



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 2 Week 4: Monday 20th May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Stephen Dowd will be taking a very well deserved short period of leave over the next few weeks, we wish him a restful break.

We continue to work through what has been a very busy semester. In which we have seen numerous developments within the learning spaces and have witnessed first hand the wonderful quality of learning that is taking place by each of our students.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

As previously communicated we are again holding Student Led Conferences this year. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom where they will showcase their learning. The children will present their achievements, their challenges and future direction to you. These conferences will provide you with an extensive understanding of your child's areas of strength and needs.

The students are working very hard at developing a snapshot of their education over the last semester. We ask that you take the time to attend a scheduled student conference and be a part of this very special initiative that will provide you a deeper understanding of your child's development.

The scheduled times will be available during week 9, more information regarding the booking system will follow shortly.

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

TELL THEM FROM ME

We would also like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *Mary Immaculate Primary School*. More information will be sent home this week.

2020 KINDERGARTEN SIBLING ENROLMENTS

We have received a large number of Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. If you have a Kindergarten sibling that you would like to enrol, as a matter of urgency please ensure your application forms are presented to the school office so that your child does not miss out on a placement.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

Sharon Mizzi
Assistant Principal

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DEBATING TEAM WIN!

Week 3 Topic: Daylight savings is no longer necessary. We were the negative team.



On Thursday, 16th May, 12 debaters from Mary Immaculate went to OLA Rouse Hill to debate. 4 out of the 12 debated: Kate Cheadle, Ella Fenech-Soler, Andrea Clouston and Ethan Whitby. We showed respect for the school and their debaters. We represented the school well and with pride. We were all very pumped and excited!

The first speaker was Kate Cheadle, the second speaker was Ella Fenech-Soler and the third speaker was Andrea Clouston, with the refuter being Ethan Whitby. We were a little uncertain of what would happen because it was our first time debating. Kate used awesome hand gestures, Ella spoke with confidence and used many facts and Andrea brought it home! We then waited for the final result and . . . WE WON!!!!

We were all surprised with our mouths wide open in shock that WE actually had WON! We quickly closed them and squealed in delight. After that we all gave the biggest smiles possible. All 12 of us (the Debating Team) worked incredibly hard together creating and preparing the speakers. It was all about the delivery on the day and our speakers and refuter executed with poise and excellence. So excited for our next Home debate in Week 6!

The Debating Team :)



FAREWELL FATHER RUBEN

Yesterday we farewelled Father Ruben at the 10:30am Parish Mass, followed by a joyful thanksgiving gathering in the MPA. Our students goodbye messages became the beautiful backdrop at the luncheon and Father Ruben was very appreciative and overwhelmed with our students thoughts and best wishes.

We learnt that Father Ruben loves his food and a selfie!

Grade Parish Masses and Reconciliation Visits:

Due to Father Ever being on leave, Father Ruben leaving and the transition of a new priest not scheduled to happen until the end of June, we are unable to schedule Parish Mass or reconciliation visits for each grade until the end of the term. Below you will find the Parish Mass and reconciliation schedule that is available every weekend. We look forward to announcing who our next Parish Priest will be as soon as we are notified.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday afternoon 4:00pm- 5:00pm

Mrs. Helen Moore
Religious Education Coordinator





ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Supervision begins at 8:25am

Children should not be left at school before this time

A 'kiss and drop' zone operates in the morning if you do not wish to walk your child into school. Adults must stay in the car at all times if using the 'kiss and drop' zone. The children's bags must be in the car with them to ensure they can exit quickly. At no time can a car be left unattended in the 'kiss and drop' zone. If you wish to walk your child into school, please drive up the ramp to the car park. Children take their bags to the classroom and then must go straight to the playground for supervision. No one is to remain in the building before school unless they have made a formal appointment with a staff member. If this is the case, you must sign in at the office. Parents who come down onto the playground are asked to stand to the side and allow their child to socialise with the other children on the playground. The perimeter gates are locked each morning. The Barnier Drive main gate entrance remains open during the day.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

School finishes at 3:20pm and we appreciate your efforts to pick up your child promptly at this time

