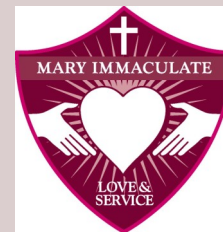


# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4— 29th October 2012



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Mary Immaculate we have many things to celebrate. During the week we hosted the initial Kindergarten Orientation Program for the children coming to our school next year. It was a wonderful chance to firstly introduce the children to the school in a more formal sense by gathering them for activities in the Kindergarten classes and allowing the teachers to get to know them. Secondly, it was the first opportunity for the parents to meet one another as various members of the school community shared information about our school. This orientation will continue for the next two weeks as we get to know more about the children so that we can group them into their classes for 2013 and plan for their learning.

We also celebrate our NAPLAN results recently received at the school. These results help the school to name areas of the students learning that are strengths while also helping to identify areas that exist as a challenge. This year's results indicate very strong growth in the areas of reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and most areas of numeracy. These results were consistent across both our Year 3 and Year 5 students. All of these areas show results trending upwards with very positive gains in the school scaled score. As a school we continue to maintain our teaching practice that has contributed to these terrific results. NAPLAN also indicates areas where we need to have targeted focus. These challenging areas are spelling and some minor strands of numeracy. We take the information from NAPLAN and combine it with school data to help the school develop program's to address the areas needing growth.

We continue to celebrate our many successes at Mary Immaculate and extend a prayer of thanks to God for the many gifts that have been given to our community.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin  
Principal



## Important Dates

### Wednesday 31st October

11:10am Year 6 Cake stall  
12:00pm Year 1 Incursion  
Halloween

### Thursday 1st November

All Saints Day  
9:15am Years 2 & 3 Parish Mass  
9:10-10:50am Kindy Orientation Session 2

### Friday 2nd November

All Souls Day  
9:15am Assembly Kindy Item  
Gymnastics Competition, Springwood

### Monday 5th November

'PPP Program' Session 4

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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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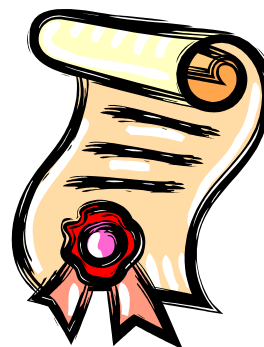


## Staff Recognition Awards

We are blessed to have so many dedicated and professional staff. This year, the Catholic Education Office have begun to formally recognise staff contributions by awarding certificates and pins to staff as they complete 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years of service to Catholic education. The staff will receive their award on the year that they attain the milestone.

This year we celebrate with the following:

Name	Years served in Catholic Education
Mrs Karen Cauchi	5
Mrs Alison Shanahan	5
Mrs Joanne Wolffe	5
Mrs Cheryl Belcastro	10
Mrs Helen Moore	10
Mr Stephen Bawden	10
Mrs Kylie Behrens	10
Mrs Sarah Hutton	10
Mr Paul Devlin	15
Mrs Glynnis Smith	25
Mr Mark Boss	26
Mrs Paola Dimataga	26
Ms Narelle Price	26
Mr Matthew Troy	30



### MARY IMMACULATE STUDENT TALENT QUEST 2012

Friday 7 December, 2012



Talented students,

We are planning to hold a 'Student Talent Quest' to display the many talents of interested children at Mary Immaculate.

An item can be either by an individual or pair or a small group.

It can include: Dancing, Singing, Playing a Musical Instrument, Magic Tricks, Boy Band, Girl Band, Gymastics, Jokes, Poetry and so many more things.

Each item will go for no more than 2 – 3 minutes.

Auditions will be held at Lunch Time and Afternoon Recess Time. If you are selected,

the 'Final' will be on Friday 7 December, 2012 in the MPA. Parents will be invited to watch the 'Final' with the rest of the school.

Finalists will receive a certificate and there will be prizes for the best items.

Good luck and put in a Nomination Form by this Friday 2 November, 2012.

