



Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2017

Saturday **Reconciliation Preparation**
6th May **3:30–5:15pm then Mass**

Tuesday **NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5**
9th May

Tuesday **Mother's Day Stall**
9th May **Wrapping 7:00pm**

Wednesday **NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5**
10th May

Wednesday **Mother's Day Stall**
10th May

Thursday **NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5**
11th May

Friday **Mother's Day Breakfast**
12th May **8:00am**

Friday **Mother's Day Liturgy**
12th May **9:10am**

Saturday **Reconciliation Preparation**
13th May **3:30–5:15pm then Mass**

Tuesday **School Photo's**
16th May

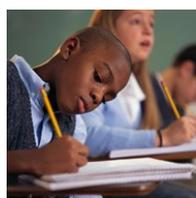
Friday **Year 4 Assembly**
19th May **2:30pm in the Hall**

Friday **First Reconciliation**
19th May **7:00pm in the Church**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that the time with your children during the holidays was a break from the routines of daily school life. I really enjoyed my break – having some time with the family in Port Stephens was outstanding.



Term 2 promises to be quite busy! At the end of next week we will celebrate Mother's Day, we have NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5, our Athletics Carnival, school photos, while the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist for some students will be celebrated as well as all the normal learning activities for each class.

During this term we will also be inviting parents and children to visit the school for the mid year "Three Way Interviews – 3WI's" – where the Semester 1 report will be discussed in detail. This is a significant event this term. I regularly talk with the children about the need to work and learn as much as they can each day and never settling for anything less than their best. One of my favourite sayings is to '*Raise the Bar*' – in other words, once we achieve something we need to set a new goal that raises the bar just a little – improving each time we attempt something, challenge ourselves to do better and not to become complacent.



Do you challenge your children from time to time to extend themselves? Do you make your children feel a little uncomfortable because the demands on them are more than they are used to? Every child needs to be challenged if they are to learn the extent of their abilities. As parents we are protectors, supporters and teachers for our kids...but we also need to be challengers from time to time so they can see for themselves their real capabilities.

This term I challenge us all to raise the bar of our children's learning so that the successes shared at the 3WI's in June will be a celebration of some *great* achievements.



Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
Principal

CHICKEN POX

As previously advised via Skoolbag, we have had a number of cases of Chicken Pox throughout the school, mainly in Kinder and Years 2 and 3. Please keep an eye on your children, and if they show any signs, we advise you visit the doctor at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you.

KISS & PICK UP

We are asking for more volunteers for our Kiss & Pick Up service in the afternoon. Unfortunately we have had a few parents drop out due to work commitments, so therefore we need more parents to help out. If you are able to assist, please see the ladies in the office. Thank you.

SPORTS DAYS

Just a reminder that children are to wear their Sports Uniform on the following days:

Kinder	Thursday & Friday
Year 1	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday
Year 5E	Wednesday & Friday
Year 5L	Thursday & Friday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday

BOOKCLUB

The current Book Club brochure Issue 3 2017 has been sent home with all students. **ORDERS FOR ISSUE 3 CLOSE 18.5.17.** To order and pay for Book Club by credit card visit www.scholastic.com.au. Please order and pay via the website. Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to students. Any questions, please contact Kristine Muir, Book Club Coordinator.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

We would like to congratulate the group of students who participated in the Diocesan Cross Country carnival yesterday. Great sportsmanship was shown by everyone. We would like to give a big congratulations to Katelyn Johnson and Carissa Gallagher have progressed to the next round and will participate in the NSWCPSS Cross Country Carnival later this term. We wish them both the best of luck!

LIBRARY DAYS

Below is the Library schedule for Term 2. Please make sure your child brings in their library bags/books on their specific day:

Kinder	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 1—Week 10



KA	Noah Zaouk & Daniel Rust
KT	Claudia Alcuri & Brodie Hart
1F	Michael Kim & Thomas Lowery
1R	Scarlett Silvera & Joshua Adams
2B	Hayden Green & Irene Baek
2MV	Carey Kaseke & William Sultana
3G	Kaisei Doggett & Sanderson Keyser
3S	Alexander Teschke & Keira Dixon
4J	Phoebe Kim & Indiana Liu
4K	Orlando Ballout & Isaac Zaouk
5E	Emma Biviano & Bianca Tandean
5L	Chloe Williams & Usenio Lee
6B	Josephine Smith & Myles Panagiotopoulos
6W	Mikayla Cotsinis & Jonah Watson

