

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 2 Week 6—25th May 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. The first Pentecost occurred after Jesus ascended into heaven leaving the disciples very scared and worried about their future and mission. At this time, the Holy Spirit came to the followers of Jesus and gave them seven gifts that assisted them to spread the Good News of Jesus' love to all.



The gifts were:

- **Wisdom** helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.
- **Understanding** is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.
- **Knowledge** is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us.
- **Right Judgement** is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him.
- **Courage** is the strength to do what one knows is right.
- **Reverence** helps us pray to God in true devotion.
- **Wonder and Awe of the Lord** is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

Let us pray that we continue to use the gifts from God in all areas of our life.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal

Parent / Teacher interviews

The Parent / Teacher interviews will occur during week 9 (week beginning 15 06 15). During this time all teachers are available to meet with all families to discuss their children's learning. In order to arrange this, the school uses an online booking website to log all interview times. Details of this process will come home during the week. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to celebrate successes and plan for the future.

Week 6 Events

Tuesday 26th May

- National Sorry Day

Wednesday 27th May

- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Carnival
- 7:30pm P&F Meeting

Thursday 28th May

- Parish Mass Years 1&5

Sunday 31st May

- Trinity Sunday

Week 7 Events

Monday June 1st

- School Interview
- Website open

Wednesday June 3rd

- ICAS Uni Test Science

Thursday June 4th

- Parish Mass K/2/6

Friday June 5th

- 2:20pm Assembly Year 3 item
- Cool Kids Music

ENROLLING FOR 2016

Enrolments for 2016 close soon.

Collect an enrolment pack from the office and return as soon as possible.

MATHS



Week 6

Peter has 62 marbles. Simon has half as many. How many marbles does Simon have?

Answer from Week 5: The time spent underwater altogether is 130 seconds or 2 minutes and 10 seconds.

Medication Request Form

The Medication Request Form is now available on the MIPS website for parents to access. Please print and bring the form into the school for children who require medication.

School Fee Accounts

A big THANK YOU to all the families who have finalised their school fee accounts. Today is the due date for Term 2 payments. Please finalise payment as soon as possible via Bpay or directly in the school office. Reminder notices will be sent out next 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.



Maths Resources

If you can assist on Friday 29th May

to help make mathematics resources for our classrooms, can you please meet Mrs. Hutton in the EMU room at 9:00am.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

School Uniform

We have a lovely uniform which the children can wear with pride. Please encourage your children to continue to wear their correct uniform at all times. Please also mark all items of clothing with your child's name so that it can be returned if lost. A number of parents are searching for lost items of clothing with no success. Please check your child's school bag for items of clothing that may have come home accidentally and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Social Skills Focus at MIPS

accept respect



This fortnight's Social Skill is:

APOLOGISING - SAYING SORRY

Decide if you should say sorry.

Think about whether you will:

- say it out loud to the person, or
- write the person a note.
- Choose a good time or place
- Does a discussion need to happen?
- Look at the person and use a sincere voice.
- Remember everyone makes mistakes, saying sorry is a way that we can show we have learnt from our mistake.

Parent Links: Encourage responsible behaviour. Discuss with your child that there are times when we do things intentionally and other times when accidents occur. If we have hurt someone or done something we are not feeling good about, either intentionally or accidentally it can help to say sorry and to try to make the problem better. Acknowledge that saying sorry can be hard, especially if you are feeling angry. Fixing things can help the relationship. Try doing this at home E.G. if your child spills something, ask them to say sorry and help mop it up. Explain and demonstrate to your child that even adults make mistakes and have to apologise for things they may do too.

Changed
DATE!

WORKING BEE

A reminder that the Working Bee date has changed. Originally it was to be next Friday 29 May but has been postponed to **Saturday 13 June**. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible to help keep the school neat and tidy.



Grip Leadership Conference

“You’re not a leader just because you’re chosen to be one, you only become a leader when you stand up and actually do something”. This is what we learnt at the beginning. You know the game Paper, scissors, rock? Well we used it as a leadership guide. Paper means plan— create a plan. Scissors means take action, do something about it. Rock means stay strong believe in it. As leaders we learnt to stand up and Pay it forward. This means that instead of paying it back we give little things and they lead to bigger and better deeds
“from little things big things grow”

Written by: Sophie, Daniel, Isiah and Tamsyn and Mrs. Noort.
(The Captains and Vice Captains)

Parents and Friends Association

DISCO

A big thank you to all members of the Parents and Friends Association who helped to make the Disco last Friday a wonderful success. All the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly throughout the night.



