

# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10— 10th December 2012



## MARY'S DREAM

*"I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son.*

*The people in my dream had been preparing for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the Presents weren't for our son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes! They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments.*

*There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree.*

*Everyone was laughing and happy. They gave the gifts to each other Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name.*

*I had the strangest feeling that, if our Jesus had gone to this celebration, he would have been intruding. How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party! I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real!"*

*(Author Unknown)*

**Advent began last Sunday 2nd December and will continue for the next three weeks, preparing us for Christmas.**

Christmas can be seen as a time for shopping, planning, buying, parties, cards and gifts. But we know that is far more than that as the season of Advent reminds us.

Advent is a time of Expectation, Waiting, Hopeful Anticipation and Cheerful Preparation of God breaking into our lives at every opportunity.

Advent, in beginning the Church's year reminds us, who live in an instant world, that there is a joy in waiting.

Advent **is not** about:

- Stressing about Christmas
- Rushing around shopping

But rather **is** about:

- Expecting, waiting, hoping and praying.
- Getting our home ready to welcome a special guest, Jesus, the one we have been waiting for.



## Important Dates

**Tuesday 11th December**

8:15AM– 12:30PM Year 6  
'Celebration/Reflection' Day—Don Bosco Centre.

**Wednesday 12th December**

10:00-11:00am 'Meet the 2013 Teacher session.

**Friday 14th December**

9:15am Farewell Assembly in MPA  
Student Leaders 2013 announced.  
Choir performing.

1:50pm-2:20pm—'Cool Kids Music' Party  
Party.

**Tuesday 18th December**

7:00 Year 6 Graduation in Church

**Mary Immaculate  
Quakers Hill  
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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

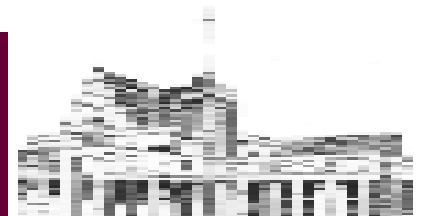
St. Joseph's Schofields

Sunday 7.30am

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**Honour Roll is now ONLINE!**

The Sun-Herald is a proud supporter of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2012. The Honour Roll site has been created in celebration of those students who completed the Challenge in 2012. Certificates for the 2012 Premier's Reading Challenge will be presented at Friday's Assembly in Week 10. This year, 168 children completed the challenge!

Created to celebrate the achievements of those students who completed the 2012 Challenge, students are encouraged to find their name in the Honour Roll and watch an exciting personalised news story unfold before their eyes! <http://prc.smh.com.au/>

Congratulations once again to all students who have completed the challenge this year! Special mention to the three Year 6 children who receive a PLATINUM award this year for completing the challenge each year since Kindergarten- **Joshua Zavone, Joanne Pakura and Marcus Wheeler**. Congratulations!

The following students receive their Gold Award this Year-

**Michaela Attard, Joy Decelis, Alyssa Ervin, Tamsyn Houseman, Lucy Loughlin, Alan Nebu Cherian, Amy Odisho, Jaden Papalera, Katherina Pati, Vanessa Peiris, Joshua Perera, Jacqueline Phillips, Joshua Phillips, Aidan Robinson, Vincent Silang, Laura Trinder, Bethany Vella, Tyler Wolfe, Holly Zavone, Joanne Pakura, Marcus Wheeler.**

Well done and keep up the great reading! Mrs. Kylie Behrens



**MARY IMMACULATE  
STUDENT TALENT QUEST 2012  
Entertaining!**



What an amazing day on Friday 7 December, 2012!

The Talent Quest Finalist all presented exciting performances that entertained the audience.

There was such great variety including: dancing, singing, magic tricks, instrumentalists, comedy, gymnastics, Boy Bands, skipping and Rap performers. As one proud grand mother remarked, "The talent here today was better than the performers on the sea Princess cruise ship!"