Supervision ceases at 3:40pm. The 'kiss and drop' zone does not operate in the afternoon. Parents/ caregivers are required to park in the top car park and collect children from the designated point outside the building. Please do not go into the building to collect children from classrooms. Please note, children are not allowed to walk to the car park and meet their parents. They must be collected from the teacher. The perimeter gates are closed after the last bus leaves in the afternoon. If there is an emergency and you are late to collect your child, please contact the school office. Children can become anxious when parents are late or they are unclear about their afternoon arrangements. **Students arriving before 8:25am or remaining at school after 3:30pm are required to be enrolled in COSHC. Students are not to be left outside the school main gate unsupervised. This is a child protection issue of grave concern.**

CARPARK ETIQUETTE

Parents are reminded that all cars need to be parked in **marked spaces only**. This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and respectful manner.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER!!! WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD IN 2020....

Here is an opportunity to purchase tickets to **The Wizard of Oz Arena Spectacular** to be held at Qudos Bank Arena on Saturday, 25 January 2020 **BEFORE** it goes on sale to the general public tomorrow!!!

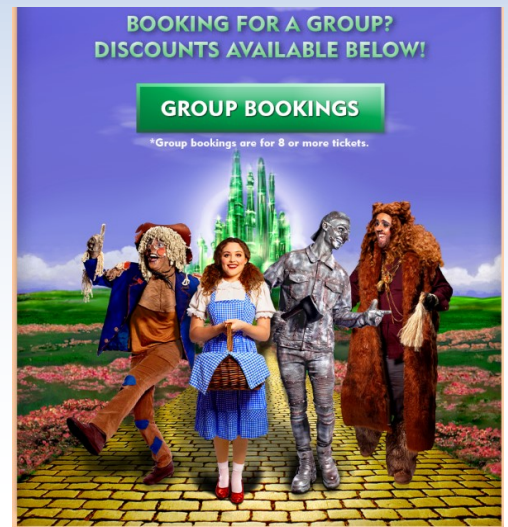
Use this link for a pre-sale purchase:

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=WIZARDOZ19&eg=CAST&ep=EDMPRESALE>

Use this link for group bookings:

<https://hrltd.wufoo.com/forms/z11spgx1tg930m/>

You might even spot some MIPS performers in the show!!!



SCHOOL FEES 2019

Instalment 2 statements were recently sent home, if you have not received a copy, please contact the office. Fees are 28 day accounts and **due date is 5th June 2019.**

Note that any instalment 1 outstanding balances will be included on these statements.

If you are **ON** a Flexible Payment Plan, there is nothing further to do.

For families **NOT ON** a Flexible Payment Plan, please ensure instalment 1 fees are finalised via internet banking this week.

If you need more time to pay or are experiencing difficulty with fees, please contact the school via email:

Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au or **02 9933 7800**
to discuss your situation or to make alternate arrangements.





Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

27 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

CEDP has always valued parent feedback and with the use of new technologies, we now have the opportunity to become more connected with families in real-time. As part of our commitment to promoting student and parent voice in our schools, we have launched a new initiative called *Chatterbox Live*.

We have had success using social media platforms to host Chatterbox Live in a number of primary and secondary schools already. I was impressed with the range of questions students asked me on issues related to schooling in today's world.

I am extending the invitation to our parent community to join us for the first Chatterbox Live event for parents and carers. This will be held on Thursday, 13 June at St Andrews College Marayong from 7.00pm. I'm looking forward to hearing your views and responding to your questions related to Catholic schooling in the Parramatta Diocese.

Registrations to attend the event in person will open on May 20 at 9am. If you would like to attend in person, please register your interest as soon as possible by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you're unable to attend in person, you are welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page to be reminded when the event begins. You can do this at www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regard to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

I look forward to strengthening our engagement with parents.

Regards

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director



17 May 2019

Dear friends and colleagues in ministry,

Following a period of consultation and review, I am pleased to announce that I have accepted advice to reappoint Greg Whitby to the role of Executive Director Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Greg's renewed appointment will commence 1 July 2019 and conclude 30 June 2024.

