

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

## ~ Newsletter ~

Term 4 Week 2- 17th October 2016



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Dear Parents and Students,

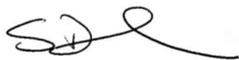
This week four of our Minnie Vinnies students accompanied Mr Carroll and me to the Diocesan Mission Mass celebrated at our cathedral in Parramatta. It was a tremendous gathering at which many schools were able to display and share information about the types of 'mission' work their schools were involved in.

Our young people gained much from the day and especially from the words of Fr. Paul Roberts who celebrated mass for us. Fr. Paul talked enthusiastically and engagingly about how each of us is actually made with amazing capabilities by God. He talked about not being daunted by the challenges and opportunities of life knowing God is always with us and has enabled us to do great things that would even surprise ourselves.

During October we recall especially the amazing person that Mary the Immaculate Mother of Jesus is. In her honour in this month of October, we will be installing a beautiful white statue of her in our new garden area to face Farnham Road. Hail Mary!

For the end of year reports we will be moving to the proforma in keeping with other schools in our diocese. We will up until then be sending home information to assist you with the information about current learning at MIPS. In this newsletter, Mr Carroll shares information about learning in Religious Education and how you can support your child in this.

Thank you for your ongoing support,



Yours in Learning  
Stephen Dowd

**P&F Meeting Week 2**  
**Wednesday 19th October**  
**7:00pm Staffroom**  
**All Welcome**

### New Financial Management System

Our school has recently upgraded to a new financial management system. A benefit of this system is the reduction in the use of paper. Receipts for any payments for school fees, gala days, competitions, fundraisers, etc will now be emailed to our parents. It is therefore imperative that we have current email addresses for each parent of our students. If you have recently changed or have not given the school your email address, please email [mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au) the following details:

Parent Name:  
Email Address:  
Child's Name:  
Child's Class:

These details will be entered in to our database and all future receipts will be electronically sent to our families. Once emailed, you will receive an email from t1sys - ([t1sys@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:t1sys@parra.catholic.edu.au)) with the receipt attached. If you are anticipating a receipt for a payment, please check your junk mail / spam folder, if you have not received it in your Inbox. Please note that your email address will be used for school purposes only. Thank you for your assistance and patience.

Kind Regards,

Claudine Nalletamby-Sandel  
Office Administrator



# Religious Education

When planning units of work in Religious Education, our teachers use the *three levels of understanding* to engage students in a range of meaningful activities. The three levels most frequently are incorporated into our reading of Scripture. They can be summarised as follows:

**Level One:** Literal - *On the line*

Basic facts: Who, what, when, where, why

**Level Two:** Spiritual - *Between the line*

What can I learn about God/Jesus?

Is there a connection to the sacraments?

What are the relevant Catholic Church teachings?

What guidance is there to live a good Christian life?

What is the connection to Heaven?

**Level Three:** Application - *Beyond the line*

How does this impact my life?

- Words
- Thoughts
- Actions
- Prayer



*A Helping Hand  
Can Change the World*

This term, each grade is engaged in a unit on "Mission". The aim of these units is to develop an understanding and appreciation of mission that is for the whole world, inclusive of both the global and local dimensions and their relationships with God, family and their wider community. All students will be engaging in opportunities to describe ways that they can 'mission' to others in their community. One way of thinking about this is that we are the 'hands and feet of Christ' here on earth.

You might like to have a conversation with your children about how you reach out to others and how that helps to connect you to a wider community. Perhaps Mission could include:

- small incidental ways that we interact with others on a daily basis
- volunteer time to a local social justice organisation
- financial contributions to a social justice organisation
- contacting a local government minister

One of the examples which we will be exploring in our Mission units is the work of Catholic Mission. This year Catholic Mission's Appeal focuses on the poorest and most disadvantaged communities of Cambodia, where children are always the most vulnerable. To find out more about the work of Catholic Mission, visit <http://www.catholicmission.org.au/wmm> .

Yours in Christ,

Scott Carroll

Religious Education Coordinator

## SUPERVISION

Supervision at Mary Immaculate commences at 8:25am

Before this time each morning children are not supervised until the teacher commences duty. In the afternoon, all children are dismissed from their classrooms at 3:20pm but remain under the supervision of teachers until 3:30pm after which they are taken down to the front concrete with the teachers on bus duty. Please contact COSCH for before and after school care if you need to have your child otherwise supervised. Students are not to be left unsupervised outside school supervision hours. COSCH is established to provide this supervision.



Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 6. We received scholastic rewards to the value of \$168, which will be used to purchase books and learning resources. Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club will be sent home this week. Orders need to be placed by **Friday 28th October**.

We accept: **Credit card online payments using LOOP:**

[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

**We do not accept cash payments. Please disregard option 2 on Book Club order form.**

★ Please note when ordering via the loop there is a section for the option to tick if the items are for gifts.

Happy Reading!

Sue Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator)



## Uniform Shop

### Normal Trading Hours

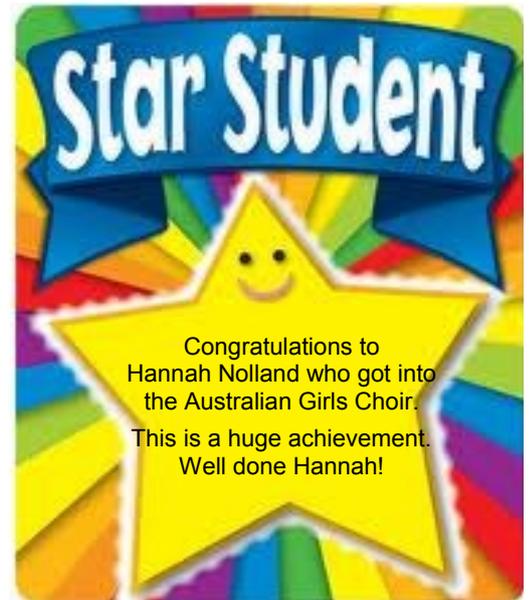
Tuesday 8:30 till 10:00am

Friday 8:30 till 10:00am

Any further enquiries please contact

Elle: 0421 216 414 or

email: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to students who celebrate their birthdays between 11th October and 17th October

Lyrell Paz	Piper Barker
Jireh Allen	Scarlett Barker
Hannah King	Kate Cheadle
Bowen Mackey	Jenna Cross
Miguel Del Valle	Olivia Small
Brandon Daviod	Jessica Wagner
Jacob Granata	Kristine De Pedro
	Jeremy Delfino

### Back to McAuley Day

**Sunday 6th November 2016  
12 Noon-4.30pm**

All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead are invited to return to school to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Further information please contact  
School Reception: 98499100 or  
[mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au)

For Dates and Events.  
Please refer to our Website or Skoolbag app.

## Younger Widowed Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not. **Next gathering:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. **Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## Stepping Beyond: Support for those separated and Divorced

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those navigating their way through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 25<sup>th</sup> October **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)