

Mary Immaculate Primary School

~ Newsletter ~

Term 1 Week 6– 29th February 2016

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Dear Families,

Our gospel on the weekend contained the parable of the barren fig tree. This morning at assembly we were able to watch a multimedia presentation on that parable. The parable has many lessons for us. One of them is that we are all called by God, our creator, to use our gifts and another is that from tiny seeds large and wonderful things can grow. Lent is a time of reflection and evaluation. We are called to make ourselves new as Easter people. As people and as a community we continue to grow and change in the light of the mission to which we are called.

We are currently gearing up for Catholic Schools Week. On Monday March 7, we are inviting families to join us for a liturgy, time in the learning spaces and for a picnic lunch. That Thursday is also our Open Day for new families. It is great for our community when we can have families highly involved in the life of the school. Enabling students to showcase their learning is one of the best ways we can do this. We will continue to look for other ways as we continue to work together for our students.

I appreciate your support in adopting the Child Protection focused adjustments from our WHS committee. Thanks to your assistance, we will be able to work together to ensure the safety of our students.

Kind regards,
Stephen Dowd



Catholic Schools Week

Join Us as We Celebrate Communities
of Faith, Knowledge & Service!

Mary Immaculate Primary is a vibrant learning community offering quality Catholic Education in a dynamic and innovative environment. To learn more about our school and to meet our staff and students, please join us for our 2016 Open Day.

Mary Immaculate Primary School

OPEN DAY

Thursday 10th March 2016 9:15am – 11:00am

125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill

- Tour our Agile Learning Environments
- Meet the Principal – Welcome at 9.30am
- Talk to staff and meet our Year 6 Student Leadership Team
- Information Desk and Enrolment packages
- Children's Activity and Technology Centre
- Morning Tea



For more information, please contact our friendly office staff on 9626 3999 or visit our website www.maryimmacqhill.catholic.edu.au

Week 6

Wednesday 2nd March

- 10:00am-11:00am
Year 5 Reconciliation
- 7:30pm-8:30pm
P&F Meeting

Thursday 3rd March

- 9:15am-10:15am
Parish Mass Year 2 3

Week 7

Monday 7th March 4

- 9:15am-10:15am
Catholic Schools Week
Liturgy
- 10:15am Open Class Maths
Focus
- 11:00am Hot Food Day
Picnic lunch with parents

Tuesday 8th March

- Year 3 Excursion
Australian Pioneer Village

Wednesday 9th March

- 2:30pm Whole school tour

Thursday 10th March

- Open Day for new families
- Walk through & tour any-
time from 9:30am

Friday 11th March

- P&F Mufti Day
- 2:30-3:20 Assembly

Week 8

Wednesday 16th March

- Year 6 Canberra Camp
- 10:00am-11am Year 4
Reconciliation

Thursday 17th March

- 9:15-10:15am Parish Mass
Year 3&4

Friday 18th March

- 6:30pm-9:30pm Bingo
P&F Bingo Night

Volunteering at Mary Immaculate Primary Child Protection Checks

As you know at Mary Immaculate Primary, we warmly welcome any parents or caregivers who are able to offer their time and skills in a voluntary capacity to assist the students in our school. We are required to ensure all volunteers working in our school comply with Child Protection policy and practice.

All volunteers working in the school are required to complete Child Protection workshop online every two years, through Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. This is a requirement for any volunteer and once the workshop is completed, the school is notified via email and then clears you to work in a voluntary capacity at Mary Immaculate for two years.

The address for this link is

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

"Start the Module". Once complete, an email will be sent to Mary Immaculate Primary notifying the school that training has been completed. We greatly value your help at the school and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns not addressed through the above website, please ask Mrs Sharon Mizzi or myself for clarification.

P&F Meeting

Wednesday

2nd March

7:30pm-8:30pm



Playground Equipment

The playground equipment that is situated on the grass at the front of the school (near the school office) is for the use of the Kindergarten students for play during Lunch and Recess only and by the parish Playgroup.

