

# Newsletter Update

Term 4 Week 1—8th October 2012



## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

A warm welcome back to all students and staff after their recent break from school. We trust that all the holidays were restful and that all students have returned to school ready to continue their learning full of energy. A reminder that all students need to be dressed in their summer school uniform during term 4.

## FACILITIES WORK AT MARY IMMACULATE

During the holiday, our school certainly was a busy building site. The following projects have been commenced and mostly completed.

- The MPA floor has been re-sealed and polished
- All air conditioners in the school have been serviced
- The sick bay is being re-furbished
- Gutter guard is being installed throughout the school
- Mechanical ventilation is being installed in the year 3 area
- Rubber seals in various windows across the site have been replaced

All this work is part of the continual improvement that is planned for the facilities of our school. As more developments take place the parent community will be informed of their progress.

## STAFFING FOR TERM 4

This week we welcome back Mrs Price, Mrs Sammut and Mrs Behrens (formally Miss Clark) from long service leave. Thanks to Mrs Kelly, Mr Boss, Miss Dunphy and Mrs Hartigan for taking on additional roles and work during the past term.

At the same time we wish Mrs Moore and Mrs Fenech-Solar well as they commence their leave prior to having their babies.

## PLANNER FOR TERM 1

Today a planner for the term will be coming home with your child. This is the most up to date version of the school calendar. Please keep it in a handy place at home for easy reference. Please also note that while every attempt is made not to vary from the calendar, sometimes changes to dates are necessary. When a change in dates occurs, the school will advertise these as soon as possible through the newsletter.

## Important Dates

### Tuesday 16th October

Year 6 Cake Stall

7.30pm Parents & Friends Meeting

### Wednesday 17th October

9:15am Year 6 and Kindy Parish Mass

### Wednesday 18th October

Year 4 Excursion 'Rocks Dreaming'

### Friday 19th October

### SKIP-A-THON



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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

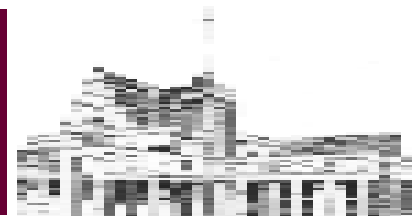
Sunday 7.30am

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## **Skip-a-thon 2012**

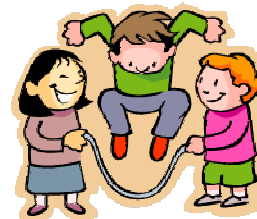
On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Week2) students will be participating in the 2012 Skip-a-thon. This will be our major fund raising event for our school, with all money raised going towards the purchase of iPads and reading materials.

Permission notes and sponsor cards have been sent home outlining the day. Please return your permission slip this week to your teacher.

Students will receive a raffle ticket for every \$5 raised and will go in the draw to win some exciting prizes, with 2 winners per grade.

More information will follow in a letter next Monday,  
leading up to the Skip-a-thon!

Mrs Glynnis Smith  
Acting Leader of Learning



## **MATHS OLYMPIAD 2012**

Mary Immaculate have entered an enthusiastic team of 46 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.

In Week 10 of Term 3 the children completed the fifth and final Maths Olympiad competitions for 2012. 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 5 were:

4/5 Jacob Mangion (6G) Philo Farid (6M)

3/5 Mia Barbeitos (6P) Riana Jacob-Flores (6P) Joanna Pakura (6P) Kristian Preller (6G)

Skye Keenan (6G) Olivia Date (6P) Harleen Thind (6G) Katie Garland (6G)

Bradley Francis (6M) Joshua Phillips (5P)

Congratulations to these children on a strong 5<sup>th</sup> Olympiad result.

This is the Final Olympiad for 2012. As a school team we scored 308 points.

Our individual highest scores are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jacob Mangion (6G) on 21/25

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Philo Farid (6M) on 17/25

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Riana Jacob-Flores (6P) & Bradley Francis (6M) on 16/25

We look forward to entering another strong team of Year 5 & 6 children in 2013.

Here's a sample question from Olympiad 5 for you to try:

Time: 5 minutes

A number bigger than 2 and less than 100 has the following property:

If it is divided by 2, 3, 4 or 5 the remainder is 1 in each case.

What is the number?

*Answer can be found in this week's Newsletter!*

**Matthew Troy & Kylie Clark – Maths Olympiad Co-ordinators**





### STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Kristian Preller 6G who won his tennis grand final Kumbak—Junior 9 for Parramatta City Tennis. Singles and Doubles. Well done Kristian!



Congratulations to all those students who collected stickers in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. We collected 76 550 points- WOW!! What a huge effort and great collecting!! The Library Committee shall now spend these points on necessary reading materials for the Learning Spaces through Modern Teaching Aids. Well done everyone!!