All finalists were presented with a 'Certificate of Achievement' by the School Captains & SRC Team.

The following performers were awarded prizes by the judges:

KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 3 'TALENT QUEST'		
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Hayley Jacob-Flores Year 3	Singing 'Wings'
Runners Up (Tied)	Elizabeth Barbagiannakos Year 1	Tap Dancing 'Fabulous Feet'
	Vanessa Peiris Year 3	Piano
Judges: Mrs Anne Kelly & Mr Mark Boss		

YEAR 4 - YEAR 6 'TALENT QUEST'		
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Stephanie Arulthasan Year 4	Piano
Runners Up (Tied)	Jade Faleono Annalise Corapi Sophia Grech Lucy Loughlin Year 4	Singing 'Rolling in the Deep'
	Tess Turner Kirsten Ocampo Year 4	Singing 'Someone Like You'
	Ruselle Madlangbayan Jasmin Demano Year 5	Singing 'Want u Back'
	Erica Romero Natham Ta Madison Gonzales Year 6	Singing 'Skinny Love'
Judges: Mrs Narelle Boatfield & Mr Paul Devlin		

A big thank you to Mrs Sarah Hutton for her technology expertise in having all the music downloaded and sequenced and for managing the production of programs and certificates. Great technical support work by Bronty Walsh & Hayley Kellam (Year 5)

A polished role done by our MC's - Samuel McKinnon, Brianna cassar & Luke Garbutt.

Many hours of preparation and organization put in by our School Captains - Nathan Ta, Tyrelle Toilalo, Samuel McKinnon & Mia Barbeitos and the SRC Team - Luke Garbutt, Brianna Cassar, Jacog Galea & Madison Gonzales.

I hope you enjoyed this great opportunity to let our students' talents shine!

Mr Matthew Troy  
Assistant Principal

## STAFFING 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The staffing teams for next year have been selected and are listed below for your information. The children throughout the school will meet their new teacher on Wednesday this week as we host "Meet the Teacher". During this time the teachers and children have time to share their hopes and dreams for the new year will also discussing out some practical issues.

