

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update 14th December ~ Term 4 Week 11



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I take this opportunity to say goodbye to the school community of Mary Immaculate. During the past 5 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff and parents of our school for the education of the students of the school. We have achieved a great deal in this time and I am proud of the legacy that I leave. I am indebted to the hard work of many people during this time. Thank you to all staff who have been open to new ideas and have constantly shown their professionalism and commitment to the children in the everyday nature of education. In particular, thanks to the leadership team who constantly helped to co-lead the school throughout this time. Thank you to all parents and caregivers whose support and generosity helped to make this journey a true partnership. Thank you to all students for their focus on learning and helping to keep us all focused on the 'things that matter'. Finally, thank you to all members of the parish team who have walked beside the school as we have grown the whole child from academic to spiritual development.

I look back on the past 5 year with fondness and hope every member of the school community enjoys a peaceful and joyous Christmas. May God bless you and your family and best wishes for the coming year.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



## Year 6 Graduation

We wish the Year 6 students well for their graduation on Tuesday evening. This is a wonderful time for the students as they celebrate the completion of their primary years before embarking on high school. Year 6 students finish their schooling on Tuesday and do not need to attend school on Wednesday unless parents are unable to provide suitable supervision for the day.

## Uniform Shop

Last day of trading will be on Tuesday 15th December 2015 (8.30-10.00) and will re-open on Friday 29th January 2016. (8.30-10.00)

These are the following dates for holiday trading in January 2016.

**THURSDAY 7th JANUARY 10.00am-12.00pm (by appointment only).**

**SATURDAY 9th JANUARY 10.00am-11.30am**

**SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1.00pm-3.00pm**



## Week 11

### Tuesday 15th December

- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony

### Wednesday 16th December

- Last Day for Children



## Sports Uniforms Tuesday and Wednesday

There will be an adjusted sport program for this Tuesday and Wednesday. Students are asked to wear their sports uniforms for these two days. Thank you.

## **A message from Mr Troy**

Dear parents and children,

I have had the privilege of being the Assistant Principal at Mary Immaculate from 2010. Over that time I have had the pleasure to work with a very talented and committed staff who diligently endeavour to provide the best educational environment and experiences for the children in their care. I thank each teacher for their support and endeavours in making MIPS a welcoming and vibrant learning community.

I especially thank my Principal, Paul Devlin, who I have worked alongside since 2011. Paul and I have worked diligently in a very positive and supportive leadership partnership. Paul has always supported and encouraged my endeavours and initiatives. I have benefitted from his good council, leadership and friendship. I thank him greatly and wish him continued fulfilment and success in his new role in 2016 as Principal at Corpus Christi Primary School, Cranebrook.

I personally thank the community, parents and children, for all the support you have shown me during my time at Mary Immaculate. It has been wonderful to be immersed in this community. I will take with me many treasured memories.

I hope that you agree that in partnership we achieved great things!

May God bless each and every one of you always.

Matthew Troy  
Assistant Principal

### **P&F Christmas Raffle winners**

The P&F Christmas raffle was drawn this morning at the morning assembly and we are pleased to announce the following winners.

1st Prize - Apple Ipad Air - Cassius Pace (Class 2G)

2nd Prize - Seaworld package - Sukhpal Kaur (Handal Ekamveer KM)

3rd Prize - 2014 Signed Rabbitohs Jersey - Sandra White (Cody 1G)

Thanks to all families who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets in the past weeks.

### **Annual Donation**

Today, the Parents and Friends Association presented the school with a cheque for \$13915.44 which represents many, many hours of hard work by members of the association. This money is greatly appreciated by the school and has been allocated to the on-going investment in technology at the school. Thank you to all members of the Association who have actively contributed to the organisation of the initiatives during the year and also to all parents who supported the Association through the year.

### **Working Bee donations**

During the year, the school received the donation of money, \$285, from families who could not attend the Working Bees. This money is gratefully received and will be used to re-paint the line-marking and provide signage in the 'Kiss and Drop' area of the school. This project will be completed during the holidays ready for the new year.

### **COSHC Vacation Care**

**Limited places are available for placements over the holidays.**

**Enquiries are to be directed to COSHC Supervisor on 0417 203 333  
or [COSHCmaryimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:COSHCmaryimmaculate@parra.catholic.edu.au)**

# Mathematics Assessment Interviews

There has been some confusion surrounding the Mathematics Assessment Interviews next year.

