students please look after their books over the holidays especially when taking them away. Books are due back to the library the first week back to school. If you find library books or readers at home that have been there a while and suddenly turn up please don't hesitate to send them back as there are a number of our reader packs with one or two missing and this makes it hard for the class groups who wish to use them.

Thank you

# FAMILY FUN DAY

at the  
NSW Parliament  
October School  
Holidays!

FRIDAY  
11 OCTOBER  
10 am to 3 pm

MEMBER  
FOR A DAY

## ***Member for a Day: What would you say?***

**Free fun educational activities at  
Australia's oldest Parliament for  
children from 4 to 12 years.**

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians.

## **FREE ENTRY**

### **Activities**

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

### **Location**

6 Macquarie Street –  
opposite Martin Place

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**The public café  
will be open.**

Sausage  
Sizzle  
**\$3.00**  
per person



**FREE ENTRY • All Welcome**  
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Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

**GROUP BOOKINGS FOR  
10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL  
9230 2047**

The MIPS P&F association presents the

# TRIVIA

# NIGHT

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

6.30pm for 7.00pm start in the MPA

BYO Alcohol, drinks and snacks

[This event is just for adults](#)

Tickets **\$20** per person

Lucky door prize

Great prizes to be won

**SAVE THE DATE**

If you have a **Local Business** and would like to sponsor the **Trivia Night** please contact [mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com)

All money raised goes towards our Kids and our School



A School Community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association



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**50<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY**

# Family Fun Day

**FREE**  
Event

**WHEN & WHERE**  
**MON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**  
10 am - 2 pm

**BALCOMBE HEIGHTS ESTATE**  
92 Seven Hills Road  
Baulkham Hills

- ★ CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS
- ★ SYDNEY THUNDER CRICKET
- ★ FACE PAINTING ★ HENNA TATTOOS
- ★ RIDES ★ TREASURE HUNT
- ★ JUMPING CASTLE
- ★ FOOD & DRINKS
- ★ HILLS DAILY GRIND COFFEE
- ★ DJ/MUSIC ★ LARGE BOARD GAMES
- ★ BISCUIT DECORATING
- ★ DEVONSHIRE TEAS
- ★ SERVICE INFO STALLS & ACTIVITIES

Please join us for the Hills Community Aid  
49th Annual General Meeting, 9am  
at Learning in the Hills.



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