



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents

Last weekend we celebrated the death and resurrection of our Lord heralding the start of the Easter season. In this Sunday's gospel we are reminded of our own faith in the risen Lord and the importance placed on the sacred scriptures as the evidence of our faith story for all mankind. In John's gospel this week we reflect upon the reactions of Thomas one of the twelve, who was not present when Jesus first appeared to his Apostles following his resurrection. We, like Thomas, should rejoice in the knowledge that Christ has risen to save us all. The Gospel message: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed", is truly the evidence of our faith in the true risen Lord.

As Term 1 draws to a close next week, may I thank you one and all for your support over the last three months. Our Kindergarten cohort for 2013 have settled well into the routines of primary school. Our Year 6 students are taking on the leadership role as senior students in our community. Our new staff and families have settled in well to our St Mary's community. All of our students are working consistently and enjoying the new challenges of first term that a new grade presents.

Enjoy the holidays with your children and may you all return safely and well rested at the end of the month.

The first day of next term [29th April] has been gazetted as a Staff Development Day by the Federal Education Minister across the nation. On this day teachers across the country will be inserviced on the new National Curriculum, which are to be rolled out from the beginning of next year. In 2014 the National English syllabus will be mandatory in all Australian schools. This staff development day will allow teachers to explore the syllabus and its implications, allowing for its successful implementation in 2014.

With a new term just around the corner can I please once again stress the need for children to be punctual each morning for assembly. If you are late please allow your child to make their own way to their lines. Parents do not need to accompany students to lines in the morning if they are late. It is becoming too distracting for the children especially during prayer. It is important that we teach our children the importance of being punctual.

Happy Holidays!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

Monday **Year 2 Assembly 2:15pm**
8th Apr

Tuesday **Confirmation Parent Infor-**
9th Apr **mation Evening 7:30pm**

Friday **Term 1 Concludes**
12th Apr

TERM 2

Monday **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**
29th Apr **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Wednesday **Year 5 Bathurst Camp**
1st May

Thursday **Year 5 Bathurst Camp**
2nd May

Tuesday **Diocesan Cross Country**
7th May

Tuesday **Mother's Day Stall**
7th May **Wrapping 7:00pm (Hall)**

Wednesday **Mother's Day Stall**
8th May

Friday **Mother's Day Breakfast**
10th May **8:00am**

Friday **Mother's Day Liturgy**
10th May **9:15am**

A reminder:
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 29TH APRIL

~ **PUPIL FREE DAY** ~

PRINCIPAL AWARD

In the last newsletter we unfortunately missed out the name of a Principal Award recipient. We would like to congratulate Lochlan Cesar on receiving a Principal's Award.

CHILD PROTECTION

Any parent that has completed the Child Protection Course on line this year, but hasn't filled out the Declaration Form and the Volunteer Induction Form, can you please come and see the ladies in the office. If you are unsure, there is an up to date list of who has signed the correct paperwork. To be able to help out in the classrooms or on excursions, both of these forms need to be completed. Also, if you would like to check whether you are still valid to work in the classrooms, remember, the Child Protection Course must be done every two years. Please see Stacey for further information.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



April 4	Christopher Moon
April 6	Michael Lowery Kimiko Cooper
April 8	Angelina Bartosiak Nikolas Cotsinis Hayley Youssef
April 10	Peter Sheslow Karissa Spinetti
April 12	Georgia Hogan Zane White
April 13	Isabella Filardo
April 14	Alexander Mylonas
April 16	Peta Turner
April 18	Lochlan Cesar
April 19	Samuel Jacobs
April 20	Daniel Ryan
April 25	Luke Gosper Chloe Belford
April 26	Hannah Jalil Daniel Sun
April 29	Isaac Zaouk
April 30	Ana Ogrizek Matthew Ogrizek
May 1	Emma Adams
May 2	Rachael Dick Joseph Lim
May 3	Christopher Flore Ellen Watson
May 5	Jade Brandis

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



LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

Extra Tuition these School Holidays



If you learn a musical instrument either at school, at home or elsewhere and would like a bit of extra tuition these school holidays, then you might consider supporting Dural Music Centre and Teaching Services Australia in their efforts to raise money for *Variety, The Children's Charity*. **April 23** will see DMC studios host a day of tuition with TSA/DMC staff donating their time so that ***all tuition fees collected will be passed on in full to Variety.***

Tuition available on all instruments including guitar, piano/keyboard, woodwind, brass and percussion. All donations are tax-deductible and will be passed on in full to *Variety, The Children's Charity*.

