

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2— 15th October 2012



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The gospel on the weekend allowed us to focus on the things that we think are important to us and compare those with the message of Jesus.

A man came to Jesus and asked what he needs to do to have eternal life. The man claimed to have followed all the commandments since his earliest days.

"Jesus looked steadily at him and he was filled with love for him, and he said, 'You need to do one thing more. Go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'

But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth."

Mark 10:21-22

Jesus message has always been that of love and service. He challenges us to examine our life to ensure that we are focused on the needs of others and not just our own satisfaction.

Our school motto is "Love and Service". It is always a good time to examine different ways we can follow the model of Jesus in our everyday lives remembering that we are models for our children.

Yours in education,



Paul Devlin
Principal

MISSION MONTH

"Restore hope to a special someone"

October is Mission month and students in all grades K-6 are currently learning about Mission.

This year we focus on the theme of hope with a particular country focus on the Philippines.

We look at the Church's work with children and young people who are affected by the extremes of poverty that leaves them vulnerable and with little hope.

On the Catholic Mission website there is a student section which has a video and some child centred activities if you would like to explore the topic of Mission further with your children

<http://cm.org.au/wmm/students.html>.

Important Dates

Tuesday 16th October

11:10am Year 6 'Cake Stall'

7:30pm P&F Meeting—Staffroom

Wednesday 17th October

9:15am Year 6 and Kindy
at Parish Mass

Thursday 18th October

Year 4 Excursion—'Rocks Dreaming'

Friday 19th October

SKIP-A-THON



Monday 22nd October

PPP Program Session 2

Mary Immaculate
Quakers Hill
www.maryimmac.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Ian McGinnity

Phone: 9626.3326,
9626.1613

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

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

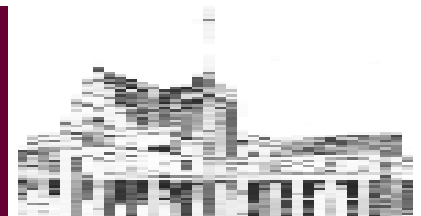
St. Joseph's Schofields

Sunday 7.30am

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Reconciliation

Important Dates to Remember

This Week: Home Group Sessions begin

- * Wed 7 November: Compulsory Final Parent Meeting with Practice for Children 7.30pm MI Church
- * Wed 14 November: Celebration of First Reconciliation MI Church 7.30pm
- * Sat/Sun 17/18 November: Presentation of Certificates at all Masses

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Our next P&F meeting will be held this week on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along to work alongside other parents of the school as we build a learning community for our children.

The meeting will be held in the staffroom.

We plan to finish by 9.00pm.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

'P&F TWILIGHT WORKING BEES'

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER & 9th NOVEMBER.

Anytime from 3:30 – 7:00pm

This term the P&F have two Twilight Working Bees.

Already a number of families have committed to attend either one or both of the Term 4 Working Bees.

In organizing the Working Bees it is possible to keep the school in good order.

Over the two Friday's we hope to complete the following projects:

- ✂ Weeding, watering and maintaining large bank near top car park
- ✂ Whipper snipping around car park and Picnic Hill
- ✂ Weeding and tidying up K – Yr 1 play area
- ✂ Blowing and washing paths and paved areas
- ✂ Replenishing bark to garden beds around the school
- ✂ Mowing lawns in front entry of school
- ✂ Trimming trees and shrubs in around walk ways
- ✂ Collecting rubbish from around the school



It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater the impact we have on keeping our school grounds in wonderful condition for all to enjoy.

It is in partnership that we can achieve great things together!

Matthew Troy

Assistant Principal

Nicholas Varlet

P&F Co ordinator

George James

General Assistance



Book Club Issue 7 is due back to school by Tuesday 23rd October.

Please remember to include your child's name and class on each order form.

Please **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Alternate delivery arrangements can be made if you don't want your child to receive your Book Club Orders.

Please include a note and phone number with your order and we will contact you.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication at school please ensure medical forms are filled out.

Please ensure all medications are in their original packaging with students full name, dosage and Doctors Authorisation.

STUDENT VALIDATIONS

A reminder to parents to check phone/mobile numbers and to supply email addresses (this is for the new Admin Program) and to return to the Office by Friday 26th October.

Thank you.

SKIP-A-THON 2012

Just a reminder that **Friday 19th October** is Skip-a-thon day!!!

That is **THIS** Friday!

We look forward to seeing you down on the front concrete (shaded area) at 9:30am for fitness and fun. We think you will be impressed at how well the students can skip!

Please see the attached letter about the organisation of the morning and what your child needs to bring with them and wear on the day.

Parents are invited to a picnic lunch after the event. There will be **no other lunch orders** from the canteen on the day, just the Skip-a-thon Meal Deal.

This is our major fundraising event for the year. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Glynnis Smith
Acting Leader of Learning
Early Stage One



2012 MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Students from Mary Immaculate achieved pleasing results when they participated in the 'International Competition and Assessment for Schools' (ICAS) in Mathematics earlier this year.

