



Term3 Week 4
Wednesday 14th August 2019
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DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2019

Thursday 15th August	Mass The Assumption Years 3-6 9:15am
Thursday 15th August	Coding Workshop 3:15pm (students)
Sunday 18th August	Eucharist—12:00pm
Monday 19th August	Year 1 3WI's
Monday 19th August	OSHC AGM—6:30pm
Tuesday 20th August	World Record Attempt Upjohn Park
Tuesday 20th August	Year 1 3WI's
Wednesday 21st August	Year 1 3WI's
Thursday 22nd August	Coding Workshop 3:15pm (students)
Friday 23rd August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Monday 26th August	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY "PUPIL FREE DAY"
Tues/Wed 27/28 August	Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 28th August	St Nicholas Netball Gala Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day Mary MacKillop was celebrated around the country last Thursday. As a school we celebrated Mary's life in a beautiful mass with Fr Peter and in classes students have been learning more her. St Mary of the Cross is a sign of hope to us all, because she developed her natural qualities and used them in the pursuit of God's work for, and with, the poor. Her life is an example of how that work made a significant difference to the lives of those she encountered. Her work was not for her own personal satisfaction but in God's name and to bring the love & compassion of God to others. There are many different and significant characteristics that were particular to Mary's nature. Some of these attributes include:

- ◆ Mary was courageous in the face of challenge
- ◆ She was slow to judge
- ◆ Mary acted from a compassionate heart

She brought the love of God and a grateful heart to her work in the hardworking yet ordinariness of her life, Mary achieved the extraordinary, in the service of God for the poor and the marginalized. Mary's faith and love of God shone through. She continues to be a sign of hope, a sign of encouragement to us all.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



IMPORTANT NOTICE—LINDA'S LUNCHES

There will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** on Monday 2nd September. Normal ordering will recommence on Thursday 5th September. Sorry for any inconvenience.

STAFFING UPDATES

As you may be aware Mrs McFarlane is expecting her first child very soon. Mr Jones will be replacing Mrs McFarlane as the teacher of 2M for the remainder of the year. During the last 4 weeks of this term Mr Blissenden will be taking some Long Service Leave and will be travelling with his wife overseas. Mrs Gosper has been appointed Acting Principal and Mrs Atkinson has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal. We welcome Mr Jones and wish Mrs McFarlane the very best as she waits for the arrival of her first child.

ACARA COLLECTION: Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. **Data collected is de-identified of personal information.**

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they **don't** want their child's data included in this report by **30 August 2019**

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August 14	Tadhg O'R Michela de la R
August 15	Khloe G Sean T
August 20	Jackson H Samuel J Joshua A Kayla G Hayley A Sophia M
August 21	Sanderson K
August 22	Lennon T
August 23	Ava C
August 25	Christian G Minnie E
August 26	Japreet K

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

AN INVITATION

This Year the Parent Representative Council (PRC) Wellbeing presentations are focused on student, parent, family and spiritual Wellbeing. The Term 3 presentation will be on August 26th at St Andrews Primary School, 36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm. The topic we will be on Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges with guest speaker James Camden - Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 3

KE	Christian G & Alice L
KS	Jacob H & Michael S
1C	Elizabeth L & Jayden terW
1R	Christopher O & Sienna A
2A	Wylie L & Tabitha M
2M	Justin H & Alexander M
3G	Andriana S & Olivia R
3M	Yujin C & Stephen A
4E	Luca B & Doreen D
4J	Anthony A & Johan Xie
5L	Johnathan K & Lochlainn M
5V	Isabella C & Jordan W
6E	Kingston L & Kimiko C
6KB	Phoebe K & Zoe A

CARE AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 3

KE	Lennon T & Zain S
KS	Judah M & Adeline T
1C	Caspian L & Wilson C
1R	William Z & Gabriel P
2A	Maisie T & Hayley G
2M	Claudia A & Samuel C
3G	Antony W & John C
3M	Ellie S & Thomas L
4E	Christina L & Phillip S
4J	Hyun S & Irene B
5L	Gabriel M & Jireh S
5V	Maiya H & Anthony S
6E	Mathew C & Sarah J
6KB	Dylan N & Christos C

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

USE OF STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

The school respects families wishes to use or not use photos of their children in publications that are either electronic or on paper. The permission to use photos continues from the previous year and will remain in place unless the family advises the school otherwise. If you do not wish the school to use your child's photo in any publication, please let the school know in writing.

