



## MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY

~ NEWSLETTER ~

Term 1 Week 7: Monday 11th March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

For this week's newsletter I think it important that we focus on recent events which are having a profound effect on our Church and community. I offer to you Bishop Long's Pastoral Letter.

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal



### **Pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta**

Dear friends,

The news concerning Cardinal George Pell and his conviction and incarceration on historic child sexual abuse crimes has dominated local and international media this week. Such news has caused a wide range of emotions in the community.

Even among Catholics, there is a sense of shame and anger at the betrayal that the clerical sex abuse crimes represent, and the hypocrisy they reveal. It is wider than simply the case of Cardinal Pell. We must respect the processes of the law and await the outcome of the appeal.

In the meantime, our primary concern must continue to be the care of the victims of sexual abuse.

The revisiting of such grievous wounds has been difficult for many. As we approach Lent, may we, too, grieve with all those suffering intensely. Genuine hope begins whenever we listen to the story of another with an open heart.

Some, too, feel that in the marketplace the "brand Catholic" has suffered a grievous blow. Perhaps so. But we are not a market nor are we a popular cult.

We are first and always a community of disciples following our one master, Jesus Christ. We are not the Church of one particular leader, be it Pope Francis or Cardinal Pell or any other bishop.

We are the living Body of Christ made up of saints and sinners.

We are challenged by Our Lord to reach out to all who are hurting, and to all victims of every abuse and sinfulness. We are to be the “field hospital” for all the marginalised as Pope Francis has asked us to become. We are to be in the messiness of life, not to run away into some “idealised future or romantic past.”

To be such, demands that we let go of our sense of superiority, privilege and power and embrace again our need for healing and forgiveness and to look again at the Suffering Servant leader who is our Lord Jesus.

Many people may say these are only words and they would be correct. However, for us they are the words of Jesus and we are called to put our faith in Him and demonstrate it in our actions by our care for all in need.

This would mean changing the way we think and act so that all may feel safe and welcome in our communities regardless of what they believe, look like, or have, and regardless of their sexuality, gender or marital status.

The season of Lent summons us to a discipleship of humility, weakness and vulnerability, of dying and rising in Christ. We are challenged to remove our heart of stone and to have a heart of flesh instead.

During this period of crisis and darkness, as the Church, let us pray that we have the courage to die to that which is contrary to the Gospel, and rise to be what Christ has called us to be.

Yours in Christ the Chief Shepherd,



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta**

*Given at Parramatta on 1 March 2019.*

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# SCHOOL PHOTO TIMETABLE



Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
TIME	GROUP
9:15am	1G
9:30am	1M
9:45am	1P
10:00am	3G
10:15am	3M
10:30am	3P
10:45am	5G
11:00-11:50am	Lunch and Family Photos
12:00pm	5M
12:15pm	5P

Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
TIME	GROUP
9:15am	KB
9:30am	KG
9:45am	KM
10:00am	KP
10:15am	2B
10:30am	2G
10:45am	2M
11:00-11:50am	Remaining family photos and catch up of any students away previous week
12:00pm	2P
12:15pm	4G
12:30pm	4M
12:45pm	4P
1:00pm	6G
1:15pm	6M
1:30pm	6P
1:50 - 2:20pm	Afternoon Tea
2:25pm	Year 6 Leaders

## REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed on school premises for safety reasons.

## SCHOOL FEES 2019

**Statements were posted from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) last Friday, you should receive them shortly. Apologies for the delay.**

When you receive the first tax invoice, included will be the payment plans that families can adopt for their 2019 tuition fees. Please follow the instructions should you wish to utilise the Direct Debit or Bpay options and return your form to CEDP by Friday, 22nd March 2019.

Please contact the school on 02 9933 7800 or via email [lpadlan@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lpadlan@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you wish to enquire about your account.



## YEAR 3 EXCURSION

On the 5th of March, we had our Year 3 excursion. We went to the Museum of Sydney.

