



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 2 Week 1: Monday 30th April 2018



Welcome back to Term Two.

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. This survey process replaces the previous Quality Catholic Schools survey that some of you would have participated in.

We would like to invite parents to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. *As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Mary Immaculate Primary School. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. More details will soon be sent home.*

Our court area is being completed this week using the \$50000 grant funds received from the state government through Mr Kevin Conolly! We will be putting in a submission to the state government for a ramp to be constructed down from the top car park. We had applied for this last year but were unsuccessful. We have also applied for CEDP capital works funding to have our six toilet blocks refurbished.

Over the holiday break, staff from our school and from John 23rd Primary participated in a Professional Learning Experience to San Francisco. This was a hugely successful and valuable experience for both schools. We visited several schools in and around that part of California. Our visit focused on Student learning, achievement and engagement. We witnessed very high performing primary and secondary schools. While we learned a considerable amount that we will look to implement in our practices at MIPS, we were very much affirmed that we too are operating at the forefront of effective student learning. Our PBL and Student-led Conference initiatives were also featured at these other high performing schools.

Seesaw should be accessible to all parents. Please let us know if you can not access it so we can assist you. I look forward to another great term of learning and fun at MIPS!

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2018

Monday 30th April – Sunday 6th May

In 2017, 1227 people were killed and another 35,000 seriously injured on Australian roads. Traffic injury is the biggest killer of Australian children under 15 and the second-biggest killer of all Australians aged between 15 and 24. These numbers are growing every year but are fully preventable.

Visit <https://sarahgroup.squarespace.com/road-safety-week/> for more information on how you can get involved to help bring the statistics down.



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GBW:vt

29 March 2018

Dear parents and carers

In 2018 Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta moved to a new centralised billing system for the issuing of school fees statements to parents and carers. This initiative was implemented to take the burden off school administration.

Regrettably, many of the fee statements were late in being sent or contained inaccurate information. This was despite the significant planning and preparation that went into developing this new process.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta apologises to anyone who was inconvenienced by the mistakes made with the rollout of the new system. A comprehensive review of the new process is currently underway; this will continue in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



SCHOOL FEES 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians, as outlined on page 2, technical issues have resulted in a delay for families statements being mailed at the scheduled date. Families should have now received their statements. Please note that the school fee accounts are 30 day terms, therefore all Term 1 2018 fees are now to be finalised. **For families not on a Flexible Payment Plan, please ensure Term 1 2018 fees are finalised via internet banking this week.**
(Refer BPay codes on your statements)

Families who have not finalised their accounts will receive a reminder letter that this account is due for payment. If you are experiencing difficulty with fees, please contact the School via email: cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au or 9933 7800. If any of your contact details have changed including mailing address, email or mobile phone numbers, please ensure you advise the School to update our records.



ANZAC DAY LITURGY

Tomorrow Tuesday 1st May

10:30am

Multipurpose Area

All welcome to attend

INTERDIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Inter Diocesan Cross Country is tomorrow Tuesday 1st May at Sydney Motor Sports Park, Eastern Creek. Good luck to all our students who will be participating in tomorrow's run.



WINTER / SUMMER UNIFORM TRANSITION

As the weather is unpredictable, we will have a transition period into full winter uniform. If the weather is warm, children are welcome to wear summer uniform. However if the weather changes and you would prefer your child to wear their winter uniform they are able to do so. Please note that children are to wear full winter or summer uniform not a mixture. Parents will be advised of the date the students are to commence wearing full winter uniform only. Thank you for your co-operation.



WINTER UNIFORMS 2018 NOW AVAILABLE

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesdays and Fridays

8.30-10.00am. Orders can be placed via email to

elle@ozfashions.com.au (order forms can be found on your school website) or you can order via the QKR APP. For any further enquiries

please contact Elle via email: elle@ozfashions.com.au or 0421 216 414



ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Supervision begins at 8:25am.

Children should not be left at school before this time.

A 'kiss and drop' zone operates in the morning if you do not wish to walk your child into school. Adults must stay in the car at all times if using the 'kiss and drop' zone. The children's bags must be in the car with them to ensure they can exit quickly. At no time can a car be left unattended in the 'kiss and drop' zone. If you wish to walk your child into school, please drive up the ramp to the car park. Children take their bags to the classroom and then must go straight to the playground for supervision. No one is to remain in the building before school unless they have made a formal appointment with a staff member. If this is the case, you must sign in at the office. Parents who come down onto the playground are asked to stand to the side and allow their child to socialise with the other children on the playground. The perimeter gates are locked each morning. The Barnier Drive main gate entrance remains open during the day.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

School finishes at 3:20pm and we appreciate your efforts to pick up your child promptly at that time.