We hope you enjoy this great opportunity to let your talents shine!

School Captains – Natham, Tyrelle, Samuel, Mia

SRC Team – Luke, Jacob, Brianna, Madison.

## SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The “**SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIPS**” is building with excitement. Captain Super Speller visited all grades last Friday and he is impressed with the enthusiasm of the children to learn their words.

All children have been given their sets of words to be learnt.

Each grade has a set of Core Words, Tricky Words, Challenging Words and Mystery Words.

This is the final week to learn the words.

Commencing next week children will be tested on their words.

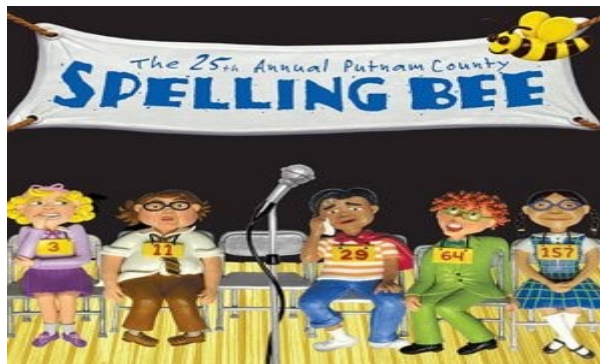
Children will be tested by a written test.

# Years 3 - 6 – 50 Word Test    # Years 1 - 2 - 25 Word Test    # Kindergarten – 20 Word Test

The top scoring 10 – 12 children from each grade will play off in a ‘Verbal Spelling Final.’

### Verbal Spelling Final Format

- ☺ The competition is conducted in rounds.
- ☺ Each finalist will be given one word to spell per round.
- ☺ The judge will select the word and say the word aloud.
- ☺ The contestant must repeat the word aloud to ensure they have heard it correctly.
- ☺ The contestant may write the word down before spelling the word aloud. (They have a set time to complete the word orally)
- ☺ The contestant spells the word aloud.
- ☺ The contestant repeats the word after they have spelt it to indicate that they have completed the spelling.
- ☺ If they spell the word correctly they progress to the next round.
- ☺ A contestant is eliminated from the competition once they spell a word incorrectly.
- ☺ If no contestant correctly spells a word during a round, all contestants participating in that round progress to the next round.
- ☺ The Grade Champion will be the only speller remaining who has correctly spelt his/her word.



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.

Matthew Troy  
Assistant Principal

## Skip-a-thon Prize Draw



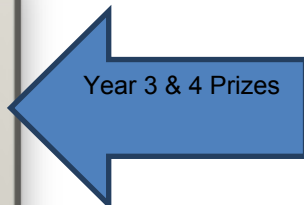
Simply return your Skip-a-thon Sponsorship card and money by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Week 4) to go into the draw to win a fabulous prize. A boy and girl from each grade will take home one of the prizes below!



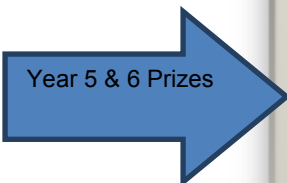
Kindergarten Prizes



Year 1 & 2 Prizes



Year 3 & 4 Prizes



Year 5 & 6 Prizes



**Remember... you've got to be in it...to win it!!!**

## Skip-a-thon

Congratulations to those students who were drawn out of the Skip-a-thon Sponsorship Card prize bag at Friday's assembly and received an ice-block from the canteen.

More ice-blocks can be won at the Monday morning and Friday Assemblies over the next few weeks before the BIG prize draw at the Week 6 Assembly.

All you have to do is return your sponsorship card and money to be in the draw!!

## DAY FOR DANIEL

Last Wednesday the staff and students supported the Daniel Morcombe Foundation by wearing something red for the day. It was wonderful to see the school in a variety of red, from hats, to socks and even a superman cape. Bronty, Hayley, Kristy and Zahra from Year 5 spent their break times selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a large jar of red lollies and red drinks.