Greg has been the Executive Director Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta since 6 March 2006 and is well known to many of you throughout the Diocese of Parramatta and the broader community.

I thank Greg for his many years of dedicated service to Catholic Education and the Catholic Church.

I look forward to working with Greg and the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta team in the years ahead.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

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Undies for Everyone



SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST

Could we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. Little accidents may occur. Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office could you please return them to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

providing quality public transport



7th May 2019

ALL SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BUS 6035 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 27th May 2019 there will be change to the departure time of the Morning School Bus 6035 departing from Blacktown Station at 8:07am.

School Bus 6035 will now depart from Blacktown Station at 8:05am (2 minutes earlier).

There are no changes to the Route.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS BLACKTOWN PTY LTD
(2409i) SB 6035 173B

Sydney Metro opens on Sunday, 26 May 2019.



There are 13 railway stations between Tallawong and Chatswood and 4,000 new commuter car parking spaces.

Customers won't need a timetable – you'll just turn up and go.

For all trip planning information go here: <https://transportnsw.info/metro>

NEW METRO BUSWAYS TIMETABLES



To whom it may concern,

Commencing **Monday 27th May 2019** there will be significant changes to the Busways Western Sydney Network, resulting from the introduction of the Norwest Metro.

We have created letters to advise students and parents of any changes to current services, which will be distributed on the affected services from this week.

However, due to the scale of change involved and to ensure all students are aware of the changes, we are asking all School administration teams to **assist in urging parents to check their Schools New Timetable starting 27th May** to familiarise themselves with the changes.

You can find your schools timetable here (please select the link to the right of your School's name labelled "New timetable | 27 May 2019"): <https://www.busways.com.au/school-services/school-timetables>.

PLEASE NOTE: The new timetables are not currently available, however they will be uploaded no later than 23rd May 2019.

Alternatively, you can use TfNSW Transport Planner to view all transport options (not just Busways services, i.e. including Train, Metro, Light Rail, Ferry and other bus operator services) to assist students in planning their travel to and from School.

TfNSW Transport Planner can be accessed here (ensure School Bus services are also selected in the options): <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/>

Busways Group

5 Bridge St, Pymble, NSW, 2073

T (02) 9497 1940 | W [busways.com.au](https://www.busways.com.au)

**Date: Friday 31st
May 2019**

**Time: 5:30pm – 7:00pm (K-2)
7:30pm – 9:00pm (3-6)**



MIPS Disco

- * Drink and snack provided in the ticket price
- * Glow stick products will be sold for \$2 each on the night
- * Gates will open at 5:15pm (infants disco). Please do not leave children unattended before this time.
- * Supervision for Primary Disco children will be available from 7:00pm for parents picking up Infants Disco children

Parent volunteers needed on the night.

Parents are welcomed to assist on any of our events throughout the year. Please complete the slip sent home if you are available to help. Assistance required for this night includes:

- * Glow stick/ring stall
- * Canteen—snack set up & distribution
- * Car park and children drop off zone
- * Set up/clean up

Remembering all money raised goes towards Our children and our school.



Ticket Price: \$6.00 per student

**Please look out for the note
sent home which includes ticket
order form**



**A school community event
hosted by MIPS P&F
Association**



Casual Work

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy

If it does, visit iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today! Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 12 May 2019



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services



SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

Hosted by
CatholicCare - Solo Parent Services

Guest Presenter:
Mr. Richard Brading
Solicitor

This Seminar covers the following topics:

- How the Legal System Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer to minimize your legal fees,
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

DATE

Tuesday, 04th June 2019

TIME

6.45pm for 7pm Start
7pm—9pm



VENUE

13 Buller St,
North Parramatta

FEE:

\$10.00



Further Details and Bookings Essential

Solo Parent Services

Contact Rita

PH: 8843 2530

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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GET READY FOR A BARGAIN!

You would be familiar with our church pews situated around the school grounds, they are now up for sale.

We are looking from \$300 each and there are approximately 26 seats for sale.

Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a seat or 2, otherwise please spread the word.

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Musical Theatre
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