

Dear Parents/Carers

This Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, there is a special gathering for our Confirmation candidates. Confirmation is of course a Sacrament. Sacraments are those vital Jesus experiences in our lives that signify our spiritual and relational growth. Our young people at MIPS are often spoken of in high regards for the knowledgeability and self confidence. This extends into their faith lives. Together with their parents - their prime educators - we work as a school to assist in bringing them to a life of fullness in relationship with God and all people. We pray for these young candidates in their journey of faith and love. More information on this follows in this newsletter from Mrs Moore.

Tomorrow, we are welcoming 31 pre-schoolers from Goddard Crescent Preschool with their educators and several parents. They will tour the school and be involved in some activities with our senior students. It is tremendous to welcome these important young people to our school community. Tours will be taking place between 9:30am and 10:30am. If other prospective parents wish to participate in these tours, they are welcome to contact the school office on 99337800 or by email at mimmac@parra.catholic.edu.au by 9:30am or arrange a tour at another time.

The abortion debate continues here in New South Wales. I urge all parents to review the text of Bishop Vincent's recent statement on this vital matter:

"We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter. The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death".

I have been closely following this abortion debate as it has unfolded in our parliament and across the public sphere. I join my voice with my brother bishops and many people of goodwill across many faiths who are alarmed at the newly-proposed NSW abortion legislation. It is not enough to argue that this legislation is simply about "decriminalising abortion." What's at stake is far more complex and goes to the heart of a healthy society. As human beings, we all have a responsibility to care for each other. Pope Francis reminds us bluntly: "It is not right to kill a human being, regardless of how small it is, to solve a problem."

Whilst we affirm the sacredness of all life, the Church as a community of faith, hope and love stands by pregnant women to offer them support. That is why, closely linked to protection of the unborn is the ongoing care of women who are pregnant, especially those in difficult personal circumstances. Our legislators and community need to provide more practical care and compassion to women facing these decisions.

In our diocese, our CatholicCare services offers a comprehensive pregnancy-related service for women and families that are expecting a baby. We want to help women in these complex situations. Being born into this wondrous planet of ours is a blessing. May each of us, given this precious gift, never forget to pray with the Psalmist: "You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. For so many marvels, I thank you: a wonder am I, and all your works are wonders." Psalms 139

With appreciation for your ongoing support,

Stephen Dowd, Principal

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Attendance



As you are aware every day of attendance at school adds to your child's chances of success and achievement from kindergarten through to high school. You play a key role in making sure your child attends school every day. You do this because you understand that attendance leads to success, not just at school but later in life. Every day at school counts towards your child's learning.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. However, we also know that when students miss too much school, no matter the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically. The more absences your child has, the harder it is for them to catch up on missed work and stay connected to their school community. Absences add up quickly. If your child is absent one day every two weeks over the course of a school year this will add up to 20 days loss of education. This is almost half a school term.

In the event of your child being absent from school it is a legal requirement for all absences to be explained. Over the next few days you will receive a note requesting an explanation for any unexplained absences. We ask that you complete and sign the letter and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 30th August. In order for absences not to appear as 'unexplained' on your child's report we require an explanation.

We ask that any future absences are followed by a note to your child's teacher upon their return to school. We are also noticing many students arriving late or leaving early, it is vital for your child's development that they are at school as much as possible. Please note that all students arriving late to school need to be signed in by their parent/carer prior to going to the classroom.

We thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child's attendance at school is of utmost importance.

ICAS



Please note that we will not be registering for these competitions this year. The administration of these tests require hours of work by various staff members and also involve students being taken out of their regular learning to complete the papers. Our intention is to implement a system where our students sit for the tests every second year at a designated time that does not interfere with their regular classroom learning. We thank you for your understanding and will advertise via the newsletter next year when registrations are open.

Thank you Sharon Mizzi Assistant Principal

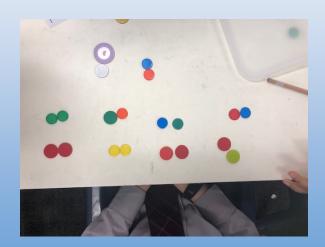
NUMERACY NEWS FROM YEAR 2

Over the past two weeks we have been doing the '2-minute Challenge' as our Maths warm-up. The students have been working with their maths buddies to compete against the clock to get as many counters as they can in two minutes. A timer is set and during that time the pairs take turns to roll a die and pull out the allotted number of counters. So, if they roll a 5 they get 5 counters out, and so on for the two minutes. Once the time has been completed, the students are asked to arrange their collection of counters so that if someone was to walk past they would be able to look and know how many counters there were there *without* actually having to count them. The students arranged their counters in a variety of ways including groups and arrays. This warm up helps with many areas of maths such as skip counting, multiplication, number patterns and even division. Below are some of the ways that the students have arranged their collections.

