

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 8—16th March 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school is certainly busy at the moment with Catholic Schools Week and many Parents and Friends Association events.

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week by commencing with a meaningful and focused prayer, while during the week we hosted our annual Open Day where we invited new prospective families to tour the school in light of enrolment. It was a great week and I thank all staff and families who assisted in making it so successful.

The Parents and Friends Association have been extremely busy too. The recent working bee helped to clean the school and tidy the gardens beautifully while the Bingo night held last Friday was a great social occasion. We also look forward to the Rouse Hill Bunnings BBQ which is being hosted by the P&F this Saturday. These events are evidence of the commitment that the P&F hold towards the school. I take this opportunity to thank the active members of the P&F and also all families that support their initiatives and events throughout the year.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal



Week 8 Events

Monday 16th March

Year 1 Excursion

Powerhouse Museum

Tuesday 17th March

Mufti Day (wear green)

Donation of Easter Egg

Wednesday 18th March

Parish Mass

Yrs 1 & 5

Thursday 19th March

Parish Mass

Yrs 3 & 6

Friday 20th March

2:30pm—3:10pm

Assembly Yr 2 item

Saturday 21st March

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Rouse Hill

Week 9 Events

Tuesday 24th March

Cross Country K & Year 1

Wednesday 25th March

9:15am-10:00am

Annunciation Liturgy

Thursday 26th March

Cross Country Years 1-6

Friday 27th March

"A Message for the Uniform Shop"

The last day of trading for this term is Tuesday 31st March, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am and will re-open Tuesday 21st April, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am.

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase, from now until the end of term.

Changeover into Winter Uniform will be Monday 20th April, 2015."

For any enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or email elle@ozfashions.com"

ICAS Competition

ICAS Competition notes were distributed to students in Years 3-6 last Friday.

If you wish to enter your child in the competition please return the note to the office with payment by Thursday 26th March 2015.

Child Protection

Recently, a letter went home to all families about the new Child Protection requirements.

Please read these requirements thoroughly and undertake the screening and training where needed.

MIPS P&F Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday the 21st of March 2015

Rouse Hill Bunnings-352 Annangrove Road

Volunteers Needed!

Bunnings sausage sizzles are enjoyed by thousands of Bunnings customers every week and this is a great way to raise funds for our school by getting support from our broader community. Please consider offering a small amount of your time for this very worthwhile event.

A separate flyer will be sent home tomorrow with time slots for help needed on the day.

Consent forms for parents photos / raffle

Please return the Consent forms for parents that were sent home as **soon as possible**. Thank you.

Developing Literacy Partnerships

This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child's learning.

When: Tuesday evening 7pm – 8.30pm

Where: Learning Support Room next to the Multi Purpose Area

17th March.

accept respect



Social Skills Focus Weeks 8-9

This fortnight's Social Skill is:
GOOD LISTENING

- Look at the person by making eye contact
- Sit still
- Think about what is being said
- Pay attention to advice given
- Give cues that show the person you are listening, say 'Yes' or nod your head
- Ask a question to find out more and listen to the response
- Listen and think before responding

Parent Links: When giving instructions, have your child look at you and give only one or two short instructions at a time. If they forget, ask "Is there something else to do? What's next?"

You may ask your child to recount an experience, while you model good listening to their story. Take an interest in what they are saying and ask questions after. Ways in which you can promote good listening are by playing listening games, sing songs together, read stories, get them to relay messages from one family member to another or retell what they watched on TV that night. Good listening is a key skill that you can help your child develop over time.

School Fee Accounts

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for Term 1 School fees has now passed. Please finalise payment as soon as possible via Bpay, Direct Debit or directly in the school office. Reminder notices will be sent out this week from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta office.

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email or phone, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. The Office Administrator can be contacted by email

mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9626.3999. Thank you.

MIPS P&F

We need volunteers to assist with wrapping for the upcoming Easter raffle at 9:00am. Please sign in at the office.

Session 1: Friday 20th March—We will also be selecting gifts to order for our Mother's Day stall. If you would like to help us pick a range of gifts from the products available, please come along.

Session 2: Monday 23rd March

If you have any excess gift wrapping ribbon at home, please consider donating to the P&F so we can keep our costs down in preparing our fantastic hampers and gifts. Please hand into the school office. Thank you.

Free mulch available

We have too much mulch at the school at the moment and would like to offer it free to anyone who would like to come and collect. All the mulch in the car park is available to take. This can be found on the smaller section of the car-park up the first ramp. Parents are asked to take only what they may need and reminded that loads taken in trailers need to be covered with plastic etc.

Road Crossing Supervisor

The RTA employ the Crossing Supervisor who is normally in attendance at the pedestrian crossing on Farnham Road outside our school. Unfortunately, the RTA have been unsuccessful in employing staff to fulfil this role and the crossing remains unsupervised. Parents are therefore requested to constantly remind their children to cross all roads safely at all times. Once the RTA are able to employ a supervisor, he / she will be appointed to our school.

If this position interests you please contact the RTA via the details on the poster in the school foyer or Search for 'School Crossing Supervisor' at jobs.nsw.gov.au

Book Club

Thank you to everyone who ordered books from Issue 1. We received scholastic rewards to the value of \$300.

With these reward points the school is able to purchase resources for the classrooms and Library. The library is very fortunate to keep the shelves stocked with home and class readers for the teachers to borrow for the classes. The more you order the more rewards the school receives and the more resources we are able to purchase for the classrooms and Library.

Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club was sent home last Friday. Orders need to be placed by **Tuesday 24th February**.

We accept: **Credit card online payments using LOOP:** www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. There is no need to return paper order forms or payment receipts to school when using Loop.

