



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This week as we journey with Christ through Holy Week enduring his death and resurrection, let us reflect upon the Lenten season we have just experienced. Over the past five to six weeks we have reflected, repented and reached out to those in need in an attempt to make a difference in the lives of others. Through prayer, Christian meditation, and scriptural reflection the children and staff have used our Lenten season as an opportunity to acknowledge our strengths and failings as well as come to a better understanding of those in need, in the local and the wider community. May these learnings and the joy of Easter stay with us for the rest of the year as we continue the new evangelization of Christ and his love for us.

As the term draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and assistance over the last ten weeks. Our 2012 kindergarten children have settled into the routines of school as have our new staff who have joined us. Thank you to the teachers, teacher assistants and office ladies for their commitment and efforts throughout the term. May you all enjoy a well-earned rest during the holidays.

Our final Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 30th April. The teachers will continue their work in mathematics, analyzing the children's MAI data and its correlation with the student's growth points and outcomes in the numeration strand. There will be no classes on this day. St Mary's OOSH will be open for parents who require childcare for their children.

Last Thursday week our weather club had a visit from the Weather Channel's chief meteorologist, Mr Dick Whitaker. St Mary's Weather Club were the winners of the Weather Channel's national competition. As part of their prize they received a workshop with Mr Whitaker as well as an opportunity to release a weather balloon. We also now have a direct link on our website to the Weather Channel's weather watch page. Thanks to Mrs Greenaway for her continued enthusiasm and passion in providing these additional opportunities for our children.

Just a reminder that any notes or promotional material distributed to the children in the school needs to be approved by myself. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Parents and children are reminded that on arrival at school, bags are to be left on the class lines. Children are to proceed to the Ford Playground where they will be supervised until the bell rings.

Thank you to those parents who recently completed the QCS surveys. This data collected, combined with staff and student reflections, will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

May the blessings of Easter be with you and your families. Have a great Holiday!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2012

Wednesday 25th April	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday 26th April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Monday 30th April	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY "PUPIL FREE"
Tuesday 1st May	Diocesan Cross Country Eastern Creek
Wednesday 2nd May	Easter Mass 9:15am
Wednesday 2nd May	Open Classrooms 10:15–10:50am
Thurs/Fri 3rd/4th May	Kinder 2013 Enrolment Interviews
Tuesday 8th May	Kinder 2012 Enrolment Interviews
Wednesday 9th May	Mother's Day Gift Wrapping 7:00pm
Thursday 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am
Friday 11th May	Confirmation 7:30pm

BAND NEWS

Parents, please keep an eye out for a permission note sent home in the past few days with information regarding a band workshop TSA is running during the school holidays. This workshop takes place in the second week of the holidays and combines students from several of TSA's schools working together for a full day of band rehearsals and tuition. With over a term's worth of tuition in one day this is an ideal opportunity for students to boost their progress in a social and immersive environment.

If your child has misplaced this note please contact TSA's Music Director, Mr Steven Lavis - steve@teachingservices.com.au - or call 9651 7333 for a replacement copy.

P & F NEWS

With Term 1 almost at an end, the committee is already beginning to plan for Term 2. First up will be our Mother's Day activities, and then our Disco. We will be asking for your support with all of these activities, so keep a look out in next term's Newsletters. We hope you all have a relaxing break and we will see you next term.

P&F COMMITTEE

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| April 4 | Christopher Moon |
| April 6 | Michael Lowery |
| April 8 | Angelina Bartosiak
Nikolas Cotsinis
Hayley Youssef |
| April 10 | Daniel Delos Reyes
Peter Sheslow
Karissa Spinetti |
| April 12 | Georgia Hogan
James Mastroianni
Zane White |
| April 13 | Kaitlyn Salter
Isabella Filardo |
| April 14 | Alexander Mylonas |
| April 16 | Peta Turner |
| April 18 | Lochlan Cesar |
| April 19 | Samuel Jacobs |
| April 20 | John Marnan
Daniel Ryan |
| April 25 | Luke Gosper
Chloe Belford |
| April 26 | Hannah Jalil |

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

We wish all of our families a very Happy Easter and a safe and restful holiday.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 1