Congratulations to the Walsh family on the birth of Audrey last week. A sister to Ava 4G, Scarlett 2G and Spencer KP. The joy of a newborn baby is celebrated by the whole community.

Uninterrupted Learning Time

At Mary Immaculate, we always plan to have maximum learning time for our students. As a result we have “Uninterrupted Learning Time”. This is a focus for all in our community to help respect the time needed for our children to learn. As a result, we ask that:

- All students arrive by 8:55am every morning
- Early departures are kept to an absolute minimum
- No messages are sent to children during the day (messages sent through the office are kept till a suitable break in learning blocks)

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

Supervision

Supervision at Mary Immaculate commences at 8:25am and continues until 3:50pm. In the morning children are not supervised before 8:25am before the teacher commences duty. In the afternoon, all children are dismissed from their classrooms but remain under the supervision of teachers until either collected by their parents / caregiver, commence walking home or board a bus to go home. Any child not collected by their parents or caregivers by 3:50pm are taken to the school office and parents are contacted. All children continue to be supervised until collected by their parents or caregivers.

Kiss and Drop guidelines

The car park area immediately outside the school office (near the Grotto) is a Kiss and Drop area. This Kiss and Drop operates from 8.25am till 8.55am every school morning. The purpose of the Kiss and Drop is to provide an efficient way of dropping your children at school in a safe environment where they can easily access the playground. Parents are asked to assist in the functioning of the Kiss and Drop by doing two things:

- Do not park in the Kiss and Drop area between 8.25 and 8.55am
- Do not get out of your car to say goodbye to your children - do this while they are in the car.

Ideally, your car should pull up in the Kiss and Drop and your children will get out of the left side of your car with their bag and they head off to school. (Parents do not get out of their car). If we all follow these guidelines we all help to move our children into school safely and efficiently without causing undue lengthy queues of cars waiting to drop off their children.

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Tuesdays 8:30am to 10:00am

Fridays 8:30am to 10:00am

For any enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414

Or email: elle@ozfashions.com

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 Week 8

Wednesday June 10th
10:00am-11:00am
Maths Olympiad

Friday June 12th
9:00am-10:15am
Captivate

7:00pm-10:00pm
P.A.R.T.Y.
Parish Youth Program

Saturday June 13th
8:00am-12:00pm
Working Bee

Term 2 Week 9

Monday June 15th
ICAS Uni test Writing

Tuesday June 16th
ICAS Uni test Spelling

Friday June 19th
2:20pm-3:10pm
Assembly Year 5

Term 2 Week 10

Monday June 22nd
Naidoc Week
Year 6 Peer Support Training
Semester 1 Reports go home

Thursday June 25th
Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer
Gala Day
7:30-8:30pm
Confirmation Information
Evening

Friday June 26th
9:00am-10:15am Captivate
Cool Kids Music

Term 3 Week 1

Thursday July 16th
Primary Athletics Carnival
7:30pm-8:30pm
Confirmation Parents Meeting

Friday July 17th
Cool Kids Music Lesson
Infants Athletics Carnival

The Electronic Newsletter - Online

To receive the newsletter electronically simply follow these directions:

- Go to the school's website - www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au/
- Click on "Subscribe to E-News" (or any blue text near it)
- Start the sign up process
 - Complete all sections with an ORANGE asterix
 - Leave the HTML ticked
 - Tick "Receive Announcements"
 - Click "Subscribe to E - News"

Then you're done!!!

Student Banking

Student Banking is processed on Fridays.
Please remember to bring in your Bank book.

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.

Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday	27th May	Tania Peiris
Thursday	28th May	Rozanne Perera
Friday	29th May	Leanne Corapi Connie Smith

Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday	3rd June	Sulee Somyaying
Thursday	4th June	Philipa Holtsbaum Lisa Sartori
Friday	5th June	Renee Cefai Deanne Holmes



To our friends at MIPS who celebrate their birthday between 12th May to 25th May

Michaela Attard, Angela Espero, Isobel Grech, Dominic Hernandez, Haylee Jacob-Flores, Trinity Preller, Olivia Todorovitch, Erica Pisani, Makayla Berry, Charlotte Nolland, Casey Odisho, Joshua Cooper, Bailey Kiss, Bethany Vella, Holly Zavone, Connor Gatt, Ethan Smith, Isabella Smith, Oshini Abeywardena, Rosco Lentini