Supervision ceases at 3:40pm. The 'kiss and drop' zone does not operate in the afternoon. Parents/caregivers are required to park in the top car park and collect children from the designated point outside the building. Please do not go into the building to collect children from classrooms. Please note, children are not allowed to walk to the car park and meet their parents. They must be collected from the teacher. The perimeter gates are closed after the last bus leaves in the afternoon. If there is an emergency and you are late to collect your child, please contact the school office. Children can become anxious when parents are late or they are unclear about their afternoon arrangements.

Students arriving before 8:25am or remaining at school after 3:30pm are required to be enrolled in COSHC. Students are not to be left outside the school main gate unsupervised. This is a child protection issue of grave concern.

CARPARK ETIQUETTE

Parents are reminded that all cars need to be parked in **Marked spaces only**. This allows for the safe passage of other cars through the car park whilst also maximising the safety of all pedestrians, including all children, at all times. Please respect other members of the community by using the car park in a safe and respectful manner.

STUDENT BANKING - This Friday 4th May

Student banking will continue this Friday. Please send your child's Dollarmites book to the classroom teacher for processing.

SPARE UNDERWEAR REQUEST

Can we please request a pair of spare underwear as well as socks for boys and socks/stockings for girls in your child's school bag. Little accidents may occur. Also if your child has borrowed spare clothes from our school office can you please return them to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.



NAPLAN 2018:

Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th May 2018

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3 and 5. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application in the manner specified must be received by the principal prior to the testing. **Forms are available from the front office and must be returned by this Friday 4th May, 2018.**



2018 Entertainment Book P&F Fundraiser

Entertainment Books are now
available
for only \$65.

Hundreds of Offers at thousands of locations giving you over \$20,000 of value.

Log on to www.entbook.com.au/2167b37 for more information on how to purchase an Entertainment Book and P&F Association member Sarah Holm for contact details.

TAPERED THE BARBERSHOP

Shop 15, 216 Farnham Road Quakers Hill Ph: 9837 1399

Local Barbershop - Come and See Us

TRADING HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am - 5:30pm
Wednesday	9am - 5:30pm
Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 5:30pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	10am - 3pm



0437 576 415



Rouse Hill Botany Bay Kings Langley

Celebrate Mother's Day

Friday 11th May



Celebrate **Mother's Day** with a **BBQ Breakfast** that will be served from **7:30am** (Fold or Gold Coin donation)



Enjoy **Open Classrooms** from **8:30am** and **Liturgy**

All families are invited to attend and enjoy the morning!

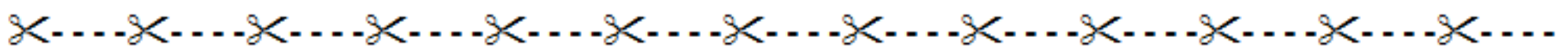
Our **Mother's Day Stall** will be held after Liturgy with gift selections at **\$5.00 each.**



All money raised goes towards New Air Conditioning for the MPA / Hall



A School Community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association



Mother's Day RSVP Attendance and Assistance

To assist with catering and coordinating events on the day, please return this slip to the school or email MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com, to advise number attending or whether you are able to assist.

Number attending the BBQ Breakfast

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Yes I can help!

☐ BBQ Breakfast 7:00am - 9:00am

☐ Mother's Day Stall 10:00am - 12:00pm

Name: _____ Child's Year: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Mother's Day Wrapping

We also need volunteers to assist with Mother's Day wrapping which will be held Friday 4th May and Monday 7th May between 9am-12. If you are able to assist, please tick the box below and complete your details and return to the school office or email MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com. A member of the P&F will contact you via Email. *Please remember to sign in at the School Reception as a parent helper when attending. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the day.*

Yes I can help!

☐ Friday 4th May from 9:00.

☐ Monday 7th May from 9:00.

Name: _____ Child's Year: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email Address: _____

A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

LAUGH
PRAY
REFLECT

TAKE TIME
OUT FOR
YOURSELF

FREE DAY SPA FOR THE SOUL

Bring a friend!

**BOOK NOW!
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

Enquire and register
by 12 April with Tania
Melki via email:
tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au
Ph:0429375226

**Thursday 3rd May
9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND
LUNCH INCLUDED**

The Franciscan Shrine of
The Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

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