- Are you able to look and know how many counters are in each picture?
- Could you organise these collections another way?
- Can you write one or more number sentences to match any of these images?
- Which operation would you use?
- Could you record this using different operations?









Parents representatives and Diocesan Priests to celebrate their role in the mission of the Church and to show their support of Catholic Mission for the work they carry out in Australia and other countries throughout the world.

It was an opportunity for our Year 6 Leaders to deepen their understanding of Catholic Mission's work and highlight the manner in which they can collaborate more effectively with Catholic Mission in our own school community here at Mary Immaculate.

The Diocesan Education Mass is an occasion for students of the Diocese to gather with Principals, school leaders,

A Date For Your Calendar

A reminder that there will be a whole school Father's Day Mass celebration, **Friday 30th of August** at Mary Immaculate Parish Church.









Education Mass

Last Tuesday, four Year 6 Mini Vinnie Leaders - William, Bailey, Isabelle and Tatiana attended the Education Mass that took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

The Diocesan Education Mass precedes and highlights the universal celebration of World Mission Sunday, the day traditionally set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity throughout the world.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



May we keep the following students in our prayers as they celebrate their final Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit and God's grace, guide our students throughout their lives and call them to a life of "love and service" in the Good News of the Lord!

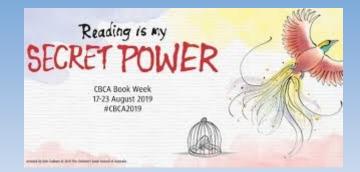
Tuesday, 20th August 2019

Abbey M	Brayden P	Chosita T	Jacob G	Ruby M
Aisha R	Brandon C	Enzo P	Lucas E	Samantha J
Alex M	Cameron D	Evan P	Lucas W	Siobhan T
Allegra L	Cameron Z	Gemma P	Matthew D	Summer S
Alyssa P	Chanel Z	Harrison H	Olivia S	Talia G

Wednesday, 21st August 2019

Abby C	Clarise H	Harrison N	Mariana K	Sienna A
Alisha A	Cristian G	Jacob R	Nicole S	Sofia C
Amelia W	Cristiano J	Jayden P	Noah S	Tiarna M
Angelica D	Darrell S	Kayden M	Ryan S	
Avana S	Dominic G	Macy F	Sean H	
Campbell S	Gabrielle F	Madeline C	Sebastian T	

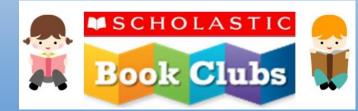
Book Week is Here!



This week is BOOK WEEK, and at Mary Immaculate, we are celebrating Reading is our Secret Power! We will be having a range of events throughout the week to celebrate this important event in our school, culminating with our Book Week parade and Family Reading Morning.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
19th August	20th August	21st August
Peer Support Reading Session (Year 6 have chosen their favourite book to share with their group).	3:05pm Year 6 read aloud over the PA.	All students will be invited to watch a Reader's Theatre, presented by the MIPS teachers!

Thursday	Friday
22nd August	23rd August
9:10am Book Week Parade (Children to dress as their favourite book character).	Presentation of awards for Jacket Covers at Assembly.
Approx 10:15am Family Reading Morning.	
3:05pm Year 6 read aloud over the PA.	



REMINDER that book club closes tomorrow, Tuesday 20th August 2019

Voice of Youth Cluster Final!

Last Friday, 16th August, Years 5 and 6 travelled by bus to John XXIII for the Voice of Youth cluster final with four other schools. Two of our year six students, Joshua and Brisa, went to represent our school, presenting their Voice of Youth speeches. There were ten students competing.

Joshua's topic for his speech was Left Handedness. He mainly talked about what lefties could do that right handers could not. Brisa's topic was about Domestic Violence. She spoke about what some men and women have to go through each day, the types of abuse that domestic violence can do and what you can do to help.

When the Judges came back after their talk, they commented on our speeches and performance. Then they announced the social justice award and the runner up for our cluster- it went to our very own Joshua! Everyone that was supporting us was happy for him. Sadly, only one person made it through to the next level in the competition. Everyone did so well and it was some tough competition. What a day to remember!



Peer Support Week 5!

As part of our Book Week celebrations, the Year 6 Leaders will be sharing their favourite picture books during their Peer Support lesson. Leaders will work with their groups to recall their strengths and activities which they enjoy doing, from Week 4's discussion. They will continue to discuss how important their strengths are and how to acknowledge these in their own lives. It would be great to follow up this discussion at home to acknowledge the strengths of your child!