CARE AWARDS
TERM 1—Week 10



KA	Majella Craze & Celina Park
KT	Brandon Eum & Vianna Kwok
1F	Gigi Truesdale & Selina LaMacchia
1R	Gus Gilroy & Hannah Peaty
2B	Cecilia Homann & Jacob Nassima
2MV	Rachel Gilroy & Christina Lim
3G	Katerina Hart & Lochlainn Melville
3S	Amber Adams & Monique Gallagher
4J	Nancyann Bogiso & Matthew Ogrizek
4K	Esha Ghangas & Leah Kolosakas
5E	Anthony Asfour & Philippe Jendruch
5L	Cristiano Sobral & Sarah Nam
6B	Therese Davidson & Natalia Pan
6W	Jaime Camacho & Katelyn Johnson

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

NAPLAN

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests. There are often concerns reported about NAPLAN causing anxiety in children and parents. At St Mary's, we use information gained from the NAPLAN tests as a diagnostic tool, taking data from the one week of tests to add to the profile of information we have about our students and how they are learning. We prefer to maintain a constructive perspective to NAPLAN and ensure that we are providing a safe and affirmative environment for learning to occur.

SCHOOL PHOTO'S

School photo's for this year will be taken on **Tuesday 16th May**. Children are to wear their **FULL WINTER UNIFORM**. We will be sending home a personalised envelope with each student next week. Children are to hand the completed envelope to the photographer on the day of photo's. No envelopes are to be sent back into the office. Every student must return their envelope on the day, even if they are not purchasing photos. If you would like a family photo (siblings only), please collect an envelope from the office.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2018

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2018. If you have a child who will be 5 by the 31st July 2018 and you wish to apply for enrolment here at St Mary's, please contact the school office **URGENTLY**. Interviews with families will commence shortly but if you are considering enrolment you need to make contact with the office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

FETE UPDATE

On Monday evening our two Fete Coordinators were joined by just two parents and one member of the Parish. We are still looking for donations for our major raffle – if you have any connections with companies or are able to donate a major prize for the raffle please make contact with the school office ASAP. Please make sure you have the date of the fete in your calendars, **Saturday 21st October**, as this promises to be a great day for our Parish and School Communities.



IMPORTANT MEETING DATE IF YOU USE OSHC

St Mary's OSHC is a not for profit, community based centre that provides before and after school care for the children of St Mary's Primary School. The centre is managed and run by a voluntary parent committee. OSHC is an approved centre, which gives parents the ability to access Child Care Benefits (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) as a fee reduction.

If your child uses OSHC you are requested to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Committee to be held on 22nd May 2017 from 6pm in the OSHC rooms.

ATTENDING SCHOOL

I found this in a magazine I was reading during the week – it shows why we are encouraging children to be at school EVERY school day.

*The dire effects of absenteeism...A series of winter storms closed schools for several days. A university researcher started wondering if all those days of lost learning would affect students' test performance. The results of his investigation might surprise you. He found that, in a year with **five** lost school days, the number of children who met learning targets was lower than in years with no school closings. **In brief, student time on task is important to learning.** Every day your child is out of school, for whatever reason, his or her learning achievement suffers.*

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



May 3	Ellen Watson Claudia Alcuri Xianjin Bugarin Ahmani Youakim
May 5	Isabelle Cesar Katerina Hart
May 10	Catherine Lim Sierra Lake Jacob Nassima
May 11	Lara Kable Christopher Mansour
May 12	Thomas Hill Yomika Dodamegama
May 13	Eleanor Park
May 14	Connor Pastrovic
May 15	Joshua Tenorio

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to join Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Host a morning tea to help Cancer Council fund vital cancer research, prevention programs, advocacy and support services for those affected by cancer.



The official date for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is May 25, but you can host a tea any time in May or June.

Hold it at school or home.

Every dollar makes a difference to funding Cancer Council's vital research, prevention and support service programs.

For information, registration and recipes go to: biggestmorningtea.com.au.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Monday May 8, 2017.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

CATHERINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

**Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and Monday 6th November 2017
9.15 - 11am**

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

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