

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 11–3rd April 2017



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Dear parents and caregivers,

What an amazing term! Our school is fast being recognized as a school on the educational forefront. Congratulations to our fantastic staff who have a clear and determined focus on continual improvement for our students!

Moving into next term, I have a few reminders for everyone.

“Student Absence” is high on the diocesan agenda because of the negative impact this can have on student learning. The current policy is that extended leave applications regarding leave that is necessary or desirable and cannot otherwise be scheduled by parents may be granted approval. However, absences for reasons such as the cheaper cost of family holidays during the school term are not generally considered in the best interests of the children. This is especially for students who are experiencing difficulties with their learning and/or are participants in special support programs such as Reading Recovery. Parents are requested to consider this in making an application for extended leave. Leave taken with insufficient reasons must be marked as “unjustified” on the school’s attendance register.

People have been asking for an update of our policy on students having phones at school. Students in Years 3 to 6 now have lockers that can be used to house their devices so they no longer need to be kept in the office. However, if parents are to be contacted regarding an issue or need their child to be given a message, this is to be carried out through the school office. Students are not to use devices, including phones, to communicate outside the school except as directed by their teachers for learning. Please contact the school if you need to discuss younger students and phones.

My thanks to you all for your support this term as well. I certainly hope your children are coming home full of excitement about their learning and achievements. Next term we will be giving them a lot more opportunity of sharing their learning with you.

May this Easter Season be an opportunity for the risen Christ to renew our lives. May we, as Easter people, be alive with the Gospel message.

And may this time be one of holiness and happiness for our families.

Stephen Dowd

Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Monday 24th April, 2017

A Staff Development Day has now been confirmed for Monday 24th April, 2017.

During this day, the staff will be engaged in professional learning and development.

Please note that the following day, Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC Day (Public Holiday).

Students do not attend school on Staff Development Days. Supervision will only be provided through the onsite COSHC facility.

Please contact COSHC Supervisor, Megan O’Neill on 0417 203 333 to arrange supervision on this day.

All students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April.

Anzac Day Dawn Service

The Executive and Members of the Riverstone-Schofields RSL sub-branch have invited our students to attend the 2017 ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Details below:

**March to commence at
5.45am Tuesday 25th April 2017
(5.30am assemble at the RSL sub-branch Hall,
18 Market Street, Riverstone NSW)**

Mrs Boatfield will be in attendance to march with the students. If you and your child are attending please meet at the RSL Sub-branch Hall at 5.30am and look for our school banner. Please remain in close proximity to the school group and collect your child immediately at the conclusion of the service.



POSTPONED

STAGE 3 TOUCH GALA DAY - FRIDAY 7th APRIL - POSTPONED



ANZAC Day liturgy:

Thursday 27th April,
9.15am in MPA.

“KISS AND DROP” zone

The Kiss and Drop section of the car park is designed to provide a safe and convenient area to drop your children off at school in the morning. Parents are asked not to Kiss and Drop your children in any other area of the car park as this poses a significant risk to your child's safety.

At peak times, the car park does become congested and everyone's patience is appreciated.

Please have your child with their bag ready to exit the car on the kerb side in the “Kiss and Drop” zone.

Extended Leave Application

Five or more school days

Family holidays and travel outside of school holiday period for five or more school days will be considered individually based on your child's attendance the intention of the extended leave and the impact on your child's participation and progress at school.

Forms are available from the school office and Skoolbag app.

School Fees—Term 1 2017

A big THANK YOU to all the families who have finalised their school fee accounts. Families who have not finalised Term 1 payments, will receive a second Reminder letter from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta office next week. Term 2 School Fee Statements will be sent in Week 3 of Term 2. Any unpaid Term 1 fees will be included on this statement. Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email: cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9626.3999, so that assistance or payment



Students are able to borrow two books from the library to read over the holidays.

We ask that students please keep books safe from moisture and younger siblings.

We encourage all students to borrow from our wide range of great books in the library so please try to remember to return them on your library day in week 2 of term 2.

Have a safe, wonderful holiday and keep reading.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to students who's birthdays were between 21st March and 3rd April

Dylan Smith, Sophie Galardi, Zoe Bell, Olivia Pignone, Micah Makari, Harwin Singh, Amitoj Singh, Harrison Holmes, Dominic Grech, Luke Vratarić, Abby Cameron, Ella Perez, Bradley Felton, Annabelle Farrugia Danielle Zorilla, Joaquin Catanghal, Viraj Behl, Jayden Pascual, Abby Inskip, Manreet Kaur, Aiden Zaki, Ashton Hendieh, Isabelle Nguyen, Elijah Camerino

Uniform Shop

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

Please note last day of uniform shop trading for term 1 will be Friday 7th April 8.30am - 10.00am.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING
Wednesday 12th April 2017 10.30am - 12.00pm

The uniform shop will reopen on Friday 28th April 8.30am - 10.00am.

Please note that the uniform shop will not be open on Tuesday 25 April due to ANZAC Day.

For any further enquiries please contact -
Elle: 0421 216 414 Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS during school term
Tuesday: 8.30am - 10.00am Friday: 8.30am - 10.00am



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*



Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. No waiting.



No Stopping

You are not allowed to stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign.



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.



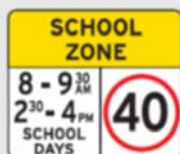
Mobile Phone Use

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. *May be subject to Double Demerits*



Speeding Offences

40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle must stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing or in a No Stopping zone.



Driveways

Do not park on or across a driveway.



U turns

Illegal across double white lines. Also illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing.



Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

*Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



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| Drop Off | 8:30am-9:30 am |
| Activities | 9:30am-4:30pm |
| Pick-Up | 4:30pm-5:30pm |
| Cost | \$120 |

HOLIDAY SPORTS CLINIC

19-21 APRIL

19th Apr: Multi-Sports Day
20th Apr: Soccer Day
21st Apr: Netball Day

\$35 for the day!



Fun filled Sports Day these School Holidays!



Hawkesbury Stadium
16 Stewart St, South Windsor
4587 8788
ymcansw.org.au/stadium

Book Today!



TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

Shop 15, 216 Farnham Road,
Quakers Hill
Ph: 02 9837 1399

TRADING HOURS

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| Monday | 9am - 5:30pm |
| Tuesday | 9am - 5:30pm |
| Wednesday | 9am - 5:30pm |
| Thursday | 9am - 8pm |
| Friday | 9am - 5:30pm |
| Saturday | 9am - 4pm |
| Sunday | 10am - 3pm |

Your Friendly neighbourhood Barbers are here.

No need for bookings, walk in only.

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