



Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8 — 17th June 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Teaching our children to learn from mistakes

Mistakes are simply part of life. As adults, we accept that we grow through experiencing mistakes if we learn from them. Our children need to see us making mistakes and learning from them. It is in this way that our children have the best opportunity of learning how to accept mistakes as part of life.

Some general guidelines that help foster healthy growth from our children's mistakes are:

- Acknowledge that you don't expect them to be perfect.
- Let them know your love is unconditional, regardless of their mistakes or lapses in judgment.
- Don't rescue children from their mistakes. Instead, focus on the solution.
- Provide examples of your own mistakes, the consequences, and how you learned from them.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for their mistakes and not blame others.
- Avoid pointing out their past mistakes. Instead, focus on the one at hand.
- Praise them for their ability to admit their mistakes.
- Praise them for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks.
- Mentor them on how to apologize when their mistakes have hurt others.
- Help them look at the good side of getting things wrong!

Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' close followers. When she started to follow Jesus, she sought his forgiveness for the mistakes she had made in her life. Jesus forgave her immediately and she continued to serve him for many years.

Let us pray that we are open to learn from our mistakes and continue to grow to be the person we were born to be.

Yours in Education,

Paul Devlin
Principal

Welcoming our new parish priest Fr Ruben

Fr Ruben Elago MSP will be installed as our parish priest by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP on Sunday 30 June at the 10:30 mass. All members of the community are warmly invited to attend the mass and stay for the refreshments following.

Staff Development Day – 15 July 2013

The first day of next term – 15 July 2013 will be a Staff Development Day. This day will be spent by the teachers discussing their literacy practice to further improve the learning of the children in reading and writing. The children do not attend school on this day.

Thank you for your understanding.

Important Dates

Tuesday 18th June

12:00pm ICAS Spelling Test
Years 3-6

Friday 21st June

2:30pm Whole School Assembly in MPA Kindergarten item.

Monday 24th June

Semester 1 Reports go home

Tuesday 25th June

Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day Rooty Hill

Wednesday 26th June

MIPS Athletics Carnival Years 3-6

Friday 28th June

Year 6 Parish Confirmation Enrolment Forms due

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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Mass Times

Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 9.15am

Friday 7.00pm

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

10.30am

6.00pm

St. Joseph's Schofields

Sunday 7.30am

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Reporting to Parents 2013

In 2013, as advised in the Week 2 Newsletter of Term 2, our important 'Reporting to Parents' process will be different from previous years.

On the last Monday of Term 2, 24th June, 2013, all children will receive their **Semester 1** written **Reports**. The report is a comprehensive summary on the progress of your child's learning over Term 1 and Term 2 of this year.

The '**Parent / Teacher Interviews**' will be held in Week 2 of Term 3 – Monday 22nd July through to Friday 26 July, 2013.

Later this week parents will receive a note where you can book an interview time with your child's teacher during the 'Parent/Teacher Interview' Week.

Mr Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal

School Fee Reminder

The Catholic Education Office has sent out Term Two School Fees Statements to all families with payment due today the 3rd June 2013.

Any family requiring financial consideration or assistance is asked to contact the School office on 9626 3999 if you have any queries regarding your account or if you wish to discuss payment arrangements with the Principal.

Mrs Michelle Brien
Office Administrator

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Confirmation 2013

Parents are asked to enrol online at registration.maryimmac.org.au for children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These forms are due by Friday 28 June.

The first Parent evening will take place on
Wednesday 17 July at 7.30pm in the Church.

Please refer to the enrolment form for upcoming dates.

For any queries, contact our Sacramental Coordinator,
Jocelyn Williams - 0425 766 131, sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au

Staffing news

Mrs Sarah Harman has resigned after teaching physical education at our school for the past 4 1/2 years. She will take up an overseas position at the Cairo American College and looks forward to teaching in a very different part of the world. We thank Mrs Harman for her years of service to Mary Immaculate. During her time at Mary Immaculate, Mrs Harman has contributed significantly to the sport programs of the school and developed the children's skills in this area. We take this opportunity to wish her and family well for their future. Mrs Harman will be replaced by Mrs Brooke Stephens who will commence at our school in term three. We welcome Mrs Stephens to our school community.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open

Tuesday 8.30a.m.-10.00a.m.

Friday 8.30a.m.-10.00a.m.

Agile Learning Spaces, what are the benefits for my child?

Your child accesses a contemporary learning environment.

Our children are growing up in the 21st century, a century where there is instant communication, intricate social activity and potential for new knowledge. Agile Learning Spaces are flexible, engaging and stimulating contemporary learning environments that integrate technologies and engage students in ways that extend beyond the classroom.

Your child is making greater learning gains.

In Agile Learning Spaces teachers are co-teaching, that is they are working together to provide a unique learning experience for your child. Teachers demonstrate healthy adult interaction and collaborate to share their expertise, skills and student responsibilities. Because there is more than one teacher present in the room to address learning needs and to provide alternative teaching instruction, students are making greater learning gains.

Car Park

Parents please be mindful of other drivers and students in and around the car park.



Maths Olympiad Question
Answer: The maximum number of piles is 9.
How did you go?



'Principal's Mathematics Problem of the Week'

"Another good week of problem solving with the 'Principal's Problem of the Week.'

