

# Mary Immaculate Primary School

Newsletter Update 27th July 2015 - Term 3 Week 3



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## Social Skills Focus at MIPS

This fortnight's Social Skill is:

### NEGOTIATING

accept respect



Another way to resolve conflicts or problem solve is through negotiation. When people negotiate, they work together to find a solution that works for everyone. For example, they might negotiate when choosing sports teams or picking an activity to play during lunch.

Through negotiating you build your social communication skills by sharing your viewpoint with reasons. Explain to others why your solution or point of view is valid/best answer by giving examples.

THINK! "Have you ever gone back and forth with someone about something you want?" How could you have solved this by negotiating and meeting that person half way?

The steps in negotiating include:

- State the problem.
- State what you want.
- State why you want it.
- Focus on things you both want.
- Create win-win alternatives.
- Evaluate the alternatives.
- Come up with an agreement and make a plan of action.

Parent Links: Discuss that sometimes situations arise where we need to negotiate. Explain that Negotiating is a back-and-forth communication that ends in an agreement in which everyone involved gets some of what they want. Highlight examples of negotiation in your own family, perhaps when you decide what restaurant to go to or what movie to see. Model and demonstrate to your child how to negotiate for example If you want your child to do their homework right after school, and they want to do it after dinner, you can come to a compromise by negotiating.

## Week 3

### Monday 27th July

- Peer Support
- Spelling Bee Commences

### Tuesday 28th July

- ICAS Uni Test English
- 12:00pm Reconciliation Yr 5

### Wednesday 29th July

- 9:15am Parish Mass K,1,6
- 10:00am-11:00am Maths Olympiad 3

### Thursday 30th July

- Kindy Excursion Calmsley Hill Farm
- 10:00am-1:00pm Voice of Youth Cluster final Yr 6

### Friday 31st July

- Cool Kids Music
- 9:00am-10:00am RLA Trial Yr 4

Mufti Day Winter Woolies

## WriteOn Writing Competition



The Board of Studies is holding their annual writing competition, WriteON, again and Mary Immaculate is looking for our great writers to enter. We will choose one student from Stage 1, 2 and 3 to submit their writing for judging. All you have to do is compose a creative piece of writing using the picture as inspiration!

To find out more information, go to <http://writeon.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

If you are interested and want to hear more about what you can do, Mr Matulewicz will be available Thursday lunch times to help out. Good luck!

## Skip-a-thon 2015

**Where:** Mary Immaculate Primary School  
**When:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August (Term 3, Week 4)

This will be a major fundraising event for our school.

Mrs Glynnis Smith  
Early Stage 1 Leader of Learning



We are having a special Skip-a-thon Meal Deal to celebrate our Skip-a-thon.

**NOTE: Your order form must be returned by Monday 3rd August. Unfortunately no late orders will be accepted.**

## Maths



Harry can run 100 metres in 1min 10seconds while Luke takes 2mins and John takes 2mins 20seconds. How much faster is Harry compared to John.

**Answer from week 2**

A basket of 8 and 2 baskets of 6 dogs.

## Literacy Writing Tips Week 3-4

### Capital Letters and Full Stops:

#### When do we use capital letters?

At the beginning of a sentence  
Names of people  
Names of places  
For the word 'I'  
Days of the week and months of the year

#### Why do we use full stops?

Full stops are needed to divide up sentences so that we know where to pause.  
They are used when we have finished saying one thing, and we are going on to say something else.

**Parent Tips:** You can help your child by watching how they write the words chosen for the sentence. If they do not use the capital letter or full stop straight away, allow him or her to finish writing, then ask if they know where these punctuation marks should be used. This also helps your child begin to develop a habit of reading through his or her work to check for places where improvements can be made.

In class teachers will repeat and remind students before checking a child's work "have you used a capital letter and full stop?" So don't be shy to do the same at home.



## Stage 2 Soccer

Congratulations to all Stage 2 participants for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and achievements.

The two boys teams had a mixture of wins, draws and losses.

The girls team were winners of their division.

### Stage 2 Maroon/Grey

*Ani Lewadromodromo, Thalia Caruana, Ebony Munro, Natalie Mapa, Salote Manuha'apai, Isobel Grech, Shani Torres, Hannah Nolland, Jenna Cross, Kaitlyn Manityakul, Tahlia Harvey*

### Stage 2 Boys Soccer Teams

*Luca Margiotta, Jack Crawley, Nash Johnston, Ta'ane Manua'apai, Noah Ta, Bradley Felton, Byron Wolffe, Ryan Corapi, Miguel Delvalle, Patrick Higham, Gabriel Ocampo, Ethan Mangion, Samuel Sartori, Jai Wolffe, Zsolt Bakon, Rombe Sule, Bowen Mackey, Joshua Ursino, Shawn Pereira, Rhys Arman, Clark Varlet, Liam O'Leary, Antonio Jimenez*

## Parish Partnership

This Wednesday, Years 4 and 5 will be attending our Parish Mass at 9.15am. Family and friends are warmly invited to join us on this occasion. Year 6 students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will have the opportunity to receive it again this Wednesday with Fr Ruben and Fr Regie.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

Don't forget to keep collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers! Simply pop the stickers onto one of the sheets and drop it into the Collection Box in the student foyer. Thank you for supporting our school!

## SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This term we will be conducting a "SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS".

This is an optional activity, however, we encourage all children to participate.

The aims of the project are to:

- # encourage children to become passionate about words
- # learn the art of spelling
- # expand the children's vocabulary and knowledge of the English language
- # develop their self expression
- # encourage academic achievement in talented students

Next week the children will receive sets of words to be learnt and tested on. These include core words as well as tricky and challenging words. There will also be 'Mystery' words for each grade. These words will be a surprise and will mainly be used for the finals. The timeline for the Spelling Bee is:

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| <b>Week 3</b>        | Children are given a copy of the word lists.  |
| <b>Weeks 3, 4, 5</b> | Children study and learn their words at school and home.  |
| <b>Week 6</b>        | Children will complete a written test on some of their words to determine their Grade Finalists. (10 - 12 children)   |
| <b>Weeks 8</b>       | Grade Finalists will compete in a 'Verbal Spelling Competition Format' Final for each grade. (Dates to be confirmed) Parents will be invited to attend if they are available. |
| <b>Week 9</b>        | Grade Spelling Bee Champions will be awarded a certificate at Friday's Whole School Assembly.   |

The teachers will be encouraging and assisting the children to learn their word lists at school. The children who are keen to do well also need to go over their words at home. There will always be words that are difficult, but the trick is to enjoy the challenge!

I hope this will be a rewarding enrichment experience for all.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Boss Acting Assistant Principal