Mrs Behrens



Premier's Reading Challenge closes soon!

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes next Friday, 30th August. Be sure to have your online reading log updated and ready before the closing date to ensure that you receive your certificate!

Reminder: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will be inputting these for Infants students.

Mrs Behrens

Support our Year 6 Fundraiser!!!

Buy a treat on Monday, 26th August 2019



INSTALMENT 3 SCHOOL FEES 2019

Due next Wednesday, 28th August 2019

School fee statements for instalment 3 have been mailed to families. Thank you to all the families that are maintaining their payment plans and are up to date. If you did not receive your statement or if you have any queries regarding fees, please contact Liz via email Imac-qkhlfees@parra.catholic.edu.au or 02 9933 7800

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Zone Athletics Team who competed on Tues 13th August at Blacktown Sports Park. Charlotte, Aliyah, Sharnie, Chloe, Joshua, Alana, Angelica, Zahra, Ella, Aviel, Konnor, Dominic, Taylah, Liam, Jamie, Jordan, Samantha, Rosco, David, Moses, Sarah, Alex, Jayden, Connor, Matilda, Piper, Gemma, James, Rhys, Lucas, Campbell, Kennedy, Olivia, Evie-Rose, Scarlett, Luke, Spencer, Savannah, Caitlyn and Liam.



MARY IMMACULATE

Good luck to the students who have qualified for the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 23rd at Blacktown.

P&F Fundraiser—Family Photography Day

- Family Photography Day Sunday 15th September appointments starting from 9am. Bookings can be made via our unique Try Booking Code or cash returned with your coupon to the school.
- Appointments will fill fast after a very successful day last year
- 'Limited spaces available, book early to secure your preferred time'
- Great family gift idea for that special birthday or Christmas

Dear Families,

We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10"x13" family portrait (of your family - valued at \$90!) by Laura Jean.

How long has it been since you had your family together for a group photo? Update your family pics with their relaxed and fun photographers - view gorgeous samples for ideas or check out their available packages online at:

laurajean.com.au 💡 facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

Every family can receive this personalised photographic service, close to home. Flexible options include portrait choices, complimentary sitting and obligation free additional portraits to suit your needs (see back for more details).

We will receive 100% of funds raised from the special framed family portrait, plus heaps of extra bonuses when more families participate.

FREE PORTRAIT PACK

Portrait Package plus Digital Images available:

How can you help us get there?

- Return your voucher ASAP
- Invite a friend with additional voucher below
- Encourage more families to book

INSTRUCTIONS

 You may pay manually via your usual school payment method (return completed voucher below, place in envelope marked 'family portraits' with \$20 cash)

 OR if there is a trybooking link provided to the right, follow this to book and pay online.

ORGANISATION:

Mary Immaculate Primary School RAISING FUNDS FOR: Sporting equipment for our school CONTACT: www.trybooking.com/522309 Annette O'Reilly - 0426 820 711 mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com DONATION: \$20 & receive a 10X13" FRAMED FAMILY PORTRAIT PHOTO DATE: Sunday 15th September **Outdoor sittings - studio back-up**

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Oldest child's full name: ____

Mobile or home no: ____

PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN TO OFFICE Voucher for | Framed 10°x13° Family Portrait at Special Fundraising Price*

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3" FAMILY

PORTRAIT

Oldest child's full name: ____

Mobile or home no: ____

Email:

Class:

Preferred time: ____

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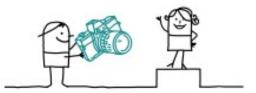
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THE STORY BEHIND THE OBLIGATION-FREE ADDITIONAL PORTRAITS

Laura Jean's professional photographers believe that a quick, fun, 15 minute portrait sitting with your family will create the best expressions possible.

18+ families are photographed on location, avoiding studio rental costs. This is passed on to offer us all great savings on professional portraits. The photo shoot is relaxed, fun, natural and easy.

Obligation free, 4 pose 'Value Pack' including digital images, available for \$248 or purchase per pose. Portraits are viewed back back at school less than 3 weeks later.





"No refund for failure to keep appointment. "One voucher per family/person – nobody can appear twice for this special offer.

"Parent/Guardian must be available to view own portrait or postage and handling shall apply.

"Please arrive 10 min prior to your appointment - thank you.

