



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 4 Week 7: Monday 26th November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we are having the installation of the air conditioning in the MPA. This will make a huge difference to how we can use this important learning and gathering space. Our thanks for all your support in helping us achieve this goal!

On Friday, I met with representatives from Blacktown council about Paterson reserve. We are very concerned and disappointed at parents using the reserve to park primarily of an afternoon. The gate onto the reserve is meant to be always locked. Our concern is around the welfare and safety of our students and others. I am informed that it is not legal to park on the reserve and I support the council and community concern over this issue. Measures are being taken to make sure the gate remains locked and your full cooperation is expected. On another parking issue, parents are double parking in the lower part of the parking area and the walking their children into the school. This is not to continue, again for safety and responsible use reasons.

Please be sure to join us for our Feast and Skipathon Day on December 7 from 9am. Our thanks to the Year 1 parents who will be the main helpers on the day. Make sure you're getting lots of sponsors for our clever skippers! The students will also be displaying their amazing dance routines for everyone.

**Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill** recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher. As you could appreciate, teachers read their emails at various appropriate times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

With appreciation of your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



### REC NOTICE



Parish Based Sacramental Program - Reconciliation  
Thursday, 29th November - 5pm and 7pm.  
*We keep in your prayers the families and children of 49  
students from our Year 3 cohort who are receiving their  
Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

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## LEARNING at MIPS

Year 3 students have been working collaboratively to create a "choose your own adventure story". They have been involved in the writing process, planning and drafting their individual stories, then coming together as a group to edit and recraft.

"The whole grade did a 'choose your own adventure'. Each person was given a paragraph to write about. I was given the information which was: *Create a setting for the dwarf planet called Planet X. I learnt that in a 'choose your own adventure' story, the choices you make will actually affect the complications in the story.*" Aarya Khanal, Year 3.

Here is a sample of Aarya's setting:

*Planet X is a dark and gloomy planet that has purple mist in the air. The planet is a dreary and unwelcoming place. The surface of the planet is rock hard. If you stomp on its surface you will probably break your leg. You can smell petrol on Planet X, it is disgusting.*

*Planet X is our home. We have lived on it forever. Our lives have been happy on our planet despite its features, but hopefully we won't have any problems.*

"Year Three created a choose your own adventure. Each person got a topic to write about. My job was to write the introduction. After we wrote the story, we all came together in one group to share our stories and check if they flowed on from one another. The grade was split into 5 groups, so we will be creating 5 choose your own adventure stories." Trystan Dasco, Year 3.

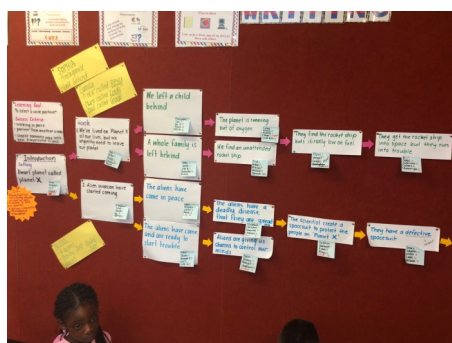
Here is a sample of Trystan's introduction:

*There was a planet that no one understood except the residents that lived there. It was Planet X. The trees were gloomy, the air was clear as glass and the sky was black as rock. You could only hear whispers of the people on the planet."*

"Our activity was to write a particular part of a story and then meet up with the other people that were given the same group number. I learnt that if you put effort and time into the text you will do well and the text will read nicely." Aleisha Boshell, Year 3.

Here is a sample of Aleisha's text:

*At last we had found the rocket ship! We clambered in. BANG! A weird smell filled the rocket. Purple mist flooded the room. Suddenly, we all fell to the ground...THUMP! The room was quiet. I peered down to see a small kitten hiding behind a flower pot. "Come out, it is okay, we won't hurt you." The Kitten slowly emerged from behind the flower pot...*



## UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Dear parents,  
Our last trading day for 2018 is **Friday 14th December** : 8.30 - 10.00am

### JANUARY HOLIDAY TRADING

Wednesday 9th January 2019

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 19th January 2019

12.00pm - 1.30pm

Normal trading will commence: Friday 1st February 2019: 8.30-10.00am



Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

## P&F ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

The Annual General Meeting will be held **Wednesday November 28th**. An invitation is extended to all of the MIPS Parent Community to join the P&F Association and partake in this important meeting for the planning of 2019. *Clause 8.5.3:* At each Annual General Meeting all positions shall be declared vacant. The members of the Association shall elect an Executive Committee as required by 5.1. Other positions and sub-committees as determined by the meeting may also be elected at this time. The Parish Priest or the Principal or the Assistant Principal shall conduct each election and declare the result.

*Regards, David Smithson - P&F Association President*



### 2018 SCHOOL FEES

All 2018 school fees should now be finalised unless families are on an extended payment plan.

Thank you to all the families that have finalised their 2018 school fees.  
**PLEASE NOTE: Any outstanding amount in school fee accounts will not receive the BPay or Direct Debit plans for 2019 fees.**

## Mary Immaculate Primary SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**Tuesday 11th December**

Mt Druitt Swimming Pool

**Years 2 - 5**

### COSHC BOOKING FORMS

Vacation Care bookings are open for January 2019. Booking forms are available at COSHC and are due back 30th November. Booking forms and changes can not be accepted after this date.



DENTAL ASSESSMENTS	P&F AGM	Reconciliation	Whole school Assembly
This Wednesday 28th November Kindergarten, Yrs 2, 4 & 6	This Wednesday 28th November 7pm	This Thursday Parish Based Reconciliation 5pm and 7pm	This Friday 30th November 2.45pm



Mary Immaculate Students K-6 Present  
**“The Curious Christmas Elf”**

An original mini musical script by Mrs Cauchi  
**Thursday 13th December 2018**

Mipsie is a mischievous Christmas Elf. He likes to play with the Christmas decorations and toys at night once everyone has gone to sleep! One Christmas a new decoration appears that has Mipsie very curious. What is this new decoration and what has it got to do with Christmas?

## LIBRARY NEWS

As we edge closer to the end of another busy term, now is the perfect time to return any overdue items to the library. We are keen to recover any overdue resources you may have forgotten about or misplaced. If you genuinely think you may have lost an item it is still worth letting library staff know so that we can come to an arrangement with you and ensure stock is replaced.



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**TRADING HOURS**

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

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# SkoolBag V6.0.1 Improvements & Fixes



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### SkoolBag

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- ### 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication


- ### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.
- ### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.


- ### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.


- ### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.





These improvements

**Fixed an issue where some Android v9.0 users were having issues logging in**

**Fixed an issue where some eForms would occasionally freeze when on the signature box**

**Fixed an issue where eForms would occasionally jump to the top of the page unexpectedly**

**Fixed an issue where adding an all-day event to your device calendar would not always display as an all-day event**



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# INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY DAY

## EXPOSITION

### SUNDAY, 02 DEC 2018

### 1PM - 4PM

Rouse Hill Community Centre

39-41 Clower Ave NSW 2155

- Light Lunch
- Inspiring Personal Stories
- Kiosks related to disability

Guests of Honour

- **Minister of Disability**

Raymond Williams

- **Mayor of Hills Shire**

Michelle Byrne

- **Mayor of Blacktown**

Stephen Bali

- **Local Councillors of**

**the Hills Shire and**

**Blacktown**

## REGISTER NOW

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## EVENT PARTNERS

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