



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

The Catholic Church in Australia has called us all to celebrate a 'Year of Grace' from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. As part of the new evangelisation of the Church we are called and encouraged through prayer and the sacraments to contemplate our relationship with God on a deeper level. Bishop Anthony Fisher, [Diocesan Bishop of Parramatta] likened grace to our experience of God, the gifts he bestows upon us and the manner in which we interact with him, through His word and the sacraments of the church. During this 'Year of Grace' we are encouraged to listen to the word of God and foster our relationship with Christ on a daily basis remembering the sacrifice our Lord made for us through his death and resurrection. We are asked to acknowledge the movement and influence of the Holy Spirit [God's gift to us through Baptism] in our daily lives.

During this week Parent/ Teacher interviews are being held for all students in Years 1-6. The purpose of these interviews is to allow you to clarify or ask any questions regarding your child's studies and their Semester 1 reports they received last week. If you require an extended time to discuss these matters with your child's teacher, please make an appointment for early next term.

Last Tuesday our annual Athletics Carnival was held under sunny skies at Wyatt Park, Auburn. It was a great community day for all concerned. Our children displayed their athletic skills both on the track and on the field in a day of competition highlighted by everyone's participation and spirit of sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents who attended the day either as spectators or officials. Your involvement and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the teachers who facilitated the day, especially Miss Lopresti and Miss Boidin our carnival convenors. Finally congratulations to our children on their behaviour and the positive manner in which they supported and cheered each other on throughout the day.

Each morning it is great to see the number of parents who attend our morning assembly. I would ask that during our assembly you refrain from talking during our prayer and daily announcements. We all need to set a positive example for the children to follow. Your support of this request will be greatly appreciated.

As the term draws to a close and we approach the mid point of 2012 may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement in the work we do in the education of your children. Enjoy the fortnight's break with your families and the opportunity to step away from the daily school routine for a short period of time.

Have a safe and warm holiday and drive safely if you are travelling!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2012

**Mon-Thurs**      **Years 1-6 Parent Teacher**  
**25-28th June**   **Interviews**

**Wednesday**    **Stage 2 Girls Soccer**  
**27th June**       **Gala Day**

**Friday**            **Term 2 Concludes**  
**29th June**

### TERM 3 2012

**Sunday**            **First Holy Communion**  
**8th, 15th,**        **Masses**  
**22nd July**

**Monday**           **Term 3 Commences**  
**16th July**

**Mon-Fri**            **Life Education**  
**16-20th July**

**Friday**            **NSWPSSA Cross Country**  
**20th July**

**Thursday**        **Grandparents Mass**  
**26th July**

We would like to wish everyone a very relaxing and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 3!



**LINDA'S LUNCHES**

A reminder that there will be NO lunch orders this Friday 29th June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**LIBRARY NEWS...****Book Covering Over the Holidays!!**

We still have many new library books, Guided Readers and Multiple Copies that need to be contacted before the children can borrow them. If you are able to contact some books over the holidays please ask at the office or see me. If you're not confident with contact, there are also many books that can be covered in plastic. All help is greatly appreciated!



Lia Radocchia  
Teacher Librarian

**IMPORTANT: LIFE EDUCATION**

All Life Education permission notes and money **MUST** be returned by this Friday. The Life Education program begins the first Monday back in Term 3, therefore we need permission before the end of term.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

July 4	Oscar Moy
July 6	Jakob Miller
July 7	Brendan Ipwanshek
July 8	Gabriela Villena
July 9	Ashlee Liwanag
	Julie Saba
July 10	Samuel Schembri-Green
	Caomhe Coffey
July 12	Elissa Bayeh
July 13	Dayne Hird
July 15	Rebecca Donaghy
July 18	Hovig Melkonyants
July 21	Elie Saba
July 22	Eliza Arathoon
July 23	Liam Fitzgerald

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

**PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...****SAYING "NO" IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE**

Students are taught that they can say "No" to anyone if they feel unsafe, if they are getting their Early Warning Signs. There are five ways of saying "No".

1. "no" Is a playful no, said with a smile (a dog licking you or being tickled) you may not really mean it.
2. "No" Is a polite no (no thank you).
3. "NO" Firm assertive no (they mean it).
4. "NO" Angry No
5. "NO" Emergency NO (danger)

**SECRETS**

What is a secret? Something that is not known by everybody.

Good secrets will make somebody happy when the secret is revealed and are only kept for a short time.

Bad secrets will make you feel unsafe and you will be told you must never tell. You may also be told they must be kept forever, for a lifetime. Bad secrets may or may not give you your Early Warning Signs, but children should never keep Bad Secrets. They should always tell someone on their Network. Children are taught that they should never have to keep a secret about any kind of touching, tickling or caressing, even if they like the touch or the special little secret game. In the beginning they might like it, but it could develop into an uncomfortable touch, but then they might feel guilty that they didn't know how to say stop.

# FAITH JOURNEY...

## WINTER APPEAL

This Thursday we will hold our Winter Appeal, "Woollies Day", in support of St Vincent de Paul. The children will be allowed to wear their favourite winter woollies - whether that be PJ's or tracksuits etc. A note was sent home earlier in the term encouraging families to donate a new pair of socks or beanie or scarf, which will be distributed through the Vinnies Van. Children will be visited by Penelope, a St Vincent de Paul worker who will talk with the children about the Vinnies Van and how it helps in the areas of Penrith and Parramatta. School is providing a warm milo drink for the children, please send a note to school by Thursday morning if your child is not allowed the milo drink or if they are not able to drink cow's milk.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in our thoughts and prayers. The children participated in their preparation day on the weekend. The children will make their First Holy Communion during July.



## GRANDPARENTS MASS

We will celebrate our Grandparents on July 26th July with a mass at 9:15am. There will also be an opportunity for our grandparents to view the dance routines the children have been doing during PE classes with Miss Beahan. Please keep this morning free - more detailed information will be sent out in Week 1 of Term 3 outlining the morning's activities.

## YEAR OF GRACE

The **grace** of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.  
(Revelation 22:21)



In this 'Year of Grace' we are being invited on a journey of the heart seeking an experience of Jesus, to **deepen our relationship** with Him, rather learning more about Jesus.

- How can we best reflect the Face of Christ to our family, neighbours and work colleagues?
- As you wash the dishes, mow the lawn, cook a family meal or spend time with your work colleagues, reflect on the love that brings you to do these everyday tasks. What may sometimes seem drudgery is often borne out of our deep love for those around us.
- Sit with children and other family members at the end of the day naming the things and people they are thankful are part of their lives.

Rebecca Boidin  
Religious Education Coordinator

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS TERM 2—Week 9



<b>KD</b>	Arabela Martinez and Cooper McGlashan
<b>KL</b>	Sarah Iacono and Lochlan Cesar
<b>1C</b>	Mikayla Cotsinis and Nicole Pitchfork
<b>1M</b>	Elizabeth Hogan and Andre Ibanez-Yousefi
<b>2K</b>	Zane Watson and Rachael Anderson
<b>2M</b>	Natalia Martinez and Luca Pellegriti
<b>3L</b>	Nikolai Dmitrieff and Isabelle Joseph
<b>3Q/D</b>	Camille Delos Reyes and Joseph Bayeh
<b>4A</b>	Sophie Vaughan and Alexandria Padden
<b>4E</b>	Gregory Grugan and Emily Tsigounis
<b>5J</b>	Eliza Byrne and Shaun Cassidy
<b>5M</b>	Rebekah Meafou and Julia Saba
<b>6M</b>	Helen Kim and Emma McDermott
<b>6R</b>	Claude Sortwell and Jordan Huntly

## CARE AWARDS TERM 2—Week 9



<b>KD</b>	Mia Northwood and Massimo Cimillo
<b>KL</b>	Cooper Frain and Bianca Tandean
<b>1C</b>	Vazgen Simonyan and Carissa Gallagher
<b>1M</b>	Liam Hardman and Ryan Vaughan
<b>2K</b>	Melissa Blanchard and Ashlee Liwanag
<b>2M</b>	Jaanvi Kanwar and Cameron Menin
<b>3L</b>	Ben Gosper and Joshua Nakhli
<b>3Q/D</b>	Yolani Rodrigo and Lachlan Moses
<b>4A</b>	Seth Rauniyar and Bethany Botto
<b>4E</b>	Jade Brandis and Isabella Schembri-Green
<b>5J</b>	Aiden Field and Jurgan Martinez
<b>5M</b>	Joshua Tetto and Chelsea Gruber
<b>6M</b>	Jennifer Anisse and Vishnu Birudavolu
<b>6R</b>	Mikayla White and Sidonie Thomas

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2012...

Congratulations to the students of St Mary's for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship displayed at last Tuesday's Athletics Carnival. The day was a great success!

There were 2 school records broken on the day. Congratulations to Timothy Greig who broke the 11 year boys 100m record from 2003. Also congratulations to Rebekah Meafou who broke the 11 year girls Shot Put record from 2001.

Age Champions will be announced this week, depending on the availability of the medals.

The winning sport house was **Tarrant!!!**

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered their time to help on the day. We are very fortunate at St Mary's to have such a supportive and helpful parent body. Thank you to the parents who got to the park early to help set up, to the parents who assisted throughout the day at various jobs and those who stayed until the end packing and cleaning up. Thank you also to those parents who were ready and waiting to assist if needed.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent St Mary's at the Zone Athletics carnival next term:

Samuel Schembri-Green  
Chloe Belford  
Sophie Vaughan  
Jacob Cotsinis  
Timothy Greig  
Isabella Waterhouse  
Alana Liversage  
Eliza Byrne  
Lauren Suffling  
Luke Gosper  
Callum Breakwell  
Zac Bohan  
Jurgen Martinez  
Sarah Cantrill

Max Luburic  
Hamish Davidson  
Alana Salter  
Clare Kuys  
Joshua Tetto  
Jin Woo  
Monique Moussa  
Jack Martic  
Nathan McNamara  
Matt Worsley  
Jonathan Lee  
Rebekah Meafou  
Emma Gallagher  
Kim Reid

Mikeeli Lake  
Liam Fitzgerald  
Gregory Grugan  
Madison Sloane  
Jan Tecala  
Mitchell Moses  
April Calara  
Rachael Dick  
Niamh Gallagher  
Chelsea Gruber  
Marion Brandis  
Siddhant Kalra  
Shaun Cassidy

**WE WISH THEM ALL THE VERY BEST OF LUCK!!**