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| KD | Raymond Zhang & Arabela Martinez |
| KL | Mitchell Peaty & Sophia Bartosiak |
| 1C | Carissa Gallagher & Kieran Roshan |
| 1M | Eve Kannemeyer & Christian Boumalhab |
| 2K | Abbey Owtrim & Samuel Schembri-Green |
| 2M | Bryan Rowlands & Daniel Ryan |
| 3L | Chloe Belford & Alex Johnson |
| 3Q/D | Camille Delos Reyes &
Connor Lyons Singer |
| 4A | Zoe Panagiotopoulos & Claudia Ball |
| 4E | James Mastroianni & Ella Gillies |
| 5J | Sarah Cantrill & Clare Kuys |
| 5M | CJ Flore & Alannah Galan |
| 6M | Kim Reid & Bjorn Tandean |
| 6R | Caitlin Foster & Rebecca McCaughey |

CARE AWARDS
TERM 1



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| KD | Christopher Padden & Philippe Jendruch |
| KL | Angela de la Roche & Bailey Radford |
| 1C | Nicole Pitchfork & Jakob Miller |
| 1M | Zane White & Alannah Cantrill |
| 2K | James McCaughey & Mia Boulous |
| 2M | Lara Waterhouse & Grace Huntly |
| 3L | Maddison Boulous & Hamish Davidson |
| 3Q/D | Lachlan Moses & Gabriela Villena |
| 4A | Katarina Pan & Dylan Emerson-Vickary |
| 4E | Jackson Halligan-Lawler &
Bernhard Tandean |
| 5J | Hovig Melkonyants & Marcus Spinetti |
| 5M | Abbey Christie & Georgia Owtrim |
| 6M | Monique Moussa & Nicholas Costa |
| 6R | Khurshid Manal & Nathan McNamara |

FAITH JOURNEY...

EASTER MASS

On Wednesday 4th May, Week 2 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 from Kindergarten to 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.

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

We will be holding a liturgy on Thursday, 26th April, Week 1 Term 2, to commemorate this day. Year 6 will lead this liturgy in the church. Time to be advised.

Rebecca Boidin
Religious Education Coordinator



DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY,..

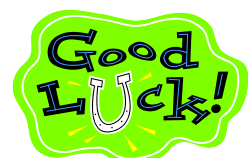
We would like to congratulate the following children on making it through to the Diocesan Cross Country. This event will be held on Tuesday 1st May at Eastern Creek Raceway.

Jonathan Campos
Jacob Cotsinis
Thalia Lake
Kaitlen Byrne
Samuel Schembri-Green
Alexander Johnson
Mikeeli Lake
Justine Kim
Luke Gosper
Marcus Spinetti
Chelsea Gruber
Jenna Camacho
David Azize

Shaun Cassidy
Jack Callaghan
Holly McNamara
Isabella Fairall
Jayden Camacho
Andrew Park
Sophie Vaughan
Natasha Ball
Matthew Worsley
Jacob Wahbe
Rachael Dick
Mitchell Moses
Niamh Gallagher

Kiyah Spinetti
Jurgen Martinez
Eliza Byrne
Madison Sloane
Lachlan Moses
Vincent Genner
Teagyn Ward
Emily Tsigounis
Tyler Higgins
James Coco
Ye Sung Cho
Nathan McNamara

We wish all of these students the best of luck!!



COMMUNITY NEWS...



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Go4Fun® is a **FREE** eight week healthy lifestyle program for children to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7 – 13 year old children and their families to adopt a long lasting and healthy approach to living.

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PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...

Theme 1 (Part 3) - "We all have the right to feel safe all of the time".

Early Warning Signs

Students need to be able to identify their involuntary physical sensations which our bodies feel when we do not feel safe, when we are excited or when we are in a challenging situation.

Examples of Early Warning Signs:

Jelly legs	Heart beating fast
Wide eyes	Crying
Throwing up	Curled up toes
Goose bumps	Sweaty palms, armpits, forehead etc

Dobbing Versus Telling

Students also learn the difference between Dobbing and Telling.

Dobbing is when you are lying to get someone into trouble. **Telling** is when you are getting your Early Warning Signs (EWS), you feel unsafe, so you must tell someone you trust and keep telling until someone listens to you and your EWS go away.