Together, the school managed to raise over \$200 for the foundation. These funds will help the foundation in a variety of ways, in particular assisting families who are victims of crime involving children.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their support in such an important event.

Nicole Whittaker



## P&F TWILIGHT WORKING BEE

### What a great success!

Last Friday's 'Twilight Working Bee' was a positive success due to the energetic efforts and time of the following families:

**Asha** (Angel Le Paul 3G)

**Piskor** (Daniella 1G)

**Garbutt** (Nicholas 2G & Luke 6M)

**Henson** (Kathryn 2M & Sarah 5P)

**Arulthasan** (Stephanie 4M)

**Singh** (Tejas KM)

**Hooper** ( Sarah-Michelle 3M Alex 1G Jasmine Kindy 2013)

**Calafate** (Kai 2G)

**White** (Tristan 4G)

**Deshe** (Tanaka 1P)

**Hutton** (Mikayla KP Kierra 2P)

**Clouston** (Rhiannon 2M Andrea Kindy 2013)

**Harris** (Maddison KP Ashley 2P)

Under the coordination and organization of George James (General Assistant) the following projects were completed:

- Weeding left bank near St Vincent de Paul bin and carpark
- Gurneying pavers outside Kindergarten demountables
- Weeding of gardens
- Whipper snipping around carpark, behind Demountables and Picnic Hill
- Blowing paths and paved areas
- Removal of trees in Grotto
- Moving bark & mulch to garden beds
- Collecting rubbish from around the school
- Cleaning windows and panels of Year 1 & 2 classrooms
- Cleaning Kindergarten verandahs
- Trimming hedges around the school



We concluded the Working Bee with a delicious sausage sizzle and the children enjoyed a Zooper Dooper. This is a large school and the support and assistance of families in completing projects like these is invaluable.

**The second and final 'Twilight Working Bee' for Term 4 will be held on Friday afternoon  
9 November from 3:30 – 7:00pm.**

Already a number of families have committed to attend. It is not too late to join in. The more helpers the greater 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

## SILENT AUCTION

Following the generosity of the Parish in purchasing a new ride on mower for the school to use we are selling one used ride on mower and one small 'tractor' (ex ride on mower). We will conduct a silent auction over the coming weeks and highest bid will win. Parents are welcome to call into the school to view the machines between 7am and 8:30 am Monday to Thursday as Mr James, our grounds man, will be able to show you the items for auction. If you wish to call in please call the school office the previous day so that Mr James can be prepared. Parents are invited to bid for either one or two of the machines and the highest bid will have the opportunity to purchase. All bids need to be addressed to Mr Troy, our Assistant Principal.

Bidding will close on Thursday 1 November at 4:00pm. Good luck.



Tractor (ex ride on mower)  
LT X 16  
Powered by 14.5 HP  
Briggs and Stratton



Husqvarna Ride-on Lawn Mower  
Rider Pro 15  
Powered by 15 HP  
Kawasaki Hydra static  
3 Cutting discs

## Happy Birthday to our friends:

30th October to 12th November

Richard Owusu,  
Dylan De Juan,  
Alamdara Raza,  
Emerson Williams,  
Joel Abraham,  
Kaitlyn Smith,  
Kiara Khalil,  
Krystal Pereira,  
Katheryn Belen,  
Tiana Marks,  
Georgina Davies,  
Ashley Dias,  
Laura Trinder,  
Chiara King



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### First Reconciliation

#### *Important Dates to Remember*

**This Week: Week 3 Home Group Sessions**

- \* **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

## 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 4**

Wednesday 31st October  
Thursday 1st November  
Friday 2nd November

Cass Johnson, HELP NEEDED  
Lisa Sartori, Chimaka Perera  
Sharon Hooper, Shiroma Peiris

### **Week 4 Week 5**

Wednesday 7th November  
Thursday 8th November  
Friday 7th November

Annette O'Reilly HELP NEEDED  
Eil Willcoxson, Rosie Jeroncic  
**HELP NEEDED**

