



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2010

Thursday Holy Week Liturgy
1st Apr

Thursday TERM 1 CONCLUDES
1st Apr

Friday Good Friday
2nd Apr

TERM 2

Friday Easter Mass 9:15am
23rd Apr

Monday ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
26th Apr

Wednesday Confirmation Parent
Information Evening 7:30pm
28th Apr

Thursday Diocesan Cross Country
29th Apr

Sat/Sun Confirmation Enrolment
Weekend
1st May

Tuesday Mothers Day Stall
4th May

Thursday Kindergarten 2011
Interviews Commence
6th May

Friday Mothers Day Liturgy
7th May

Tues-Thurs Naplan Testing—Yrs 3 & 5
11-13 May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the final days of Holy Week and the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, it is worth evaluating what the past few weeks of Lent has meant for us as individuals. Lent has provided us with the opportunity to examine the person we are becoming as well as seek forgiveness through prayer and action for our transgressions. Lent has provided us with an opportunity to strengthen our faith, and reflect upon our strengths and limitations through prayer and penance as we strive to become better people and make a difference in the lives of others. May the events of Good Friday and our Lord's Resurrection strengthen our faith and love in our ever loving God.

Thank you to all members of our community who have supported our school throughout the term. The generosity of your time and commitment to our children is greatly appreciated. We look forward to working with you next term.

The RTA has introduced new Dragon Teeth Zone Marking to all 40km school zones. Triangular road markings or 'Dragon's Teeth' will be painted at the start of each school zone around the school over the school holiday period. This will help improve the safety of our students. Dragon's Teeth further increase the visibility of school zones for motorists and provide a constant reinforcement to slow down to 40 km/h around schools between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm, or in the case of St Mary's between 8am—4pm. This initiative, which was announced by the then Minister for Roads, Michael Daley in May 2009, is already used internationally and will be rolled out at all of NSW's 10,000 school zones by the end of 2010. Parent information packs regarding this new safety initiative will be distributed early next term.

All children are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 3rd May [Wk 3]. If the weather cools down in the first two weeks of term, please feel free to send your children in their winter uniform. Please note that in the first two weeks of the term, children are to be in **either** their full summer or full winter uniform, not a combination of both please. Winter uniforms are available from Lowes at Carlingford Court.

I would like to draw your attention to an extract from our school hand book in regards to haircuts. ***"For Boys, 0 or number 1 hair cuts, rat's tails, mullets etc, hair gel and hair colouring are not acceptable. Hair length for boys must be above their collars. Girls are to wear their hair tied back in a pony tail or plait and no hair colourings or streaks are permitted."*** Children who have been spoken to in regards to hair cuts/ styles outside these guidelines are asked to have them modified by the start of next term. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's hair, please email me [ahughes@parra.catholic.edu.au] or contact me at school. Your support of these grooming expectations will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the next two weeks with your children.

Happy Easter!
Tony Hughes



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2011

We are now taking Kindergarten Enrolments for 2011. If you have a child, or know of any children wanting to start school next year, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. You can also go onto our website, www.stmarysrydalmore.catholic.edu.au and print off an enrolment form. Please ensure you attach copies of all requested information, ie: birth certificate, baptismal certificate etc.

HEADLICE

Please be aware that we have numerous cases of headlice throughout the school. Can you please take the time over the holidays to check your child's hair, and if necessary treat them. For more information on how to treat them, go to www.health.nsw.gov.au.



BISHOP ANTHONY'S INSTALLATION MASS

A DVD of the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP as the third Bishop of Parramatta will soon be available. Place your order now for a special commemorative recording of this joyous event in the life of our Diocese. Price: \$19.95 (incl. GST + P&H). For an order form, go to www.parra.catholic.org.au

**NATIONAL ECONFERENCE MARY—
First Disciple Tuesday 18 May**

It's free and will be fantastic! Fr Frank Moloney SDB will engage you as he shares his insights into Mary as a disciple, woman and mother. To register go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and follow the links to Mary-First Disciple and be in the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy in 2010 with Harvest Travel.

P&F THANK YOU

The P&F would like to say a big thank you to Tony Sloane, Madison Sloane's (2M) grandfather, for repairing the Gazebo roller bags. The gazebos are a valuable asset for the school and the bags allow them to be transported safely and securely to school sporting events. Mr Sloane we appreciate the time taken to repair them—and the new Velcro works a treat!!

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Morrison family, Fynn in KJ, on the birth of their baby boy Jack. We also congratulate the Lowery family, Holly in 1C, on the birth of their baby boy Thomas.



**TERM 2
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

This is to advise you that Friday 14th May will be the Staff Development Day for Term 2. This will be a pupil free day.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the Lost Property bin located under the stairs in the shelter shed area if your child has lost anything. We will be sorting through the bin in the holidays, and all items without a name will be donated to the Clothing Pool.

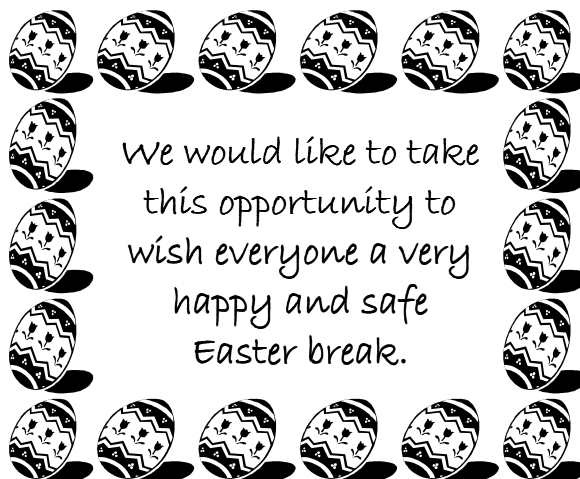


SPORTING NEWS

Three of our students have made it to the 2010 MacKillop Touch Football Trials, and will represent the Parramatta Diocese in an upcoming trial being held in May. They are Chelsea Loughrey, Rebekah Blanchard and Justin Frain. We wish them the best of luck in the competition!!

HEALEY MEATS LOYALTY CARDS

Cards are available at the School Office for any family who would like to participate in the loyalty programme run by Healey's Meats (formerly Rob & Raes). Healey's Meats, located at 6 Benaud Place Telopea have kindly offered to donate to St Mary's school, 5% of all sales made by family and friends at St Mary's. All you need to do is present the card when you pay for your meat and Healey's will do the rest. Families who have the original Rob & Raes cards can continue to use them.



FAITH JOURNEY...

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This year the students of St Mary's will be celebrating the feast days of Holy Week together as one para-liturgy. Students from Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five will be retelling the stories of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday as we reflect on what these significant days mean to us. The reflection will be on Thursday and will begin at 9:30am in the church. If you are able, please come and join us for this special occasion.



PARISH GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

The students of St Mary's have been asked by Fr. Peter to lead our parish in the morning Good Friday reflection. Over the past few years, the students have led this occasion with great maturity and leadership. The reflection begins at 9:30am. Students involved in the reflection need to be at church at 9am to prepare.

If you are able, please come along for this holy and solemn day, as well as in support of our students. The students should also be congratulated for their dedication and the time which they have given up in preparing for this day.



EASTER MASS

On Friday of Week 1 Term 2, the school will gather to celebrate our Easter Mass. This is one of the most important celebrations in the year and will be led by students of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 6. Mass will be at 9:15am. Please come along and join us.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our Project Compassion appeal this year. Caritas is always very grateful for the contributions that St Mary's makes to this cause. Caritas is very stretched for funds as they strive to bring aid to the many areas of the world in desperate need. All your contributions are important and find their way to worthy causes. Donations can be made year-round to Caritas through the church or online.

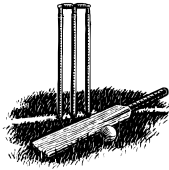
Mr. Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME...

<u>Ceremonies</u>	Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30pm Adoration and Night Prayer till 10:45pm
	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross—9:30am Celebration of the Lord's Passion—3:00pm
	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil—7:30pm
	Easter Sunday	Masses—7:30am and 9:30am
<u>Reconciliation</u>	Tues 30th March	2nd Rite—7:30pm
	Good Friday	After Stations of the Cross and Passion of the Lord
	Holy Saturday	4:30pm—5:30pm

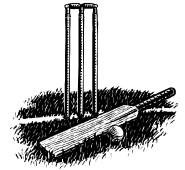
Please note there will be **NO MASS** on **Holy Thursday** morning or **Holy Saturday** morning.

COMMUNITY NEWS...



~~ Let's Hit Cancer For Six ~~

Saturday 1st May
Arthur Walker Reserve Concord
9.00am - 6.00pm



Join us to share in the spirit of two great inner west Cricket Clubs and do your bit to help fight against cancer. Inspired by the loss of Colin, father of Ella 3S and Sophie 1C to cancer, a group of mates are getting together to reignite their 20-year-old rivalry between St Luke's Concord Old Boys and Christian Brothers Old Boys Burwood (CBOBs) to raise money for the awareness of Cancer.

To help us reach our target, we have organised some raffle tickets which will be drawn after the cricket day 1st May, Level 1, Concord RSL (next to Arthur Walker Reserve). Tickets are at a great price of \$2 each or \$40 for the book.

- 1st Prize** Frameless Plasma TV with Blu-Ray Home Theatre system.
- 2nd Prize** Lenovo x 200 executive laptop.
- 3rd Prize** Overnight stay at Courtyard by Marriot Parramatta includes breakfast and parking plus \$100 Westfield gift voucher and a signed copy of Masterchef Australia's George Calombaris new book 'Hellenic Heart'.
- 4th Prize** A V8 Race Car Experience at Eastern Creek raceway.
- 5th Prize** Your choice of a signed NSW Cricket shirt, signed Wests Tigers jersey or a signed Canterbury Bulldogs jersey.

If you would like to buy any tickets or help in the sale of the tickets please let me know.

Everyone is welcome to come along—whether it be for the whole day or just an hour, the choice is yours. There will be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks available.

Many thanks for your support.

Belinda Bruce and Family
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READING CHALLENGE...

The Sun-Herald, as Media Partner of the Premier's Reading Challenge, will be running a campaign titled 'The Sun-Herald Reading Rewards Program' from 26 March to 1 September 2010 to provide schools engaged in the Challenge with an opportunity to raise additional funds for their school.

Families of children participating in the Challenge, will be given the opportunity to purchase a 40 week Sun-Herald subscription for \$30 (a reduction of 60%). The Sun-Herald will then donate \$10 from each subscription back to the school that the student attends. Student and school information will remain confidential and there will be no direct mailing by The Sun-Herald to students or schools on other matters.

The Sun-Herald will also produce a special 12-page life-out, appearing in the newspaper in November. The lift-out will promote the Premier's Reading Challenge, feature children and schools who have participated, and will also include the booklists for the 2011 Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Rolls A-K and L-Z are separate to this lift-out.

New South Wales Schools can now go to the website www.heraldeducation.com.au/readingrewards to view FAQs or call Fairfax Customer Service on 1800 628 011 to subscribe for more information.