### LOST PROPERTY

As the warmer weather approaches the students are taking their jackets off in the breaks.

There is a lot of lost property at the moment as a result of this.

Please have a look at the items in lost property or have your child look for his/her jackets if they are missing.

Any items left after week three will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul.

### ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL FUN RUN

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, many students and teachers took part in the latest fun run, though we weren't too sure about the fun part this time when we saw the hill we had to run up. It was **very** challenging.

This run was a little different. It was predominately along bush tracks rather than roads and ovals. The children and teachers trained really well and it showed on the day.

The morning was bright and warm, perfect for a gentle run, or so we thought. It was a lot harder than running around our oval but we all completed it.

Congratulations to all these children who took part and trained so well for the event.

2km Runners:- Tyler Wolffe, Tiarna Wolffe, Jai Wolffe, Byron Wolffe, Mikayla Hutton, Kierra Hutton, Georgia Holtsbaum, Abbey Holtsbaum, Ethan Holtsbaum, Leilani Belessis, Victoria Williams, Emma Ricci, Rachael Robinson, Luca Margiotta, Lara Morales, Ebony Munro, Alan Nebuj Cherian, Joel Abraham, Olivia Date(injured), Tamiya Belessis and Annika Joson(ex-students), Mrs Wolffe and Mrs Hutton.

4km Runners:- Georgia Holtsbaum, Emerson Williams, Abby Pitt, Adrian Baker, Gabriel Sahlieh, Alysse Desira and Mrs Linda Ducksbury

8km Runners:- Mrs Rebecca Jones, Mrs Sarah Harman and Mrs Cathy Vogt

Thank you all for your wonderful effort and enthusiasm for taking part and keeping fit. Medals were awarded to these children in their age category:

Georgia Holtsbaum 1<sup>st</sup> in 4km and 2km

Tiarna Wolffe 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2km

Lara Morales 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2km

Mrs Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> in 8km

Team results are still coming.

If any children wish to get their times and photos from the day, please see Mrs Vogt with your USB.





# SKIP-A-THON 19TH OCTOBER

## Our main fundraiser for the year

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

During the last Friday of Term 3, 21 September 2012, two mixed teams and a boys team, made up of our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls, represented Mary Immaculate in the Parramatta Diocese Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day at the Kingsway Playing Fields. The boys and girls competed against six other schools in their division with a level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship that the parents, teachers and spectators were extremely proud of. Thanks to the hard training during their lunchtimes and the guidance of Mrs Vogt, our teams performed well with the boys gaining 4th place, the mixed White team coming in at 3rd and the mixed Grey team coming 2nd. Finally, we would like to thank the parents that helped us throughout the day with transportation, assisting and organising the teams between games and by cheering for our teams.

### CANTEEN NEWS

We are in need of help on

Friday 19th October

for our meal deal orders in the canteen.

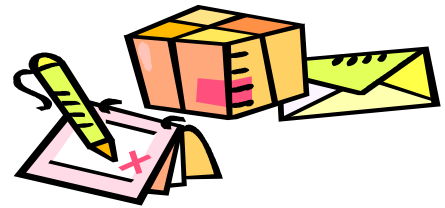
If you are able to help please let Michelle Hartigan know.  
This weeks Roster reminder

Wednesday: 10th October Tiana Peiris,  
Susan Jimenez

Thursday: 11th October Rozanne Perera,  
Angela Jackimowicz

Friday: 12th October Gina Josey,  
Shiroma Peiris, Connie Smith

## FROM THE LEARNING LETTERBOX



Dear Mr. Devlin,

I love year 4 because we are learning about reconciliation.

Reconciliation is about forgiveness and confession.

Year 4 are also learning about cycles and patterns.

A cycle and a pattern are the same thing because they both repeat over and over again.

Molly Higham 4M

Dear Mr. Devlin and Mr. Troy

I have been learning about animals and there are many different types of animals. Some can be big and some can be small. Some animals are very cute. My favourite animal is a Koala because it is cute and furry.

Karyss Toilalo KG

Dear Mr. Devlin,

I went camping with my dad during our school holidays. I learnt that camping is about having outdoor fun and adventures. We went walking and hiking in the bush and swimming in the beach. There was no tv, no ipad or wii, but I learnt how to put up a tent, cook bbq and roast marshmallows. I also learnt that we have to take care of our parks, trees and beaches because these shelters are for animals. We should not leave our rubbish everywhere to keep them clean.

Gabby Niduaza 1M

Dear Mr. Devlin,

Year 2 are learning about the past. I have learnt that people had to make things by hand in the past, they didn't have supermarkets. Back then they didn't have takeaway shops, women had to wear dresses because they weren't allowed to show their ankles.

Charlotte Nolland 2P

**Maths Olympiad Question Answer:** The number is 61.

How did you go?