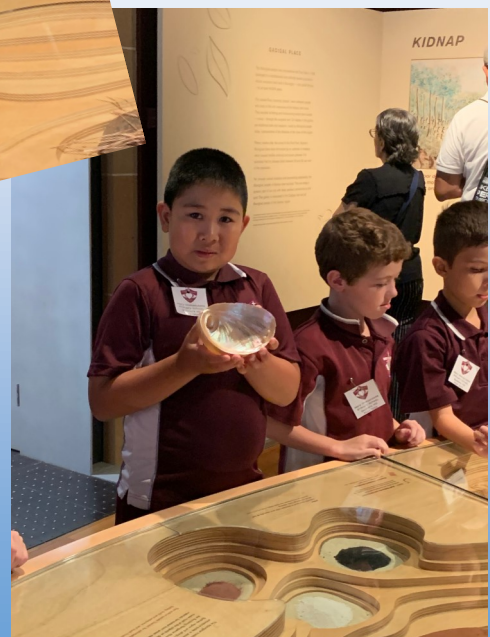
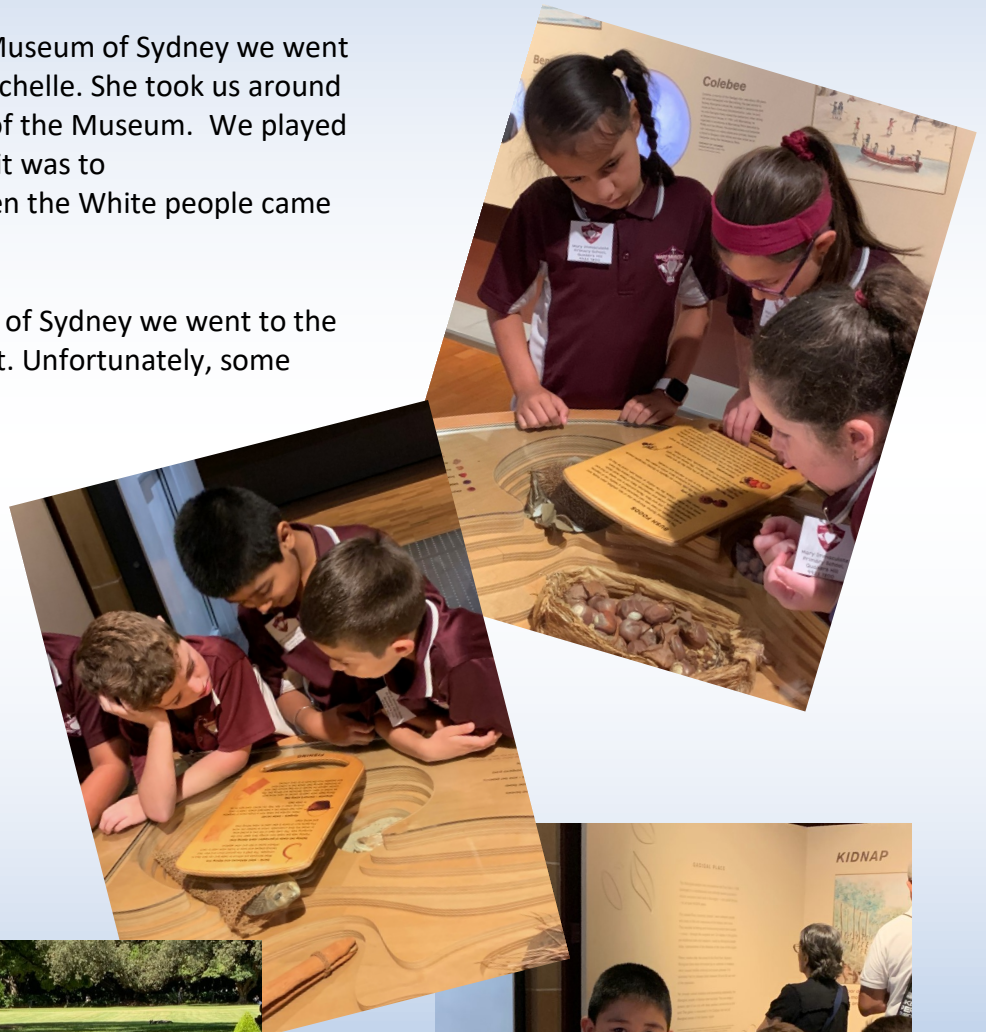
We saw bricks from the Old Government House. The owner of the Old Government House was Captain Arthur Phillip. Our group saw models of the eleven ships from the First Fleet. We also saw a painting from the eye view of the Indigenous people in the 1700s.

While our groups were at the Museum of Sydney we went on a tour with a lady named Rochelle. She took us around to many places in and outside of the Museum. We played charades to show us how hard it was to communicate back in 1788 when the White people came to Australia.

After we explored the Museum of Sydney we went to the Botanical Gardens to sit and eat. Unfortunately, some birds came and took some of the children's snacks! It was very funny!

We absolutely LOVED the excursion!!!!!!