ATTENDANCE—EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY COUNTS

Thank you to all families who continue to support the school and their child's education by ensuring that their child attends every possible day at school. Absences from school due to illness are completely understandable. When children are sick, they need to be at home and return to school when they have recovered. Additional days for holidays need to be kept to an absolute minimum. Parents are asked to minimise the number of days their children are away for other reasons as it directly affects their child's learning.

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT—UPJOHN PARK

Tuesday 20th August from 9am at Upjohn Park. Please note the change of venue! We will attempt to break the record for the Largest Human Image of a Pencil – which links to our writing goal this year! Please come along and help break a World Record.



INTERESTING QUOTE

During the past week I came across this quote and thought it worthwhile sharing...

"Izzy, did you ask a good question today?"

The question that the mother of 1944 Nobel physics laureate Isidor Rabi asked him every day when he got home from school – quite different from the query of most other mothers in his neighbourhood: "So? Did you learn anything today?" Rabi says that his mother's daily prod made him a scientist."

Quoted in "The Role of Questioning and Deep Thinking in the Learner-Ready School Library" by Kathryn Roots Lewis in Knowledge Quest, January/February 2019

VOICE OF YOUTH

Year 6 have been preparing and presenting their Voice of Youth Speeches to each other. Each year, Year 6 students across the Parramatta Diocese participate in this public speaking competition. This competition has been held in the Parramatta Diocese for over 30 years. Participation in public speaking develops children's ability to:

- express their ideas
- gain skills in researching information for their speech
- improve their speaking skills
- develop skills in planning, organising and outlining a speech based upon a central idea

We congratulate Sierra Lake, Nadia La Macchia and Luke Heiler who are now progressing to the next stage of the competition. We wish them all the very best of luck!



MOBILE PHONE ROAD RULES...

What are the road rules in relation to mobile phones?

NSW Legislation states that drivers or riders can use their mobile phone to make or answer a call and use the audio playing function (e.g. music) only if the phone is either:

- In a cradle fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure their view of the road;
- Can be operated without touching any part of the phone, such as via Bluetooth or voice activation.

Drivers are able to use their mobile phone as a driver's aid (e.g. GPS) only if the phone is in a cradle fixed to the vehicle and doesn't obscure their view of the road.

While driving or riding you cannot use your mobile phone for anything else, including:

- Texting or audio texting
- Emailing
- Using social media
- Taking photos
- Video messaging
- Holding your phone in any way (in hand, on lap, between shoulder and ear).



Drivers are only allowed to hold a phone to pass it to a passenger.

If you want to use your phone for any of these functions, your vehicle must be parked out of the line of traffic. These functions are not permitted when your vehicle is stopped, including when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic.

Learner, P1 and P2 NSW licence holders are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving or riding. This includes when waiting at traffic lights or stuck in traffic. You must be parked out of the line of traffic to use your phone in any way.

P&F NEWS...

Last night the P&F held their Annual General Meeting to select new members for the 2019/2020 P&F Committee. But firstly, we would like to thank the outgoing committee members. We appreciate all the time and effort you have put in over the last twelve months. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Now we would like to welcome our returning members and our new members to the 2019/2020 P&F Committee:

President:	Anthony Ellard
Vice President:	Alex Quinn
Treasurer:	Caterina Cipri
Secretary:	Elise Norton
Mothers/Fathers Day	
Coordinators:	Katy Noone/Caterina Cipri
Classroom Parent	
Coordinator:	Vanessa Craze
School Diocese Rep:	Melissa Lewis/Jenny Hayes
Clothing Pool:	Suzie Hanna



A big thank you to everyone for volunteering your time.

POSITION VACANT: Social Coordinator—this role coordinates 2-3 events each year including a student event (disco) and a parent event (social night). This position could be shared by two (2) volunteers. Please contact Anthony Ellard or Caterina Cipri if you would like to volunteer your time.