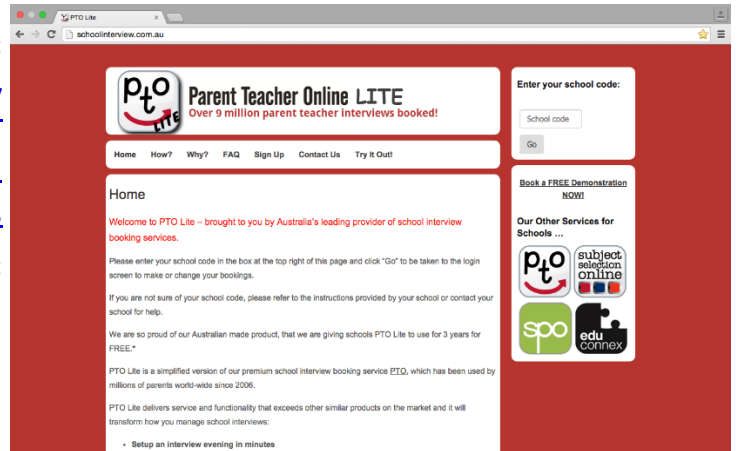
The interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of January 2016. **(Staff Development Days)** Regular classes **will not** be held on these days in order to facilitate the interviews. **Regular classes will commence on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 for Years 1 - 6. Kindergarten will commence on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016.**

The website you need to visit is:

<http://schoolinterview.com.au/>

**This link will also be provided on the school website.**

The website looks like this:



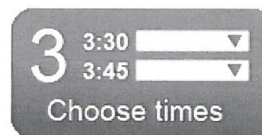
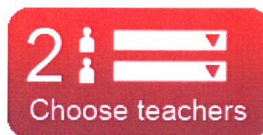
Please note. The site will say the interviews last for 15 minutes.

This is not the case.

**Interviews will last for 45 minutes each.**

Enter School Code

Go to [www.schoolinterview.com.au](http://www.schoolinterview.com.au)  
and enter our school code – m8gan.  
Then follow 3 easy steps.



When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you can't receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.

Should you wish to change your interview time, you can return to [www.schoolinterview.com.au](http://www.schoolinterview.com.au) and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

**The interviews will be conducted by your child's 2016 classroom teacher.**

Please do not book an interview with your child's current, 2015, classroom teacher.

If you have already booked an interview for your child's current teacher, please cancel the interview and book an interview for their 2016 classroom teacher. To do this, 'Add a class' for your child and click on 'Change Year Level'. Choose the correct, 2016, year level then your child's 2016 teacher.

Student	Class	Teacher	Bookings for Parent, Test
<div>BOOKED (1) ...</div> <div>These are your <i>confirmed</i> bookings, shown in time order.</div>			
Example Child	2P	Andrew Matulewicz	<div><div>Change</div><div>Cancel</div></div> <div>Fri 29/1 4:45pm (15 min)</div>
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<u>Student registration</u>			

## Scholastic Book Club

We would like as a school community to take this opportunity to extend a very big thank you to Mrs. Sue Henson for her hard work in co-ordinating book club.

We have received a large amount of resources for the teachers as well as home readers, novels picture books, non fiction books. The work Sue has put in and the support of parents ordering through book club has significantly helped out the library supply throughout the year.

This year we have earned approximately \$1500 worth of Scholastic Rewards.

Thank you Sue and thank you parents for your continued support.

Mrs. Desira

Mrs. Belcastro

Library Staff

### Year 6 Graduation Mass—7pm, Tuesday 15th December

**Graduation Mass: Mary Immaculate Catholic Church**

**Farewell Ceremony: Multi Purpose Area**

**Light supper: The Allabyrne Space**

**Students are to arrive at 6:30pm in full summer uniform.**

**Students only report to teachers in the MPA .**

**Parents are asked to take their seats in the Church.**

**Looking forward to seeing your there.**

2015

Last Day for students

Wednesday 16th  
December

2016

Years 1-6 resume

Monday 1st February

Kindergarten begin

Tuesday 2nd February

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### Thursday 24 Dec: Christmas Vigil

5.30pm and 7.30pm—Family Masses

9.30pm—Youth & Young Adults Mass

12:00am—Midnight Mass

### Friday 25 Dec: Christmas Day

8.00am and 10:00am

NB: There is no 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Day.

**Please take home purple advent leaflet at the door of the church for Advent, Reconciliation and Christmas Mass Times.**