This equipment is **not to be played on BEFORE school or AFTER school by any students or children**. There is always the play equipment on Patterson's Reserve to play on after school!

As this is a safety issue, we thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Parish Based Sacramental Program

Registration Forms are now available from the Church Foyer and the Parish Office for those children who will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

(Please note children need to have made their First Reconciliation to participate in this program.) These forms must be returned to the Parish Office or in the Parish Locked Box before Thursday 31 March. The first Parent Evening for the families involved in the program will take place on

Thursday 31 March at 7.30pm in the Church. Please refer to the information sheet accompanying the Registration form for any queries or contact the Sacramental Coordinator or Parish Office on 9626 3326.
Email: sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au

Developing Literacy Partnerships

An invitation is extended for you to take part in a programme specifically designed to help you - help your child/children - in their literacy and language development. This programme, called "**Developing Literacy Partnerships**", runs over two weeks, one night a week **from 7.00pm until 8.30pm**.

This programme is designed to give you knowledge, understanding and insight into how children develop in reading, writing and spelling. The course is simple, enjoyable, skill developing and affords you the benefit of being an asset in your child's learning.

This programme will also assist when volunteering at Mary Immaculate Primary.

When: Tuesday evenings 7pm - 8.30pm
8th and 15th March.

Where: Learning Support Room next to the Multi Purpose Area

I truly hope that you are able to attend.

School Fees 2016

A reminder that Term One School fees are due by next Monday 7th March 2016,

Direct Debit or BPay options are outlined on pages 3 and 4 of your statement.

These payment plans assist families budgets, by spreading school fees until August 2016. Please complete the form and return by 26th February in reply paid envelope provided to: Catholic Education Office (Finance) Locked Bag 4, North Parramatta NSW 1750

Any queries regarding fees can be directed to the office on 9626 3999 or by email to cnalletambysandel@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you.

Claudine Nalletamby
Office Administrator

Uniform shop trading hours



Normal trading hours will continue as normal
Tuesday 8.30 till 10.00am
Friday 8.30 till 10.00am.

We also do over the phone orders and online orders.

For any enquiries please contact - Elle

Phone : 0421216414

Email : elle@ozfashions.com.au



Our Annual Mary Immaculate Parents and Friends Association Family Bingo Night is on again!

Have some fun, play some games, and possibly take home a great prize!!!

Seats are limited, so be quick to secure your place.

When: Friday 18 March – 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

Where: Mary Immaculate Multi-Purpose Area

Cost: Tickets are \$10 for a family (max 2 adults and up to 4 children) - all other single entry tickets are \$3 each Book of 10 games \$10 Single Game Sheets and Daubers \$2

This is a BYO event (no alcohol permitted) with soft drinks, poppers and water available for purchase on the night as well as complimentary tea and coffee.

Single Game Sheets and Daubers \$2

Don't forget your gold coins for additional games during the night

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Family Name: _____ Name of Oldest Child: _____ Class: _____

Number of Tickets Required: _____ X Family Ticket _____ X Single

Ticket Number of adults attending = _____ Number of children attending = _____

Money Enclosed: \$ _____

Game sheets and daubers will be on sale on the night



MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT SHIRT/JERSEY



In preparation for our annual Easter Egg Raffle, children may come to school wearing mufti on Friday March 11. The theme is to WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT SHIRT/JERSEY. Children are asked to make a donation of **Easter Eggs, which** will be collected by classroom teachers in the morning.

Children are reminded to bring a sun-safe hat to school.

Easter Raffle tickets will be distributed during Week 8 and hamper winners will be drawn on Friday 1st April. You can collect extra ticket books from the office. (To receive raffle tickets, you must have signed and returned the consent form distributed in Week 4). Please see the office if you did not receive any tickets.



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EASTER HAMPER WRAPPING

We need volunteers to assist with Easter Hamper wrapping which will be held over two sessions Friday 11th March and Friday 18th March from 9am.