78 children from Years 3 – 6 participated. The children were assessed in the following skills areas:
Number & Arithmetic # Algebra & Patterns # Measures & Units # Space & Geometry # Chance & Data
Certificates are awarded on the following basis:

High Distinction Certificate

The top 1% of entrants in each year level.

Distinction Certificate

The next 10% of entrants in each year level.

Credit Certificate

The next 25% of entrants in each year level.

Participation Certificate

All other students receive a Participation Certificate



Distinction Certificate (1)

Year 4 Stephanie Arulthasan

Credit Certificate (15)

Year 3 Isabella Donaldson, Matthew Espinosa, Joshua Perera, Aidan Robinson

Year 4 Ally Barrientos, Alan Nebu Cherian, Fady Farid, Jean Kim, Gabriel Sahlieh

Year 5 Sarah Henson, Daniel Pearce, Joshua Phillips

Year 6 Isaac Macaraeg, Philo Farid, Jacob Mangion

Well done to all students who took part with special congratulations to the students listed whose names were read out at Assembly on Monday.

All students who participated received their papers, certificates and results.

I encourage parents to go over the competitions with their child and reflect on their great achievements.

Matthew Troy

Assistant Principal

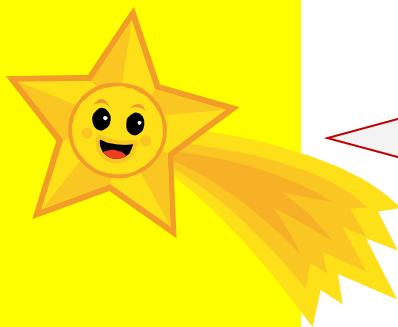
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

STAR SPOT

Congratulations to Jade
Faleono 4P

Who made the
Netball Representative
Team.

Well done Jade!



SIZE 10
SPORTS
SHORTS NOW
IN STOCK

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP

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



Children will be given sets of words to be learnt and tested on.

Years 5 & 6 (275 words)

100 x Core List words
100 x Tricky words
50 x Challenging words
25 x Mystery words

Year 4 (250 words)

100 x Core List words
100 x Tricky words
25 x Challenging words
25 x Mystery words

Year 3 (200 words)

100 x Core words
50 x Tricky words
25 x Challenging words
25 x Mystery words

Year 2 (140 words)

50 x Core List words
50 x Tricky words
25 x Challenging words
15 x Mystery words

Year 1 (125 words)

50 Core List words
50 x Tricky words
13 x Challenging words
12 x Mystery words

Kindy (75 words)

25 x Core List words
25 x Tricky words
13 x Challenging words
12 x Mystery words

Time Line

- Week 2** Children are given a copy of the word lists.
- Weeks 2, 3, 4** Children study and learn their words at school and home.
- Week 5** Children will complete a written test on some of their words to determine their Grade Finalists. (10 - 12 children)
- Weeks 6, 7** 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.
- Week 8** 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,

Matthew Troy
Assistant Principal

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.

CAR PARK—CARE AND COURTESY

The car park is a busy part of our school especially in the morning and during dismissal times. Care and consideration needs to be displayed at all times by all users of the car park to ensure the safety of children and adults alike. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Haven't Registered for Summer Sport Yet??

Aged 5 or 6 or 7 this year

come & play T ball

gateway to baseball

Schofields Scorpions Baseball

come and see us at

Schofields Public School Station Rd.

Wednesdays 5pm

or contact Brad 0414460950

brad.brown@live.com.au

also need players in under 17s

ages 14 15 or 16 this year

Happy Birthday to our friends:

18th September to 15th October

Michael Hart, Amaya Dingwall, Jenna Bondoc, Joseph Young, Krrish Dhawan, Jacob Reyes, Erin Fulton, Andren Franje, Joanna Owusu, Dante Steimanis, Louise Francisco, Jackson Ockerby, Brodie Nolland, Adrian Khongwar, Nicholas Geraghty, Michaela Sorrenson Cox, Brianna Deverell, Isla Jennings, Georgia Holtsbaum, Alicia Dickson, Ella Stewart, Aiden Parnell, Samuel McKinnon, Marcus Petrolo, Jonathon Ling, Imogen Grech, Joshua Zavone, Jasmin Demano, Ruselle Madlangbayan, Luke Kalogjera, Sarah Small, Thomas Higham, Jacob Coventry, Joshua Ursino, Abby Pitt, Dylan Jachimowicz, Maddison Danaher, Dylan Phoenix, Matthew Cupo, Angelo Varghese Paul, Jacqueline Phillips, Joshua Phillips, Laura Dawkins, Matthew Espinosa, Jessica Wagner, Kahu Keenan, Jeremy Golla, Jaden Papelera, Tamsyn Houseman, Jenna Cross, Dylan Jamgotchian, Philo Farid, Miguel del Valle, Hannah King,



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.

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Wednesday 17th October Sam Scully

Thursday 18th October Phillipa Holtsbaum, Lorraine Casser

Friday 19th October Katherine Joson Connie Smith HELP NEEDED

Week 4 Week 3

Wednesday 24th October Sue Quigley HELP NEEDED

Thursday 25th October Alison Griffiths, Carmen Baker

Friday 26th October Melissa Loughlin, Leanne Corapi

