



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

As the end of the term draws near let's give thanks to our Lady and our Lord for their blessings and guidance throughout the term. In our prayers let us pray for each other, the members of our families, our school community and parish as we move into the month of October, a month devoted to Our Lady and the Rosary. During the holiday let's take some time together with our children and pray the prayer of the Rosary offering it up for some special intention that is close to our hearts and lives. A child's appreciation and practice of prayer comes initially from the home and family ably supported by our school and parish community. Modelling prayer for our children is a parent responsibility, a commitment we made in our child's Baptism.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school throughout the term. To those of you who have assisted in the classroom, attended excursions, organized various social events, thank you for your time and generosity in making our community a place of learning and welcome for all those associated with the school.

Last Wednesday we celebrated our school and parish feast day. A great day that began with mass followed by creative arts activities, St Mary's trivia, a sausage sizzle lunch supplied by our parent volunteers concluding with a sports afternoon over at the park with our families. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day a success. My thanks to Miss Boidin, our REC who coordinated the day, our Year 6 children who assisted with the planning and preparation, the teachers and the parents who gave of their time in preparing lunch. A great community day enjoyed by all!

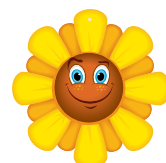
On Monday students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results for 2012. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's results please make an appointment to see their classroom teacher early next term.

Over the last week you would have become aware of the NSW Government's plans to cut Educational funding to both the state and Catholic/ Independent systems. The media over recent days has been saturated with concerns from educational leaders from both sectors, the Catholic Church, and parents. Can I urge you all to write, email, or call our local state member Dr Geoff Lee [who shares our disbelief and concerns] to express your dissatisfaction with the O'Farrell Government's decision.

Mrs Caruana and Mrs Gosper will be taking Long Service Leave early next term. Mrs Gosper will be away in Week 1. Mrs Caruana will be away for the first three weeks of the term. Mrs Ferris will join Mrs Mobbs in Year 1 during Mrs Caruana's absence. We wish both ladies a safe and restful break.

Enjoy the Holidays.

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 3 2012

**Friday** Term 3 Concludes  
**21st Sept**

### TERM 4 2012

**Week 1** Term 4 Commences  
**Monday**  
**8th Oct**

**Week 2** Kinder 2013 Parent  
**Monday** Information Night 7:30pm  
**15th Oct**

**Tuesday** Kinder 2013  
**16th Oct** Transition 9:00–10:30am

**Week 3** Kinder 2013  
**Tuesday** Transition 9:00–10:30am  
**23rd Oct**

**Week 4** Year 6 Assembly  
**Monday** 2:15pm  
**29th Oct**

**Tuesday** Kinder 2013  
**30th Oct** Transition 9:00–10:30am

**Tuesday** First Reconciliation Parent  
**30th Oct** Meeting 7:30pm

**Thursday** Stage 3 Touch Football  
**1st Nov** Gala Day

**DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last week Rebekah Meafou and Luke Gosper competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. We would like to congratulate them both on their wonderful efforts. A big congratulations goes to Rebekah who has now progressed through to the NSW PSSA State Championships competing in the Shot Put and Discus. We wish her the very best of luck next term.

**A QUICK NOTE FROM THE P&F**

It's been a very busy term for us, particularly in the last few weeks, with Father's Day celebrations, Movie Night and Feast Day all falling in a three week period. As always it would have been impossible to host even a single successful event without assistance, and as we look back on three very successful events we would like to say a very big thank you to all of those wonderful parents who helped out on one or more occasions. As always Father's Day week is very busy, but with so many volunteers the job was made much easier. It was wonderful to see so many dads and granddads turn out for our Father's Day breakfast, this was the biggest turn out I have seen in the 5 years my children have attended the school. While the winds blew up on the day of our movie night, we still had an amazing number of families turn up to enjoy watching 'RIO' with some new and old friends. This is our second movie night at the school, and due to its popularity, I think we will see it happen again next year. Finally, thank you to all of those parents who turned up to help cook hundreds of sausages or prepare bread rolls on our School Feast Day. What initially appeared to be a daunting task, was made much simpler as so many of you offered your time throughout the day.

So once again thank you to all of those people who have offered their assistance in recent weeks, or at some other point during the year. We really couldn't do it without you.

We hope you enjoy your holidays with your children, and we look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas concert.

**OLMC OPEN MORNING TEA**

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

September 20	Dylan Emerson-Vickary Deanna Emerson-Vickary Morgan Gillies
September 21	Thomas Scrivener Michael Lee Sophie Carr Rhecha Pathak
September 24	Alison Rigby
September 25	Chloe Tsigounis Isabella Waterhouse James Ryan Lillyan Ward
September 26	Michael Menin
September 28	Makayla White Aiden Field
September 29	Mathew DeMagry Weisen Huang
September 30	Josephine Keyser
October 2	Caitlin Turner
October 3	Sarah Donaghy Antonya Fernando
October 4	Rachael Anderson
October 6	Jonathan Campos
October 7	Emma McDermott Eve Kannemeyer
October 8	Tatiana Seruvatu Nicholas Norris Nicole Pitchfork
October 9	Cooper Frain Jackson Halligan-Lawler
October 11	Bjorn Tandean
October 12	Chelsea Gruber
October 15	Thalia Lake
October 16	Maddison Boulous Zechariah Acosta Bonnie Finch

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

**THANK YOU**

We would like to say a quick thank you to the Simonyan family for the lovely gift bought back for the school from Armenia.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION CAKE STALL**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Year 6 cake stall fundraiser today. The funds raised will go towards our graduating class of 2012 end of year celebrations.

# FAITH JOURNEY...

## FIRST RECONCILIATION—2012

A Parent and Enrolment Night has been arranged for all parents of children that are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Penance—First Reconciliation in November 2012.

Your children are eligible for this next step in their faith journey if they are 7 years old and/or over and have been baptized.

The Parent and Enrolment Night is on Tuesday 30th October 2012 at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church. At this meeting you will need to bring the Enrolment Form and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

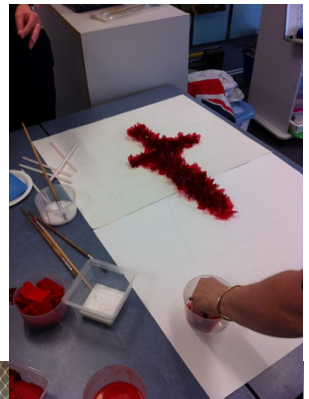
The Enrolment Forms and all relevant information can be collected from the back of the Church, after the weekend masses. They are to be completed and returned on the Parent and Enrolment Night.

**NO LATE ENROLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 30TH OCTOBER.**



## SCHOOL FEAST DAY

Last Wednesday we celebrated our School Feast Day. It was a huge success with a great sense of community. It started with us coming together for a beautiful mass and the sense of togetherness continued throughout the day with a culmination of children, teachers and parents at the park for an afternoon of fun and games. We would like to thank all of the parents who gave up their time to prepare and cook the Sausage Sizzle.





## MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL



~ Market Day ~  
27th October 2012

Our Annual Market Day will be held on Saturday, 27th October 2012 from 9.00am – 2.00pm. Come & browse through the market stalls or come & pick up a bargain at our second hand goods stall ! Bring the family & enjoy the animal farm, pony rides, jumping castle & family activities. There will be a BBQ, sausage sizzle & cake stall so bring a blanket & picnic on our beautiful school grounds. There's plenty of parking so come & visit us at Melrose Park Public School, 110 Wharf Rd, West Ryde. All welcome !

Enquiries: School on 9874 4669.



## Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club



### Netball Registration Day

13th October, 2012

Cowells Lane, Ermington  
Tennis Courts, Clubhouse

10am – 1pm

For players turning 7 in 2013 and older  
New Players welcome

Email: [netball@ermingtonunited.com.au](mailto:netball@ermingtonunited.com.au)

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