Credit card phone payment: free call 1800 557 908. Please record 11-digit receipt number in the credit card receipt portion on the Book Club order form and return to school.

Cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Please attach cheque to completed order form and return to school.

We do not accept cash payments. Please disregard option 3 on Book Club order form.

Happy Reading!

Sue Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator)

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Parish Sacramental Program

A message to families with children hoping to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for this year (First Communion). Parents are invited to register students in Year 4 and above at the Information and Registration Evening on Thursday, 26th March. Year 4 students will receive a list of important dates this week. Dates for all sacraments are available from the parish office.

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Bereavement Support Programme

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on **Tuesday 17th March**, Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from **10.00am – 12.00pm** Topic: *"The Social Effects of Grief"* Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering: Tuesday 17th March**. Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time: 7pm – 9pm** Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

MIPS Sports

What an action packed start to the year we have had. Please read below for the most up to date results and information.

Cross Country

Our annual Mary Immaculate **School Cross Country Carnival** will be held on during Week 9 of this term. It is a compulsory event for all MIPS children and a wonderful way to showcase to parents and to each other the effort that has been put in to practicing for this event. Children will complete a track around the school grounds that begins and ends at the Front Concrete area.

Kindergarten and Year 1 will be participating in their events during their scheduled RFF time on Tuesday, 24th March.
Year 1 - 9.00-11.00am Kindergarten - 12.00 - 1.50pm

Years 2-6 will be participating in their events on Thursday, 26th March according to the following schedule and will be placed in to age groups that they are turning or have already turned in 2015. These events will be timed.

9-10am	11 yr boys	3km	Yrs 5&6
	11 yr girls	3km	Yrs 5&6
10-11am	9 yr boys	2km	Yrs 3&4
	9 yr girls	2km	Yrs 3&4
	LUNCH		
11.50-12.50	8 yr boys	2km	Yrs 3&2
	8 yr girls	2km	Yrs 3&2
12.50-1.50	10 yr boys	2km	Yrs 4&5
	10 yr girls	2km	Yrs 4&5
	AFTERNOON	TEA	
2.20-3.20	12 yr boys	3km	Yr 6
	12 yr girls	3km	Yr 6

Children are to wear their full Sports uniform including school hat. Running shorts may be worn for the race only. Please ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast in the morning and brings along an extra supply of water for after their event.

If any child is asthmatic, please remind them to take their puffer before their race.

Children have been practicing their running distance during weekly Sport lessons and opportunities have been provided during mornings, lunch times and afternoon tea.

Family and friends are encouraged to come along and cheer the children on as they run their events. We are looking forward to having wonderful, action packed Cross Country days.

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Information

Distances / Age groups / Qualifying Times

8/9 yrs is a combined age group – 2km [must be completed in 13 mins]
10 yrs – 2km [must be completed within 13 mins]
11 yrs – 3km [must be completed within 17 mins]
12/13yrs – 3km [must be completed within 17 min]



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10	Term 2 Week 1	Term 2 Week 2	Term 2 Week 3
HOLY WEEK			
Monday 30th March	Thursday 23rd April	Saturday 2nd May	Tuesday 5th May
To Wednesday 1st April	7pm-8pm First Eucharist	6pm-7pm	Diocesan Cross Country
Year 6 Canberra	Parish Information	First Eucharist Enrolment	Thursday 7th May
Thursday 2nd April	Evening	Mass	Stage 3 Girls Gala Soccer Day
Holy Thursday	Friday 24th April	Sunday 3rd May	Day
School Holidays Commence	9:15am-10:00am	First Eucharist Enrolment	Friday 8th May
Friday 3rd April	Anzac Day Liturgy	Mass	9:15-10:15am
Good Friday	2:20pm -3:15pm		Mother's Day Liturgy
	Assembly Year 1 Item		2:20pm
			Year 4 Assembly

P&F Working Bee 7th March

A few families were not recognised for their support during our recently completed Working Bee on the 7th March. This was an unfortunate error and we would like to once again thank the following families who supported the school through on this day.

Families involved on the day:

Perera, O'Donoghue, Shepherd, Mangion, Lumba, Anthony, Keen-Grimes, Moore, Miller, Sahlieh, Eason, Calafate, Williams, Bakon, Cooper

Anaphylactic students awareness

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox to school that may contain nuts, nut products or egg. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



**Last day of Term 1
Thursday 2nd April**

School Banking

Please remember to bring in your student banking on Friday each week.



**To our friends at MIPS who
celebrate their birthday
between
3rd March to 16th March**

Alaysha Garg, Lachlan Coady, Minaya Simic, Blake Collins, Lachlan Nicotra, Kierra Hutton, Christelle-Anne Pascual, Joshua Kidd, Shannon Sheeny, Moses Lewadromodromo, Sean Huesna, Riley Cross, Jai Wolffe, Maxwell Donaldson, Alexander Eason, Jobel Miranda, Ellysa Jones, Tiarna Muffatti, Tanaka Deshe, Campbell Sie-Sharp, Lieny Majur, Alexis Montano, Joseph Ombina, Ebony Lynch, Neha Venu, John Apolinar

CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snack and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. (No lunches are available)

Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Week 8

Wednesday	18th March	Lisa Piskor	
Thursday	19th March	Angela Portelli	Jacqueline Cheadle
Friday	20th March	Melissa Loughlin	Nicole Eason Connie Smith

Week 9

Wednesday	25th March	Angela Cooper	
Thursday	26th March	Tanya Dickerson	Natalie O'Donoghue
Friday	27th March	Michelle Attard	Connie Smith Carine Sfeir