If you can assist, please tick the box below and complete your details and return to the school office.

Please remember to sign in at the school office as a parent helper when attending.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yes I can help on Friday 11th March

Yes I can help on Friday 18th March

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

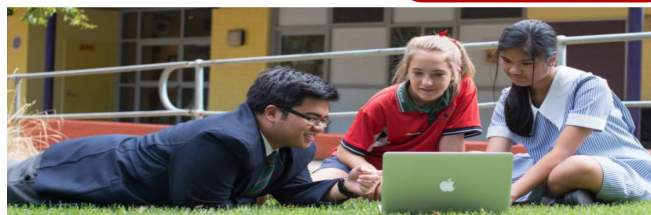
Daily Schedule

8:55am-11:00am	Learning Session (Uninterrupted Learning)
11:00am-11:50am	Lunch Break
11:50am-12:50pm	Learning Session
12:50pm-12:55pm	Break
12:55pm-1:50pm	Learning Session
1:50pm-2:20pm	Afternoon Tea Break
2:20pm-3:20pm	Learning Session

St John Paul II Catholic College

FORMERLY KNOWN AS TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

VIRTUAL TOURS NOW
AVAILABLE ON OUR
COLLEGE WEBSITE!



OPEN AFTERNOON - EVENING MONDAY 14 MARCH

4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Meet our welcoming College community & explore our educational opportunities. Showcases, tours, subject stalls, barbeque & all your questions answered!

SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS (YEARS 7-10) 85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS
NIRIMBA CAMPUS (YEARS 11-12) EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL

www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au

Call 9208 7200

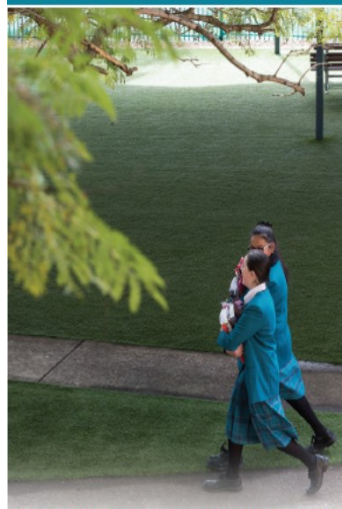


LOCAL FEEDER SCHOOLS:



* No one will be refused enrolment because of financial hardship and genuine inability to pay fees.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2017



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 15 March 2016 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1ST APRIL 2016

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Sports Uniform

Please be advised students are to wear their sports uniform on the following days.

Tuesday	Kindy	Year 1	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 3	Year 4	
Thursday	Year 2	Year 5	Year 6
Friday	All students		

CANTEEN ROSTER

Reminder: The canteen is open for over the counter snacks and drink sales Monday and Tuesday. **No lunches are available).**

Lunch orders are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Term 1 Week 6

Wednesday 2nd March

Thursday 3rd March Lisa Sartori

Friday 4th March Connie Smith, Deanne Holmes

Term 1 Week 7

Wednesday 9th March Krys Waddington

Thursday 10th March Antonia Beemster

Friday 11th March Renee Cefai, Leanne Corapi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to students who
celebrated their birthdays
between
16th February and 29th
February

Sharnie Byers, Jonathan Charabaty, Casey Sterk, Addison Renshaw, Wellington Chikowore, Elijah Mitchell, Aisha Ramirez, Gowri Vidya, Aditya Purohit, Eric Torres, Spencer Walsh, Abhishek Singh, Ethan Mangion, Sebastian Tomas, Noah Meacham, Jaeda Omokaro, Charlee Hutcheon, Carlos Hernandez, Himasha Fernando, Bailey Hendieh, Noah Ta, Alyssa Couzins, Summer Stewart, Liasha Jayaweera, Natasha Granata, Chloe Paterson, Cruz Adams, Rhiannon Clouston, Ryan Corapi, Alexia Zaki