### **Classroom teaching**

**KM** – Ms Sheridan Kelly

**KP** – Miss Margaret Dobrucki

**KG** - Mrs Sarah Hutton / Mrs Joanne Wolffe

**1M** – Mrs Christine Leach / Mrs Alison  
Shanahan

**1P** – Miss Nicole Gooch

**1G** –Mrs Jocelyn Williams

**2M** – Mrs Cathy Vogt

**2P** - Miss Sandra Dunphy

**2G** – Mr Gerard Kearny

### **Learning support**

Mrs Tracy Herron – co-ordinator

Mrs Joan Wood

Mrs Maree Salkeld –

Mrs Helen Ridley – ESL

Mrs Paola Dimataga – ESL

Sr Marie Butcher

Mrs Glynnis Smith – Reading Recovery

### **Maintenance and Cleaning**

Mr George James – General Assistant

Mrs Josephine Desira - Cleaning

### **Specialist Teachers / Support**

Mrs Sarah Harman – Sport

Mrs Joanne Wolffe – Sport

Mrs Karen Cauchi – Music

Mrs Helen Moore – Music

Mrs Narelle Boatfield – Visual Art

Mrs Paola Dimataga – LOTE ~ Italian

Mrs Sarah Hutton – Learning Technology Support Teacher

### **Leadership Team**

Mrs Kylie Behrans – Leader of Learning

Mrs Tracy Herron – Leader of Learning

Mrs Glynnis Smith – Leader of Learning

Mr Scott Carroll – Religious Education Co-ordinator

Mr Matthew Troy – Assistant Principal

Mr Paul Devlin – Principal

**3M** – Mr Scott Carroll

Mrs Stephanie Francis

**3P** – Mrs Narelle Price

**3G** – Mrs Lindsay Scarlett

**4M** – Mrs Kylie Behrans

Mrs Helen Moore

**4P** – Mr Mark Boss

**4G** – Mrs Rebecca Jones

Mrs Kirsten Cooper

**5M** – Mrs Anne Kelly / Mr Matthew Troy

**5P** – Mrs Patricia Davies

**5G** – Mr Andrew Matulewicz

**6M** – Mrs Robyn Jolly

**6P** – Mrs Nicole Whittaker

Mrs Bernadette Fenech-Solar

### **Teachers' Aides**

Carmen Sammut

Vicki Matulewicz

Laraine Fawns

Michelle Hartigan

### **Canteen**

Michelle Hartigan

### **Clerical and Office Support**

Mrs Michelle Brien – Office Administrator

Mrs Anne Grima – Clerical Assistant

Mrs Lynn Borg – Clerical Assistant

Mrs Cheryl Belcastro – Library Assistant

Mrs Josephine Desira – Library Assistant

We look forward to another exciting year for the Mary Immaculate community for 2013 with many learning projects and initiatives to implement.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

**Principal**

**Year 6  
Graduation Mass**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Church we congratulate and farewell our Year 6 students. The evening commences with a Mass celebrated by Fr Ian with the theme of 'Let Your True Colours Shine', this will be followed by a light supper and a Farewell Celebration in the MPA.

**SVDP Hampers**

Thank you to all the families who have donated items to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. An amazing amount of items have been donated by the families of our school. The combined efforts and generosity of the Parish community, Mary Immaculate Primary, St Joseph's Primary, Terra Sancta College and Quakers Hill High mean that many people in our local community will be given some real joy and hope for a happier, brighter Christmas.



**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Martinez family (Siobhan 3M) who have a new baby boy in the family Dante` Mael.



**CKM students Pizza Lunch**

This Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, all Cool Kids Music students for 2012 will celebrate together with a pizza lunch with their CKM teachers and fellow students in the afternoon break.



**VACATION CARE**

Vacation Care will be open from the 7th January until the 25th January

For a program and registration form please contact Tara by email:

tara.borg@parra.catholic.edu.au

**OZ FASHIONS HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS**

Monday 21st January  
1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 23rd January  
9.00am-12.00pm

Then back to normal trading hours from Friday 1st February

OZ Fashions are open every Tuesday and Friday  
8.30am - 10.00am

**☆STAR SPOT☆**

Congratulations to Joy Decelis 5M who is one of the winners of this year's Sculpture by Me, Bondi. The competition is open to participants up to 12 years.

Joy's sculpture was entitled Mother Nature Strikes Back.

Well done Joy!

**Happy Birthday to our friends:  
From 11th December  
to 31st December 2012**

- Kiara Borges
- Mollie Wilding
- Stephanie
- Arulthasan
- Tamara Whitby
- Emma Gatt
- Faith Estrada
- Shani Torres
- Benjamin Liaw
- Ethan Josey
- Thalia Caruana
- Georgia Dunbar-Mortimer
- Frank Diab
- John Ybuan
- Riley Hawkings
- Joshua Perera
- Maddison Mitchell
- Amy Inskip
- Christian Murphy
- Heidi Varlet
- Siobhan Martinez
- Alessandra Genova
- Thomas Dimataga
- Tiarna Wolffe
- Rhys Arman
- Lara Giffney
- Alicia Bokhari
- Marc Nagel



**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 4 Week 10**

Wednesday December 12th Annette O'Reilly, HELP NEEDED  
Thursday December 13th Eil Willcoxson, Rosie Jeroncic  
Friday December 14th Shiroma Peiris, Connie Smith

**Term 4 Week 11**

Wednesday December 19th Sam Scully

There will be limited stock for ordering.



**CANTEEN**

Helpers are needed in the canteen on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays next year. Helpers are required to clear the lunch tubs of orders, prepare and pack the lunches and serve the children. Hours are 9-11 although if you can stay for only half an hour that too would be greatly appreciated.

Your help would be very greatly appreciated.



Yes I am able to help in the canteen



Wednesday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday