



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Our students and staff are continuing with the hard work of our school and while there are still a number of weeks until we conclude the year, and many events and tasks to complete, I thought I would share with you a prayer I came across recently that focuses on the end of the year:

Christ, Teacher and Lord,
Bless all in this school
As we seek to end our year
With the grace you so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students
And the staff of our school,
And all who have contributed
To this year of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of community.

Bless us and keep us safe
Amen.

Some important events for the rest of the term include:

Monday 28th November	Swimming Program Commences
Monday 12th December	End of Year Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 13th December	Parent Thank You Morning Tea
Tuesday 13th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass—6:30pm
Thursday 15th December	Swimming Carnival/Tabloid Sports
Friday 16th December	End of Year Mass 9:15am Final Day for Students

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2016

Sunday 20th Nov Fr Peter's 30th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday 23rd Nov School Band 2017 Instrument Testing

Thursday 24th Nov School Incursion: Musica Viva

Monday 28th Nov Swimming Program Commences

Thursday 1st Dec School Christmas Celebration 7:00pm

Friday 9th Dec Swimming Program Concludes

Friday 9th Dec Year 6 Graduation Disco

Monday 12th Dec Awards Ceremony 9:00am

Monday 12th Dec New Children for 2017 Orientation Day—2:00pm

Tuesday 13th Dec Parent Helper Morning Tea 10:30am

Tuesday 13th Dec Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm

Thursday 15th Dec Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6

Friday 16th Dec School Concludes for Students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

STAFFING 2017

Plans for staffing are now well underway for 2017. Following some reflection, Kate Delbridge has made the decision to retire. Miss Kate started at St Mary's in 1998 and at the end of next year she will have been employed for 20 years here. Kate's dedication and commitment to our school cannot be underestimated and the positive impact she has had on the lives of so many students and families will be remembered for years to come. In 2017 Kate will enjoy some Long Service Leave and then retire giving her time to enjoy travel, her garden and time with family and friends. The recruitment process is now underway to find a suitable Financial Officer for our school. We are planning a farewell and some celebrations to mark this significant event – details to follow.

After 9 years of full time teaching here at St Mary's Miss Rose Lopresti has accepted a position at St Patrick's Primary School at Mortlake. St Patrick's is a brand new school and Miss Lopresti will be part of the Foundation Staff – quite a unique opportunity. We will find a time to formally thank Miss Lopresti and wish her every success for her future teaching but I know you join with me in wishing her every success in this new venture.

Mrs Davidson will continue to be on Parental Leave during 2017. Miss Maree Elias will be traveling and teaching overseas from next year and Mrs Louise Caruana has decided to resign from her full time position to concentrate on completing her studies and traveling more in 2017. Mrs Caruana has been on leave this year. Mrs Sonia Fulwood, Miss Katarina Tomasic and Mr Edward Shaw have all accepted positions with us commencing in 2017. Miss Tomasic and Mrs Fulwood are well known to our community having worked here during 2016. Mr Shaw is an experienced teacher who joins our staff after working at St Patrick's Blacktown and most recently in Catholic schools in London. He has also worked casually at St Mary's. The process to complete our staffing is underway and a full staff list will be published in the coming weeks, once classes have been finalised.

CLASSES FOR 2017

Teachers will shortly commence the arrangements of class groups for next year. If you feel there are some important pieces of information we need to know about classes for next year, you are invited to write to Mr Blissenden so that this can be considered in placements.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS



TERM 4—Week 6

KA	Mia Lucas-Brown, Olivia Campos Gus Gilroy
KE	Anna Ivanova & Olivia Boumalhab
1B	Nico Fleitas, Misa Simili, Imogen Piper
1F	Ela Torres, Jacob Nassima, Jackson Henstock
2T	Eugene Jung & Dominic James
2Q	Luke Porter & Isla Ballout
3G	Matthew Ogrizek & Max Di Sano
3M	Indiana Liu & Isaac Zaouk
4J	Cooper Frain & Amy Choi
4K	Jonas Pellegriti & Chloe Williams
5E	Charlotte Bowskill & Ethan Rauniyar
5L	Eve Kannemeyer & Elizabeth Hogan
6B	Mikeeli Lake & Ryan Field
6L	Emily Radford & Alexander Jalil

CARE AWARDS



TERM 4—Week 6

KA	Caleb Filardo & Joshua Adams
KE	John Choi & Sara Sangachhe
1B	Isabel Kable, Sam Myhill, Benjamin Rust
1F	Chelsea Giraldi, Aren Simonyan, Nate McKinnon
2T	Ayva Younes & Jireh Samuel
2Q	Thomas Hill & Cooper Kennedy
3G	Brianna Ward & Emily Bagnall
3M	Joshua Tenorio & Phoebe Kim
4J	Bianca Tandean & Mia Northwood
4K	Bailey Radford & Emma Biviano
5E	Reshan Weerakkody & Elana Lavaki
5L	Annika Byrne & Zane White
6B	Ethan Lee & Max Luburic
6L	Kane Vinton & Erin Suffling

FROM THE ACTING ENGLISH COORDINATOR...

As we approach the end of our school year, we, as teachers, spend a lot of time looking back over the work that your children have done. We see how much they have grown, both academically and physically, and we feel proud. Not of ourselves, but of the hard work and dedication of the students and of the growth they have made over the course of the year. I have been able to monitor their growth in reading and writing and it has been wonderful.

In order to maintain this growth and to cement these skills in your children you need to do two things over the long summer holidays;

- ensure that your children read and/or are read to **EVERY DAY**
- ensure that your children do some kind of simple writing task each week

These tasks could include writing the shopping list, sending a postcard, sending an email to a friend, writing a fun story with you or a friend, writing a diary of exciting holiday events, to name a few.

If you can keep your children in touch with reading and writing over the holidays you will be amazed at how much easier it will be for them to settle into the new school year.

For a great article about supporting writing at home head to:

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/tips-to-support-writing-at-home/>

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and that Santa brings everyone at least one really good book!

Amanda Gierek
Acting Literacy Coordinator



BAND NEWS...

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2017 and participation is open to all students who are currently in Years 2-5. No prior experience is required.



Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a *green* **Instrumental Band Program-Introduction** form. Students who return this tear-off form, **Expression of Interest**, will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This *green* **Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at www.teachingservices.com.au or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au.**

BOOK CLUB

The current Book Club brochure Issue 8 2016 has been sent home with all students. **ORDERS FOR ISSUE 8 CLOSE 28/11/16.** 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.

LEAVING STUDENTS

Another reminder to parents – if you know your child is leaving St Mary's at the end of 2016 (excluding Year 6) please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. It is a legal requirement that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2017. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

'PARENT HELPER' THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have changed the date of the upcoming Parent Helper Morning Tea. It will now be on Tuesday 13th December at 10:30am. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MEETING

The next Year 6 Graduation meeting will be held Tuesday 29th November from 6:00pm in the school library. All Year 6 parents are most welcome to come along.

CHILDRENS NATIVITY PLAY

Calling all children who wish to take part in the children's nativity play. Please come along to the church on Saturday 26th November at 10:15am when we will be selecting parts.

We are also in need of parents to help and to please bring any costumes you may have. Any questions, please call Anne Marie on 0410 299 681

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

November 16	Tara Quinn Hayden Green
November 17	Leila Anderson
November 18	Natalia Pan
November 19	Vazgen Simonyan
November 20	Olivia Marshall
November 21	Luca Biviano Chloe Munoz
November 22	Sanjana Norris Jacob Zaouk Brianna Ward
November 23	Josephine Smith
November 26	Ryan Field Carissa Gallagher
November 27	Olivia Kostic Ayva Younes
November 28	Natasha Ball Daniel Bietola
November 29	Larissa Laguzza Luca McGilly Torie Shi

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

PICK UP & KISS

We would welcome some additional volunteer parents to assist with the afternoon collection on Myrtle Street – are you able to offer one afternoon a week/fortnight/month? Please see Miss Stacey in the office if you can. Children of parents assisting at Pick Up and Kiss are asked to wait under the COLA and not in front of the hall.

CHANGE OF HOME OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren). You can also update your details via the school's skoolbag app under the Parent eForms tab.