**by Caitlyn 3P and Felipe 3P**

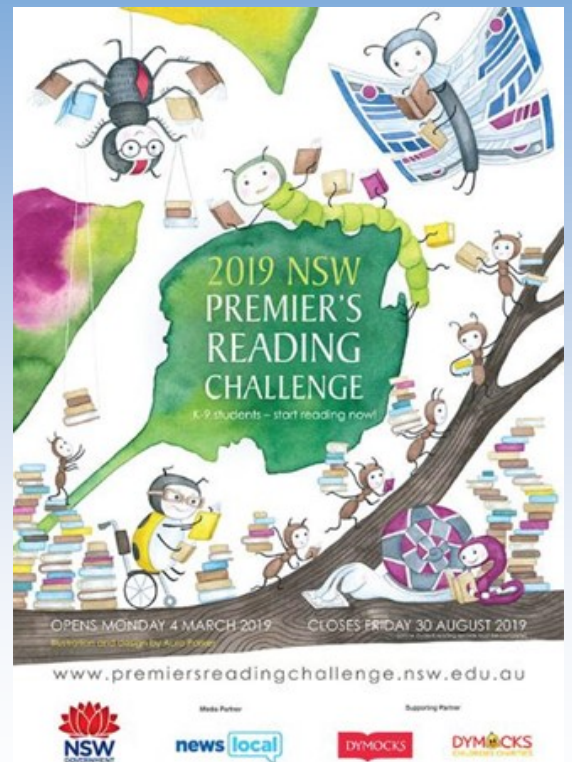


## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2019

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! As a school, Kindergarten to Year 2 teachers will be entering each child's reading logs as a whole grade cohort, as the books are included into their weekly Literacy block. This means for Kindergarten to Year 2, parents won't need to upload their child's books onto the Log. Bonus!

From years 3-6, the PRC is optional, so parents will need to log their child's books onto the digital reading log. If you need any help with this, feel free to ask your child's teacher or myself! If your child has lost their login information, please contact your child's teacher.

Yours in reading,  
Kylie Behrens



## BOOK CLUB NEWS

We are once again participating in Scholastic Book Club. Book Club operates twice a term. Each order earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards to help purchase additional learning and literacy resources for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom approximately one week after the school order is sent to Scholastic.

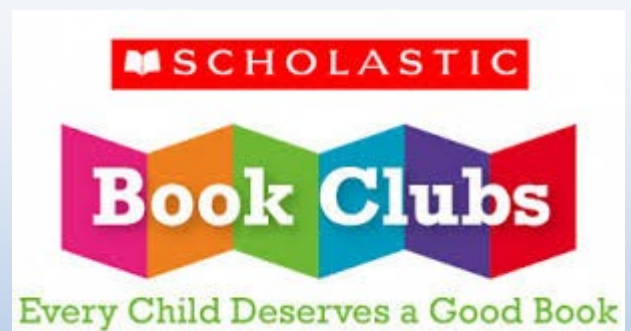
Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club was sent home today and orders need to be placed by **9am Monday, 25th March**. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late orders as Scholastic have imposed an Issue 2 ordering deadline.

Our school uses the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system for parents) to process all Book Club orders. When paying by CREDIT CARD using the LOOP login to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the app from App Store or Google Play and then follow the instructions.

There is no need to return paper order forms or payment receipts to school. We do not accept CASH payments or CHEQUES. Please disregard these options on the Book Club order form.

If you have any further questions please contact the school office.

Happy Reading!  
Mrs Sue Henson (Book Club Co-ordinator)





# MUFTI DAY FRIDAY

## 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

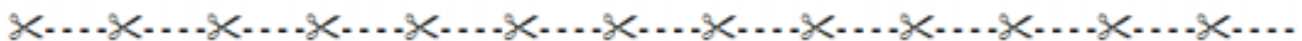


In preparation for our annual Easter Egg Raffle, children may come to school wearing mufti on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme is **Your Favourite Colour**. Children are asked to make a donation of **Easter Eggs** of their **Favourite Colour**, which will be collected by classroom teachers in the morning.

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

*Note to Parents:* Bullying is not our child's problem it's all our problem, to help our School have No Bullying culture visit <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/> for Tools and Guides.

Easter Raffle tickets will be distributed Today and hamper winners will be drawn on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. You can collect extra ticket books from the office. Please return all ticket stubs and money collected to school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the office if you did not receive any tickets.



## EASTER HAMPER WRAPPING

### VOLUNTEER SLIP

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Sorting of Eggs and Wrapping Easter Hampers. Two sessions Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you are able to assist, please email [MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com](mailto:MIPSParentsAndFriends@gmail.com) with subject header "**Volunteer for Easter Hamper Wrapping**" and include contact details and preferred date and time **Or** please complete this Volunteer Slip and return to school office.

