



MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 3 Week 2: Monday 30th July 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic morning we shared last Thursday for Grandparents Day! It was wonderful to have so many people join us to see and celebrate our talented students' Dance Performances. Congratulations first of all to the students who excited their families with what they have learned in this area of Creative Arts this year. Congratulations to Peta Markham-Ward who is a huge new asset to our school community.

And let us not forget the Book Fair team who worked together with passion and skill to provide the students and families with the opportunity of accessing such rich literacy resources to inspire and motivate our young readers.

Thanks to the teachers for opening up the learning spaces yet again so that families could see the amazing learning opportunities they are providing for our students.

Finally, hats off to our P&F committee and all the volunteers who supported them. Their operation ran like clockwork and we were all fed and happy with timely efficiency.

A fun morning was had by all due to the effort and collaboration of so many.

Take a bow MIPS!

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd,

Principal

FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This Friday 3rd August—2:45pm MPA

TERM 3 2018 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School fee statements for Term 3 will be sent to families shortly. Thank you to all the families that have finalised their Term 2 account or continuing your payment plan and are up to date. If you have any queries regarding fees, please contact the School Office on 9933 7800 or via email to cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

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 the 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

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CARPARK ETIQUETTE

We are fortunate to have a carpark for Mary Immaculate Primary. 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.

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 Barrier 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.

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, particularly in this cold weather. 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.



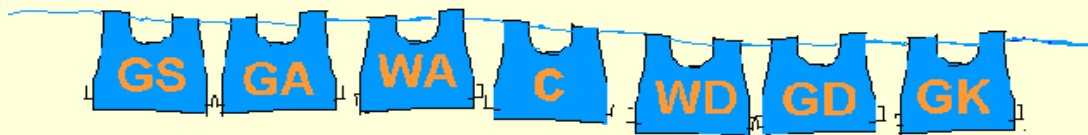
Our whole school have started Peer Support sessions this week. The children will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward which focuses on resilience. The

experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In this session, the children will establish connections with the other members of their group and develop their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children will discuss an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non resilient responses.

You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.



SPORTS NEWS



Netball

Good luck to our 4 Stage 3 Netball teams who are competing in a Gala Day on Wed 1st August at Kellyville Netball Complex.

Golf

Good luck to Cruz A and Harrison N who are travelling to Mudgee to compete in a Diocesan Golf Tournament.



Rugby Union

Congratulations to Moses L of Year 5 who plays for the Bulls Under 10s who was awarded the Best and Fairest for Parramatta Sky Rugby Union Rep team. This is an outstanding achievement considering the quality of the Parramatta squad. Well done Moses.

Reminder!

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

This Tuesday 31st July

NETBALL GALA DAY

This Wednesday 1st August

YEAR 1 FAIRYTALE INCURSION

This Thursday 2nd August



Please keep in your prayers

Our thoughts and prayers go to the Paterson family Chloe 6M, Gemma 4G and James 2G, whose grandfather passed away on 25th July after a long struggle with cancer.

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





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30 July 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to you with the news that, following an extensive review, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has made the decision to redesign its Religious Education Curriculum. This is an exciting opportunity to connect our students more closely with our rich Catholic faith and traditions in a way that makes learning meaningful and relevant to their lives and their world.

The development of a new curriculum will be based on contemporary research and collaboration involving teachers and leaders in Religious Education from across the diocese. As the new curriculum starts to take shape, the insights and feedback of parents will also be critical. With this in mind, parent forums are planned for 2019.

Trialling of the new Religious Education Curriculum is planned for 2019 with implementation scheduled for 2020. In the meantime, the existing curriculum, 'Sharing our Story' will continue to be used in all Catholic schools in the Diocese.

The Religious Literacy Assessment (RLA) which has previously been conducted in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10, was also reassessed. While recognising that the RLA provided data about students' religious literacy, it has been decided that it will no longer be used or reported on as a measure of achievement across the Diocese. Suitable alternatives for the RLA are currently under consideration.

Our schools are shaped by their Catholic identity and their call to students to live out the example of Christ. Consequently, the teaching of Religious Education will remain the defining feature of our Catholic schools. Religious Education will continue to be reported on in school reports twice a year as part of the regular school reporting process.

Thank you for your continued support of Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Regards

Gary Borg
Director Mission
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta