



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

Mon-Fri 21-25 June	Year 5 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 25th June	Captivate Choir Rehearsal 9:00–3:00pm
Saturday 26th June	Captivate Rehearsal & Performances
Sat/Sun 26-27 June	Holy Communion Masses
Mon-Thurs 28 Jun–1st May	Kinder, Year 2,3,4,6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 29th June	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Friday 2nd July	School Concludes for Term 2

TERM 3

Monday 19th July	School Resumes
Wed-Fri 28-30 July	Year 5 Camp Blue Gum Lodge
Monday 2nd August	Life Education Commences
Tuesday 3rd August	ICAS English Competition
Thursday 5th August	Zone Athletics Carnival Parramatta
Friday 6th August	Life Education Concludes

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel Our Lord challenges us to look at our own faith and how, as his disciples, can we spread the Good News of Gods Kingdom to others who have not yet been touched by His love. As Baptised children of God who are initiated into our faith community through Confirmation and the reception of our Lord in Holy Communion, we all have an evangelistic role to play in bringing God to others. In our Parish at this time, several of our young people have recently been confirmed and received First Eucharist. As a Parish community let us continue to pray for these young people as they begin their "discipleship" spreading the love and "Good News" of God.

On Friday parents will receive their children's reports. Year 1 and 5 students have already received their reports and have had their parent / teacher interviews in the last two weeks. For the remainder of the school parent teacher interviews will be conducted next week. The interviews are scheduled for ten minutes. If you require an extended interview you will need to make an appointment with your child's class teacher for early next term. It is important that parents are punctual for their child's interview as the teachers are on a strict time schedule. It is important to discuss your child's report with them identifying their achievements and strengths as well as addressing any areas for improvement.

Thank you to all the parents who attended or assisted at our annual Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. Our appreciation and thanks to all the staff for their contributions in making the day a success and especially to Miss Boidin and Miss Lopresti who co-ordinated a most enjoyable carnival. Congratulations to the children in Tarrant who took out first place on the day and to all the children who gave their best in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

It has come to our attention in recent weeks that some children are not eating the recess or lunch that is provided for them each day. Many whole pieces of fruit and unopened sandwiches are being thrown into the bins. This is a waste and a concern as some children are obviously going hungry. It would be greatly appreciated if you could discuss with your children what they do and don't like for morning tea and lunch. A healthy lunch box with the occasional treat is often the best option.

It is important each Wednesday and Friday that all musical instruments are taken home and not left at school. Whilst the building programme is occurring we have limited storage available. Please note all children are to keep their instruments in their classrooms at all times. They are not to be left in the office or hallway downstairs in the Marist building. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

I will be taking long service leave next week to spend some R&R with my family. During my absence Mrs Gosper will be acting Principal. If you have any concerns during the final week of school please speak with her. Thank to everyone for your support of the school and staff during the term. Enjoy the holiday with your families!

Tony Hughes—PRINCIPAL



DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS AND LAUNCH OF WYD MADRID 2011 PIGRIMAGE PACKAGES

All youth and young adults (16-35 yrs) from parishes, schools, groups and movements are invited to the upcoming *Diocesan Youth Mass* and the *Launch of the World Youth Day Pilgrimage Packages* for the Diocesan of Parramatta.

When: Sunday 25th June
Where: St Patrick's, 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown
6:30pm: Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm: Holy Mass

Then the *Launch of WYD Packages for the Diocese of Parramatta* with support afterwards.

Please RSVP by 21st June to youth@parra.catholic.org.au for catering purposes. For more information, contact Annabelle on 8838 3418.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL

The Preloved Clothing Pool will be open this **Friday 25th June from 8:30–9:30am**. As we are nearing the end of another term, we will again be sorting through the lost property bin and donating any unlabelled items to the Pre-Loved Clothing Pool. Please take a minute to have a look through the lost property bin if your child has lost any item of clothing. Thank you.

**PEER SUPPORT**

In this week's session the children discussed the importance of showing gratitude to others. They were encouraged to reflect on the positive aspects of their lives, including people. The activities gave the children an opportunity to thank someone who has helped them. During the week, encourage your child to appreciate and thank the people in their lives.

CATHERINE MCAULEY, WESTMEAD 'CLASS OF 1970' SCHOOL REUNION

Are you an ex student of Catherine McAuley Class of 1970 or know someone who is? We are planning a 40th year reunion on 30th October 2010 at Wentworthville Leagues Club. If you are interested and would like more information, please call: Margaret Kelly (nee Winter) on 0412 779 927 (email: callardice@optusnet.com.au) Cathy Duncan (nee Nicholls) 0409 416 466 (email: chd@internode.on.net).

VACATION CARE

St Mary's OSHC will be open for Vacation Care during the July school holidays. There will be lots of fun activities including Bowling, Roller Skating and many more. I have enclosed a copy of the program with this newsletter. All families are entitled to a 50% rebate for out of pocket child care expenses. For more information phone 9638 2401, or email stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au.

DISCUS & HIGH JUMP...

As we did not hold **Discus events** at the School Athletics carnival, we are requesting Little Athletics records for the Discus events. The qualifying distances for this event at Zone are:

Junior Girls: 500 grams- 13m	Junior Boys: 500 grams- 15m
11 Year Girls: 750 grams- 14m	11 Year Boys: 750 grams- 16m
Senior Girls: 750 grams- 15m	Senior Boys: 750 grams- 17m

The top 2 students from each age group are eligible from each school as long as the minimum distance has been thrown.

If your child has recorded these results at Little A's, please provide the school with results.

High Jump will not be held at the Zone Carnival, however it will be held at the Diocesan Carnival. Qualifying heights for High Jump are:

Junior Boys and Girls: 1:00m	11 Years Boys and Girls: 1:05m
Senior Boys and Girls: 1:10m	

Again for your child to qualify for High Jump, the school needs to see official records from Little Athletics.

FAITH JOURNEY...

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all students who received the Eucharist (Holy Communion) for the first time last weekend. Next Saturday and Sunday, the remaining children who have participated in this year's sacramental program will receive Communion.

All of these children have been preparing and learning about the sacraments since last year and deserve commendation for their efforts. It is wonderful to see so many of our students growing in their faith and responsibilities as members of the Church.

The children have been very excited and I asked Chelsea from Year 3 to recall her experience: *"When I made my sacrament I felt like I was closer to God than I have ever been. When we got there we had to go into the meeting room—all of the other girls were very pretty. The Mass started and we walked down the aisle with a partner. I went with Kaitlen. After a little while we went up to get Communion. When we had received Communion we went back to our chairs. Then we got called up again and we did a little dance. Next we got our cards. We had to get close to have a group photo. After that we went home and had a party."*

Congratulations to all the children who have completed their sacramental program. We are very proud of you!



VINCENT VISITS ST MARY'S

Over the next two weeks, Vincent, a teddy bear from St Vincent De Paul will be visiting the school. He has already said hello to a number of classes. He is promoting our St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal theme which is "Feeding Each Other Happiness". He is encouraging us to bring in cans of food or soup to help the members of our community who are going without this winter.

Children are also encouraged to draw a picture of their happy face that can be displayed alongside Vincent to reinforce our Peer Support unit on Optimism.

On the last day of term we will be holding a pyjama and teddy-bear day. A separate note will go home today accompanying this newsletter which explains the day further. We hope that this day will be a fun celebration of our peer support program as well as a great opportunity to help St Vincent De Paul in what is one of the hardest times of the year.

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2010...

Congratulations to the students of St Mary's for their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship which made last Wednesday's Athletics Carnival such a success.

There were 3 school records broken on the day. Congratulations to Chelsea Loughrey who broke the 11 years 800m and 100m records. Also congratulations to Rebekah Meafou who broke the Junior Girls Shot Put record.

Age Champions have yet to be finalised and it is anticipated that this will occur by Friday this week.

The School Zone Team has been selected and this is posted on the office door. Notes will be going home later in the week to the successful students.

The winning sport house was TARRANT!!!

We would like to thank all of the parents who volunteered to help on the day. Days like the Athletics Carnival can only run smoothly with a band of happy workers and we are very fortunate at St Mary's to have a wonderful supportive parent body. Thanks to the parents who got to the park early to set up, to the parents who assisted during the day and to those that stayed until the end packing up and cleaning up. We also acknowledge those parents who were ready and waiting to assist if needed.

Rebecca Boidin and Rosemary Lopresti
Sport Coordinators





St Mary's Primary Rydalmere Joins McCain Veggie Patches ~ Show Your Support ~

St Mary's Rydalmere urges local community to donate points for its School Veggie Patch

St Mary's has registered for the McCain School Veggie Patches program, and is urging local community, businesses and families to show their support by collecting barcodes.

Every barcode from McCain Frozen Vegetable or McCain Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that St Mary's can redeem for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for their school veggie patch.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in an educational program that aims to teach children about the benefits of healthy eating in a fun, outdoor environment," Mr Hughes said.

McCain School Veggie Patches will allow St Mary's to play an active role in engaging children in an interactive and entertaining way to learn more about the foods they eat, and the world around them.

"Involving children in the process of growing, harvesting, cooking and even buying vegetables is a great way to get them excited about eating veggies," said Nicki Anderson, Marketing Director, McCain Foods Australia and New Zealand.

"The McCain School Veggie Patches program equips students with invaluable knowledge and hands-on experience that will continue to grow with them well into the future."

To show your support and earn points for our school, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCain Frozen Vegetables or McCain Purely Potato and either drop them to the school office or send them in a stamped envelope with the name, town and state/postcode of our primary school to:

McCain Veggie Patches
72 Christie Street
St Leonards
NSW
Australia 2065

To find out more about School Veggie Patches, please visit the website
mccainveggiepatches.com

For further information on the **McCain School Veggie Patches** program in Australia and New Zealand please contact: Fleishman-Hillard, P: +612 9025 9250, or
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