

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 10—30th March 2015



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach Easter, we are reminded that this is the most important time of the year within our church. It is the time that we remember that Jesus died for us and rose from the dead on the third day. This Lent the teachers have focused the children's attention on their journey in preparation for Easter. The children have focused on their relationship with Jesus and the importance of prayer within this relationship. I hope that you and your family have a peaceful and joyous Easter celebration and enjoy your time during the holidays with your children.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin

Principal

Easter Sunday Mass for Children

We are inviting all children in our parish from Years 1 to 6 to take part in our Easter Sunday Mass for children. This will be at the 10.30am Mass. Parents, if you would like your child/children to play a special part at the Mass please contact Clare as soon as possible. Mobile: 0416 077 549
Email: creiherlyons@hotmail.com Involvement may include taking part in the Entrance and Offertory Processions, Gospel Dramatisation or Reading of Prayers of Intercession.



Holy Week

Holy Thursday 2nd April

- 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

- 10:00am Way of the Cross Multi Purpose Area
- 3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Action commemorating the Lord's Passion

Church will remain open until 9:00pm for prayer and reflection

Holy Saturday 4th April

3:00pm-4:30pm

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 5th April

- 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Children's Mass) & 6pm Masses at Mary Immaculate church, Quakers Hill

Easter Weekday Masses 6th-11th April

- Monday: 8:30am
- Tuesday: 8:30am
- Wednesday and Thursday: 9:15am
- Friday: 8:30am and 7:00pm Mass and Holy Hour

Week 10 Events

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HOLY WEEK

Monday 30th March

To Wednesday 1st April

Year 6 Canberra

Thursday 2nd April

Holy Thursday

School Holidays Commence

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday



Week 1 Term 2 Events

Thursday 23rd April

7pm-8pm First Eucharist

Parish Information

Evening

Friday 24th April

9:15am-10:00am

Anzac Day Liturgy

2:20pm -3:15pm

Assembly Year 1 Item

Free mulch available

We have too much mulch at the school at the moment and would like to offer it free to anyone who would like to come and collect. All the mulch in the car park is available to take. This can be found on the smaller section of the car-park up the first ramp.

Year 5 Antarctic Igloo

This week saw the completion of the Year 5 igloo. After weeks of collecting milk containers and strategic planning our Antarctic igloo is finally complete.

The students have enjoyed the experience of building a life-sized igloo and although there were some set backs we were able to overcome these. As with any engineering project there were modifications that needed to be made, and with the help of 76 logical thinkers we were able to come up with another action plan and design.

The students were able to incorporate not only their scientific knowledge to show they were working scientifically and technologically, but also mathematically by calculating the diameter needed, quantities of bottles, sizes and shapes.

This science and technology unit has worked well along side our integrated unit of Antarctica and has made the research we have collected more visual and real.

A massive thank-you to the MIPS family and friends who have helped support us in making our design come to life.



Touch Footy Gala Day

Thank you to the wonderful parents who came along to support us, a special thanks to the following parents for managing the teams Natalie Trotnar, James Berry, Miranda Pitt, Karen Collins and Mrs Calafate. All teams played fabulously, had great team spirit and were very well behaved. Congratulations to all players for representing our school so well.



☆☆☆Star Spot☆☆☆

Congratulations to
Mitchell Jachimowicz 5P who has
been
selected to represent the Parramatta
Diocese in hockey.
Well Done Mitchell

School Fee Accounts

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for Term 1 School fees has now passed. Please finalise payment by this Thursday via Bpay, Direct Debit or directly in the school office. Reminder notices will be sent out this week from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta office.

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty is asked to contact the school via email or phone, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. The Office Administrator can be contacted by email mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9626.3999. Thank you.



The Electronic Newsletter - Online

Today you have received a letter explaining the school's move towards an electronic Newsletter. Please read the letter to be informed and respond accordingly.

- Go to the school's website - www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au/
- Click on "Subscribe to E-News" (or any blue text near it)
- Start the sign up process
 - Complete all sections with an ORANGE asterix
 - Leave the HTML ticked
 - Tick "Receive Announcements"
 - Click "Subscribe to E - News"

Then you're done!!!

Winter Uniform - Term 2

The change over to winter uniform occurs at the start of term 2. If we have unseasonably warm weather at the start of next term, parents are welcome to dress their children in summer uniform until the start of week 3.

Easter Egg Raffle

Last Friday, the P&F held the Easter Egg Raffle. We had in excess of 110 prizes to be won courtesy of the generosity of the Mary Immaculate families. The money raised by this raffle will go towards the general fundraising projects for the Association which aids the school in many ways.



Thank you to all families who supported the raffle through egg donation and raffle ticket purchasing. A special THANK YOU to all members of the P&F who were central to the organisation of this event.

School Calendar

This term we have been trialling a new way of keeping parents informed of upcoming dates via the newsletter without the publication of a Term Calendar. After seeking feedback from a wide range number of parents, the school has decided to revert to the previous practice of publishing a Term Calendar. We will continue to place dates in the newsletter. We value parent participation at Mary Immaculate and are always seeking more effective ways of communication with the parent community.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school are undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Last day of Term 1

Thursday 2nd April

First day of Term 2

Monday 20th April K-6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 Week 2	Term 2 Week 3	Term 2 Week 4	Term 2 Week 5
Saturday 2nd May 6pm-7pm First Eucharist Enrolment Mass Sunday 3rd May First Eucharist Enrolment Mass	Tuesday 5th May Diocesan Cross Country Thursday 7th May Stage 3 Girls Gala Soccer Day Friday 8th May 9:15-10:15am Mother's Day Liturgy 2:20pm Year 4 Assembly	Thursday 14th May Kindergarten Excursion Sealife Museum Darling Harbour 7:30pm First Eucharist Practice Evening Saturday 16th May First Eucharist Mass Sunday 17th May First Eucharist Mass	Wednesday 20th May First Maths Olympiad Thursday 21st May Ascension Thursday Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

"A Message for the Uniform Shop"

The last day of trading for this term is Tuesday 31st March, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am and will re-open Tuesday 21st April, 2015 8:30am to 10:00am.

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase, from now until the end of term.

Changeover into Winter Uniform will be Monday 20th April, 2015."

For any enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or email elle@ozfashions.com"

Anaphylactic students awareness

Parents are reminded that some of our children can have a severe anaphylactic reaction to various food products. This reaction can be life threatening. Please support the school by not sending food in your child's lunchbox to school that may contain nuts, nut products or egg. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Child Protection

Recently, a letter went home to all families about the new Child Protection requirements. Please read these requirements thoroughly and undertake the screening and training where needed. - need to specify that any parent helping after the holidays will need both RMS and CEO processes.



CANTEEN ROSTER

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.

Week 10

Wednesday	1st April	Cassandra Williams
Thursday	2nd April	Cass Johnson
Friday	3rd April	GOOD FRIDAY

Term 2 Week 1

Wednesday	22nd April	Tania Peiris
Thursday	23rd April	Rozanne Perera
Friday	24th April	Leanne Corapi Connie Smith

To our friends at MIPS who celebrate their birthday between

17th March and 30th March

Prince Patel, Isabella Niduaza, Dominic Grech, Ella Perez, Bradley Felton, Danielle Zorilla, Jacob Addison, Luke Vratavic, Annabelle Farrugia, David Gabriella, Sophia Trotnar, Tyrus Diola, Lachlan Barker, Jayden Weymark, Easter Ortanez, Harrison Northey, Harrison Holmes, Abby Cameron, Viraj Behl, Rhys Pisani, Eibhlinn Murphy, Jayden Pascual