*Please remember to sign in at School Reception as a parent helper when attending.  
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the day.*

Yes I can help on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00 to 10:30.  Yes I can help on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9:00 to 10:30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# MARY IMMACULATE

learning today ... leading tomorrow

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

## ***Cross Country "Fun Run".***

**When:** Thursday, 21st March 2019.

**Who:** Compulsory event for all children from Kindergarten to Year 6.  
Year 2 (8 yr old) to Year 6 run in the age group they are turning in 2019.  
Kindergarten, Year 1 and remaining Yr 2 will run with their grade group.

**Where:** Children will complete a measured track around the school grounds and Paterson Reserve.

9.30-10am	11 yr boys	3km	Yrs 5 & 6
	11 yr girls	3km	Yrs 5 & 6
10-10.30am	8-9 yr boys	2km	Yrs 2 & 3
	8-9 yr girls	2km	Yrs 2 & 3
10.30-11am	Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (7 yr olds)	1km	K, Yr 1 & Yrs 2 (4-7 yr olds)
11-11.50am	LUNCH		
12-12.30pm	10 yr boys	2km	Yrs 3 & 4
	10 yr girls	2km	Yrs 3 & 4
12.30-1.15pm	12 yr boys	3km	Yrs 6
	12 yr girls	3km	Yrs 6
1.50-2.20pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
2.20-3.20pm	Normal classes		Kindy - Yr 6

**What to wear:** Full Sports uniform.

**What to bring:** Plenty of water and any medication required. Children are able to run with water and Asthma puffer if required. Lunch and Afternoon Tea will be in school grounds.

**Preparation:** Children will practice their running distance during Sport lessons. Training with your child will fully prepare them for their event.

Please return notes to class teachers by Friday, 15th March 2019.

*Family and friends are welcome to cheer the children on as they attempt to achieve their personal best at this year's Cross Country.*

Yours in Sport,  
Narelle Boatfield  
PD.H.PE Coordinator

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in **Mary Immaculate School Cross Country "Fun Run"** on Thursday 21st March 2019.

- I understand that they will be running a set distance around the school and Paterson Reserve.

My child's date of birth is: \_\_\_\_\_ Age turning in 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

## WINTER UNIFORMS 2019 NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Parents/Guardians

Winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Friday from 8.30-10.00am till end of term.



All online ordering needs to be via QKR APP. Orders placed on the QKR APP will be delivered to the school office [on](#) Tuesday or Friday and they will be distributed to the children.

Please organise your child's winter uniform before end of term to ensure you are ready for next term.

Last day of trading for this term will be Friday 12th April 8.30-10.00am. We will return Tuesday 30th April 8.30-10.00am. The uniform shop will not be open during the school holidays.

Kind Regards

Elle  
Uniforms  
0421 216 414

## “YOUNG BEREAVED SPOUSES” SUPPORT GROUP

The Young Bereaved Spouse (YBS) Support group offers monthly support to men and women whose spouse or partner has died. Age guideline of under 55 years old, whether a parent or not.

This group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**First Gathering for the year:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

**Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm

**Cost:** \$5

**Registration Essential:** Contact Rita on 02 8843 2575 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

I appreciate your support for Solo Parent Services and especially any additional assistance you can provide to promote this group.

Take care and God bless you in this Lenten Season,

Kind regards,

*Rita Chater*

**Solo Parent Services (Tues/Wed/Thurs)**

Co-ordinator/ Counsellor / Group Facilitator

Grad. Dip Couns.



# “Young Bereaved Spouses” Support Group



The “Young Bereaved Spouses” (YBS) Support Group aims to provide therapeutic support to young men and women, as they adjust to life following the death of their spouse or partner.

- Together with trained facilitators, the group shares their experiences, challenges, achievements and most importantly, their hope as they continue their journey.
- The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of their spouse or partner, with an age guideline of under 55 years old, whether they are parents or not.
- Through the support of others, individuals learn to reconnect with life after experiencing the loss of their spouse or partner.
- Monthly meetings provide a safe supportive space to share grief and the realities of life in a non-judgmental way.

You are warmly welcomed to join our YBS Monthly Support Group

**Registration Essential:**

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E-mail: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)



**VENUE:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta  
**DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month (Mar –Dec)  
**TIME:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**COST:** \$5.00

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(GIRLS 12-18YRS)  
6-7PM**

**SATURDAY  
LADIES  
& GENTS  
7.30-8.30AM**

- Ballet
- Lyrical Jazz
- Hip Hop
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