Well done to the many children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who completed and submitted their solutions.

The answers to the problems for Week 6 are as follows:

Kindergarten

QUESTION: The Kindergarten teachers had a big bag of 12 Mars Bars. Miss. Dobrucki, Mrs. Hutton, Ms. Kelly and Mrs. Wolfe all wanted some. How many would they get if they each shared the bag equally between them?

ANSWER: Each teacher had three Mars Bars

Years 1 and 2

At a certain party everyone shook hands with everyone else only once. If 6 people were at the party, how many hand shakes were there?

ANSWER: There were 15 handshakes

Years 3 and 4

QUESTION: What is the largest three-digit number that has both vertical and horizontal symmetry?

Think of a three-letter word with horizontal symmetry.

ANSWER: 888

Years 5 and 6

QUESTION: Mel, Nicholas, Connor, and Amy work as volunteers at the local kennel. Mel gives the dogs baths every 4 days; Nicholas cleans out cages every 6 days; Connor feeds the animals in Section B once every 2 days; and Amy helps the receptionist once every 3 days. How many times in 12 weeks will all 4 helpers be at the clinic on the same day? (based on a 7-day working week, with the first day being a Monday).

ANSWER: All the helpers were available 7 times

Good luck to all with the problems for Week 8.

Copies of Week 8 problems were made available from last Friday. Children who choose to complete a problem please take a copy, solve the problem and return it to their grade box in the Student Foyer by Thursday each week.

.... good luck with this week's problem!"

The Maths Man



Uninterrupted Learning Time

Our school always strives to focus directly on the learning of our children. As part of this focus, we have developed a number of guidelines to ensure that interruptions are kept to a minimum, to allow the children to focus on their learning and the teachers to focus on their teaching. Parents can assist in this matter too. Children need to arrive at school by the morning bell at 8:55am to ensure that they do not miss any element of their first lesson of the day. Also, if children have medical or other appointments during the day, parents are asked only to collect their children during the lunch and recess breaks of the day. These times are 11:00am till 12:00pm and 1:50pm till 2:20pm. Please send a letter to your child's class teacher on the day of the appointment so that we can have your child waiting for you in the student foyer.

Thank to for your support in this important matter.

Stranger Danger

The safety of our children is of paramount importance to our school community.

The teachers often remind the children of "Stranger Danger" principles and what to do if they feel unsafe. Please take the necessary time to reinforce this message by regularly speaking with your children at home about Stranger Danger and Protective Behaviours.



Maths Olympiad 2013

Mary Immaculate have entered an enthusiastic team of 43 children from Year 5 and 6 in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) Competition. It is estimated that over 40 000 Year 5 & 6 children will compete this year.

Last week the second of the five Maths Olympiad competitions for 2013 was held. The Olympiads consist of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim of the competitions is to encourage mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable contest environment.

The top Mary Immaculate scores for Olympiad 2 were:

5/5 Sarah Sheehy (6P)

4/5 Angela Nguyen (6M) Andren Franje (6P)

Congratulations to these children on a strong 2nd Olympiad result.

The next Olympiad will be in Week 3 of Term 3.

Here's a sample question from Olympiad 2 for you to try:

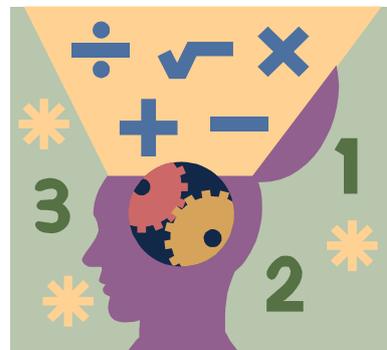
Time: 6 minutes

A total of 50 counters are split into piles. No pile has the same number of counters as any other pile.

What is the largest number of piles that can be made?

Answer can be found in this week's Newsletter!

Matthew Troy & Mark Boss - Maths Olympiad Co-ordinators



CUPCAKE STALL

TUESDAY 25th June 2013



CUPCAKES FOR SALE
FOR ONLY \$1 EACH
KINDY PAVERS AND DOWNSTAIR CONCRETE
HELP SUPPORT OUR Mary Immaculate Playgroup !

Contact Numbers



If you have a change of address or telephone number could you please let the office know as it is very important in case of emergency.

CANTEEN NEWS

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 8

Wednesday June 19th Sue Quigley HELP NEEDED
Thursday June 20th Angela Portelli HELP NEEDED
Friday June 21st Melissa Loughlin, Leanne Corapi

Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday June 26th HELP NEEDED
Thursday June 27th Cass Johnson, Chimaka Perera
Friday June 28th Sharon Hooper, HELP NEEDED



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS

4th June to 17th June



Michelle Pribadi, Luca Margiotta, Francis Dent, Kirsten Ocampo, Hailey Torres, Mahita Korada, Bronte Trickett, Kathryn Henson, Georgia Gabriel, Gabriel Palenzuela-Lim, Lachlan Willcoxson, Tamia-Rose Almelfor, Ishaan Rajpal, Zahra Diab, Nimrit Thind, Nikita Chauhan, Jayde Vella, Leo Maisnam, Brianna Anwar, Anoushika Ginni, Jackson Northey, Grace Gobo, Isaac Papadatos, Ethan Holtsbaum, Rosalina Diab, Gerald Rockson,