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Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill - Schofields

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Sacramental Program

Reconciliation 2019 Children Year 3 and Older

18th August - Sun

22nd September - Sun

19th / 20th October - Sat or Sun

Online Registration opens

Online Registration closes

Enrolment Mass (Sat 5.30pm or Sun 9am ONLY)

2nd / 3rd November - Sat or Sun

Second Class

First Class

9th / 10th November - Sat or Sun

16th / 17th November - Sat or Sun

21st November -- Thurs

Third Class and Practice

Reconciliation

Sacramental Program

Confirmation 2019

Children Year 5 and Older

19th May - Sun

16th June – Sun

29th / 30th June - Sat or Sun

27th / 28th July - Sat or Sun

4th / 3rd July - Sat or Sun

10th / 11th August - Sat or Sun

Online Registration opens

Online Registration closes

Enrolment Mass (Sat 5.30pm or Sun 9am ONLY)

First Class

Second Class

Third Class and Practice

20th / 21st August - Tues or Wed

Confirmation Ceremony at 7pm

Gerald "Ged" Oblea and Marthese Sultana Sacramental Team Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill – Schofields Ph: 9626 3326 (press '7') Mobile: 0477 151 279 Email: sacramentalcoordinator@maryimmac.org.au



Celebrate Father's Day with a BBQ Breakfast served from 7:30am, \$5.00 for an egg and bacon roll and a drink.

All families are invited to attend and enjoy the morning with Open Classrooms from 8:30am followed by a Father's Day Mass

Our Father's Day Stall for kids will be held after Mass with gift selections at \$5.00 each.

Father's Day Raffle, Tickets available on the Day \$2 for 1 Ticket or \$5 for 3 Tickets

Please look out for the note being sent home for this event and return your RSVP slip as soon as possible. Thank you.





A School Community event hosted by MIPS P&F Association

towards the school and our kids

The MIPS P&F association presents the



Saturday 26th October

6.30pm for 7.00pm start in the MPA

BYO Alcohol, drinks and snacks <u>This event is just for adults</u>

Tickets \$20 per person

Lucky door prize Great prizes to be won



If you have a **Local Business** and would like to sponsor the **Trivia Night** please contact

mipsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

All money raised goes towards our Kids and our School



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Parents Representative Council SUPPORT | CELEBRATE | EDUCATE

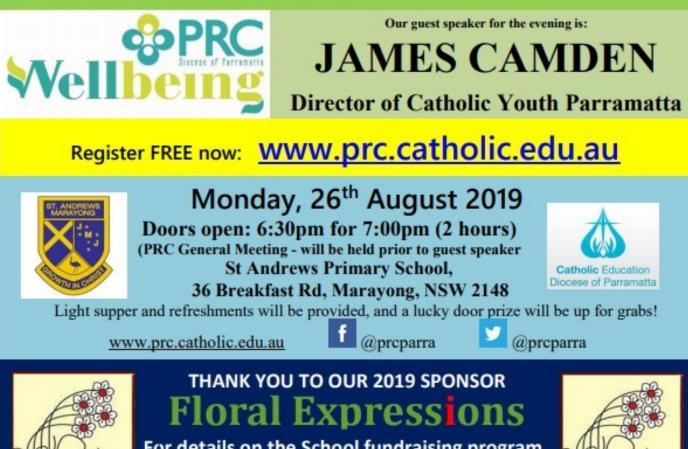
Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



Partners in Learning Partners in Faith

High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.



For details on the School fundraising program Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off[†]
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a NSW/ACT Senior Secondary Student Concession Card, available from school offices.

* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

† The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.

Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnew.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms opps.transport.new.gov.au/sets/WtermsAndConditions





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PULL UP A PEW!!!

You would be familiar with our church pews located around the school grounds, they are now up for sale.

We are looking from \$300 each and there are approximately 26 seats for sale.

Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a seat or 2, otherwise please spread the word.











STARTING 4th SEPT – 7TH SEPT 2019



REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday 24th August 2019 – 9am till 3pm Saturday 31st August 2019 – 9am till 3pm

INDOOR SOCCER (6 a side)

U6's and U7's-Saturdays 8am to 10.30am U8's and U9's-Saturdays 10am to 1pm U10's and U11's-Saturdays 11am to 2pm U12's to U14's-Saturdays 2pm to 5pm 5-A-SIDE

U15's to U17's- Fridays 5pm to7:30pm Girls Only Grades

U10's, U12's- Saturdays 12pm to 2.30pm U14's - Saturdays 3pm to 5pm

INDOOR NETBALL (7 a side)

U7's and U8's-Saturdays 8am to 10am U9 and U10's-Saturdays 9.30am to 12pm U11's and U12's-Saturdays 11.30am to 2.30pn U13's and U14's-Saturdays 2pm to 5pm U15's to U17's (Girls & Mixed)Wednesdays 5pm to7pm

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