For further information email

steve@teachingservices.com.au, visit www.teachingservices.com.au
or call (02) 9651 7333.

FAITH JOURNEY...

HOLY WEEK PROCESSION

Last week we joined as a school community to remember the events of Holy Week through prayer and music. Thank you to all who joined us on our procession.

EASTER MASS

Today we gathered to celebrate our Easter Mass. It was lovely to see our families join us for this Mass and to help us celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A Parent Information and Enrolment night will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7:30pm in the church. Children must be in Year 5 or above, and must have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion to make their Confirmation. A note was sent home to all Year 5 and Year 6 children last week. Enrolment forms must be returned on the parent information night. Confirmation this year will be held on Wednesday June 5th.



SACRAMENTAL DATES

Please read the attached flyer which has all relevant dates for the Parish Sacramental Program.

CROSS COUNTRY...

We would like to congratulate the following students on making it through to the Diocesan Cross Country which is being held on May 7 at Eastern Creek. They are:

Chelsea Gruber	Luke Gosper	Gianni Puglisi	Tyler Higgins
Matthew Worsley	Marcus Spinetti	Jacob Wahbe	Josh Tetto
Holly McNamara	Eliza Byrne	Madison Sloane	Isabella Schembri-Green
Kaitlen Byrne	Jonathan Campos	Gregory Grugan	Shaun Cassidy
Jack Callaghan	Kiyah Spinetti	Jacob Cotsinis	Sophie Vaughan
Teagyn Ward	Justine Kim	Emily Tsigounis	Priya Palaiyan
Kiara White	Hamish Davidson	Andrew Park	Ben Gosper
Lachlan Moses	Jayden Camacho	Alexander Johnson	Liam Fitzgerald
Mikeeli Lake	Holly Fulton	Lillyan Ward	Kaitlyn Johnson
Kate Worsley	Natasha Ball	Annika Byrne	Samuel Schembri-Green
Vincent Genner	Max Luburic	Ryan Field	Kane Vinton
Mark Wahbe	Liam Watson		

We would like to wish them all the very best of luck on the day!!



COMMUNITY NEWS...

Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park

FREE Family Fun

When: Saturday 20 April 2013

Time: 5.30pm to 8:00pm

Where: Telescopes located on Salter's Field (in front of the Dairy)

Free talk located at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre

What's new at the Cutting Edge?

Come along and share the mystery of our place in the universe at Parramatta Park's popular Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park. There will be up to 30 telescopes provided by members of the amateur astronomical societies who will be there to share their knowledge with you, or you can bring your own telescope and get pointers on its use from fellow enthusiasts.

In addition there will be a talk about what is happening at the "cutting edge" of astronomy in 2013 by the well-known astronomer Fred Watson.

What's happening?

Night sky viewing on Salter's Field, through telescopes provided by Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group Sutherland Astronomical Society Inc., Astronomical Society of New South Wales, 3RF Australia, and Northern Sydney Astronomical Society Inc. (weather permitting).

Talk at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre, by Fred Watson seating is limited so be prepared to come early to secure a seat.

A Planetarium to get a close up look at the universe.

Refreshments are available at the Cafe, and the park will remain open to vehicles until 8:30pm. Bring a torch, with **a red cellophane covering** to preserve night vision, and to light your way.

Info T 8833 5000 or www.parrapark.com.au

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2015 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **April 3**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the Principal and College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. Enquiries please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au Limited places also available for Year 7 2014.