### Mary Immaculate Primary School



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# Looking for quality Catholic education?

### Mary Immaculate Primary School



## **Open Day**

### Thursday 12th March 2015

9:15 - 11:00am

Principal's welcome at 9:30am

### Please join us for:

School tours

Meet the principal

Learning centres

Enrolment packages

#### Working bee thank you

A very active and energetic group of parents and children joined forces on Saturday to attend the first working bee for the year. We weeded many gardens, including the large bank near the parpark. Other jobs included cleaning windows, fixing gutters, whipper snipping, hedging, removal of fence panels and general clean up. Many thanks to all the families who were able to attend and contribute - the school looks very neat and tidy and is now ready for the Open Day on Thursday. We are blessed to have large grounds and we appreciate the assistance to keep it clean. The families who attended were:

Perera, O'Donoghue, Mangion, Lumba, Anthony, Keen-Grimes, Wolfe, Miller, Eason, Perera, Calafati, Williams, Bakon, Cooper

#### **Child Protection**

Last week 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.



#### Week 7

#### Monday 9th March

9:10am-10:00am

Catholic Schools Week

Liturgy

#### Thursday 12th March

Open Day 9:15am-11:00am

#### Friday 13th March

5:30pm-8:30pm

P&F Family Fun Night

#### Week 8

#### Monday 16th March

Year 1 Excursion

Powerhouse Museum

#### Wednesday 18th March

Parish Mass

Yrs 1 & 5

#### Thursday 19th March

Parish Mass

Yrs 3 & 6

#### Friday 20th March

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Assembly Yr 2 item

#### Week 9

#### Wednesday 25th March

9:15am-10:00am

Annunciation Liturgy

#### Week 10

Monday 30th March

To Wednesday 1st April

Year 6 Canberra

Thursday 2nd April

**Holy Thursday** 

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

#### **Developing Literacy Partnerships**

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.

When: Tuesday evenings 7pm - 8.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Where: Learning Support Room next to the Multi Purpose Area

#### **School Fee Accounts**

A big THANK YOU to all the families that have already finalised their school fee accounts. The due date for all School Fee Accounts to be paid by was Friday 6th March 2014. Please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible as the Catholic Education Office is scheduled to follow up on the unpaid accounts.

Any family that is experiencing financial difficulty and therefore not able to make payment is asked to contact the school in writing, so that assistance or payment arrangements can be discussed. Office Administrator can be contacted by email <a href="minmac@parra.catholic.edu.au">minmac@parra.catholic.edu.au</a> or by addressing a letter to the School office.

#### **Playground Equipment**

The Kindergarten and Year One Fun Area will be updating their play equipment towards the end of Term 1/ beginning of Term 2 as the equipment in this area has been well used and loved by the students and Parish Playgroup.

Until this time, we are asking if any families have any pre-loved but in good condition play equipment that they are no longer using (as their children have outgrown them) and would like to donate it to the school for this area.

For more information, please contact Mrs Glynnis Smith from Kindergarten Pink (Leader of Learning Early Stage One).

### Acceptable Use Agreement for Information Technology

REMINDER: These forms are now overdue

The Acceptable Use Agreement for Information Technology is renewed every year to ensure that all students and families understand the school's position on correct use of the internet and all technology.

#### Consent forms for parents - photos / raffle

Please return the Consent forms for parents that were sent home last week by Thursday 12th March. Thank you

Without your consent, we cannot send home Easter Raffle tickets to your family - this is a new legal requirement.

#### **Quality Catholic Schools (QCS) Survey**

Every year, the Catholic Education Office conducts a survey to gauge the culture of the schools in Parramatta. The survey is completed by all staff at the school, all students from Years 5 and 6 and a randomly selected group of 60 parents. These surveys will be completed during the next two weeks and the results will be available in May. If you are a parent who has been randomly selected, please complete the survey and either return it to school or complete the survey online.

#### Mark Taylor Shield

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March our Mark Taylor Shield cricket team competed against Corpus Christi Cranebrook in the first round of the Mark Taylor Shield. It was a keenly contested contest and the result came down to the last over. Corpus Christi scored 115 runs and we managed 106 runs from our allotted overs. This was a wonderful effort from the boys as only two of the squad play cricket in regular competitions on weekends. Thank you to Mrs Wolffe who assisted in training the squad and to the parents who were enthusiastic spectators on the day.

Mark Boss

#### MIPS P&F

Family Bingo Night

Friday 13th March 2015 Gates Open: 6:00pm

Bingo Starts: 6:45pm Tickets \$10:00

Year 5 are currently working on a science project for our Antarctica unit. In order to complete this project we would be very appreciative of any donations of empty 2 or 3 litre plastic milk containers (rinsed out). Please do send them in with you child and we will collect them.

#### MIPS P&F

We need volunteers to assist with wrapping for the upcoming Easter raffle at 9:00am. Please sign in at the office.

Session 1: Friday 20th March—We will also be selecting gifts to order for our Mother's Day stall. If you would like to help us pick a range of gifts from the products available, please come along.

Session 2: Monday 23rd March

If you have any excess gift wrapping ribbon at home, please consider donating to the P&F so we can keep our costs down in preparing our fantastic hampers and gifts. Please hand into the school office. Thank you.

#### MIPS P&F Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday the 21st of March 2015

Rouse Hill Bunnings-352 Annangrove Road

Volunteers Needed!

Bunnings sausage sizzles are enjoyed by thousands of Bunnings customers every week and this is a great way to raise funds for our school by getting support from our broader community. Please consider offering a small amount of your time for this very worthwhile event.

A separate flyer will be sent home tomorrow with time slots for help needed on the day.

Please have a think to your availability on this day.