



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday St Luke continues with the parables that Jesus used in his teaching of the people of his time. These parables are most relevant in today's world with each one highlighting how we can become better loving disciples of Christ. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that prayer is not a means of securing favours or seeking a "return" from God for the actual deed of praying. It is about placing our trust in the Lord. In return, God showers us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will lead us on the path to a peaceful and loving relationship with others and our Heavenly Father.

Last Thursday we celebrated our Feast Day. A great day was had by all. Staff, children and parents joined in the festivities of the day together. We had several of our ex students from St Patrick's at Dundas come and assist our Year 6 leaders in working with their Peer Support Groups. Thank you to Miss Boidin who co-ordinated the day in collaboration with the teachers. Thank you also to the parents who prepared our beautiful lunch and refreshments. The day was a true indication of the community spirit evident within both our school and parish communities.

At the conclusion of this week, the second hand clothing pool will claim any unclaimed clothing from the lost property bin. Please take the time to search through the many items of clothing that have accumulated over the term.

Can I please also ask parents to check name labels on the jackets, hats etc that your children are wearing. We have had numerous calls from parents informing us that children are taking items that do not belong to them. If your child is wearing something that belongs to another child, please return it to the school office ASAP.

A reminder that all children should be in their full summer uniform on their return to school next term.

Several weeks ago I attended the Diocesan Master Class for Principals. There were several Keynote presenters from Australia, Canada and New Zealand that shared their understanding of the "faces of learning," now and for the future. Enclosed in today's newsletter is an article summarizing some of the key points from the two days.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank all members of our school community for your continued support of the staff and myself. This educational partnership takes many forms and is critical in the overall growth and development of your children. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable time together, free of the rigors and time constraints of the busy school term.

Enjoy the break with your families!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2013

Wednesday 18th Sept Fete Meeting 7:00pm

Friday 20th Sept Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day

Friday 20th Sept Term 3 Concludes

TERM 4 2013

Tuesday 8th October Term 4 Commences

Tuesday 8th October Parent Reconciliation Information Meeting

Monday 14th October K2014 Parent Information Night 7:30pm

Tuesday 15th October K2014 Transition 1 9:00-10:30am

Tuesday 22nd October K2014 Transition 2 9:00-10:30am

Tuesday 22nd October Year 2 Excursion to Warragamba Dam

Saturday 26th October School & Parish Fete

Tuesday 29th October K2014 Transition 3 9:00-10:30am

SPORTING NEWS

We would like to congratulate Bernhard and Bianca Tandean who competed in the Budokan Monster League Judo Tournament, at Castle Hill last week. Bernhard took home the Silver Medal in his category and Bianca took home the Gold Medal in her category. Well done to both of you!

UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 30 students who participated in the UNSW English Competition this year. We were awarded 2 Distinction, 10 Credit and 18 Participation Certificates. Well done to the following students:

Distinction: Justine Kim, Clare Kuys
Credit: Karissa Spinetti, Connor Lyons-Singer, Trinity Tecala, Claudia Ball, Sidhant Kalra, Alex Padden, Sophie Vaughan, Eve Watson, Kiyah Spinetti, Georgia Hogan
Participation: Ria Iyer, Jaanvi Kanwar, Olivia Kim, Daniel Ryan, Elijah Seruvatu, Estella Warwick-Smith, Elissa Bayeh, Camille Delos-Reyes, Xavier Homann, Andrew Park, James Ryan, Ashleigh Stevens, Liam Watson, Lana Bannister, Tatiana Seruvatu, Jocelyn Xiao, Hovig Melkonyants, Josh Tetto

BABY NEWS

We would like to congratulate the Marnan family, Luke in 1C, on the birth of their daughter Sofia.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



- September 20 Dylan Emerson-Vickary
Deanna Emerson-Vickary
Morgan Gillies
- September 21 Thomas Scrivener
Michael Lee
Sophie Carr
Rhecha Pathak
- September 22 Casey Kaseke
- September 23 Lina Yoo
- September 24 Elena Sheslow
- September 25 Chloe Tsigounis
Isabella Waterhouse
James Ryan
Lillyan Ward
- September 26 Michael Menin
- September 28 Aiden Field
Dylan Hallit
- September 29 Weisen Huang
- September 30 Josephine Keyser
- October 2 Caitlin Turner
- October 4 Rachael Anderson
- October 6 Jonathan Campos
- October 7 Even Kannemeyer
- October 8 Tatiana Seruvatu
Nicholas Norris
Nicoel Pitchfork
Leah Kolosakas
Craig Zvidzo
- October 9 Cooper Frain
- October 10 Maxwell Xie
- October 12 Chelsea Gruber
- October 15 Thalia Lake

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
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- KK** Marcus Schembri-Green and Olivia Marshall
- KL** Marcus Scrivener and Leah Kolosakas
- 1A** Bailey Radford and Usenio Lee
- 1C** Cooper McGlashan and Arabela Martinez
- 2C** Hannah Jalil and Zane White
- 2Q/D** Caoimhe Coffey and Cruz Godinez
- 3B** Mia Ezzy and Joel Hallit
- 3J** Patricia Tipones and Morgan Gillies
- 4E** Nikolai Dmitrieff and Luke Gabriel
- 4O** Camille Delos Reyes and Thomas McGlashan
- 5G** Emily Tsigounis and Alex Cimillo
- 5J** Bethany Botto and Madison Slaone
- 6B** Lizetta Sison and Shaun Cassidy
- 6L** Cameron Foster and Eliza Byrne

CARE AWARDS
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- KK** Joshua Green and Nadia La Macchia
- KL** Brianna Ward and Matthew Ogrizek
- 1A** Raymond Zhang and Bianca Tandean
- 1C** Luke Marnan and Philippe Jendruch
- 2C** Marcus Pastrovic and Lillyan Ward
- 2Q/D** Jonathon Xiao and Carissa Gallagher
- 3B** Luca Pellegriti and Erin Suffling
- 3J** Craig Zvidzo and Leila Anderson
- 4E** Yolani Rodrigo and Lachlan Moses
- 4O** Tanya Francis and Chistopher El Bayeh
- 5G** Samuel Markarian and Ella Gillies
- 5J** Jack Callaghan and Jazmin Cleary
- 6B** Jurgen Martinez and Aiden Field
- 6L** Stephanie Blanchard and Hovig Melkonyants

FAITH JOURNEY...

FIRST RECONCILIATION

There will be a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 8th October (first day of Term 4) at 7:30pm in the Church. This is for all parents who wish their children to make their First Reconciliation this year. First Reconciliation is required before the sacrament of First Holy Communion. For your child to be eligible, they need to have been baptised and are in Year 2 or above.

The enrolment forms and all information can be collected at the rear of the church after mass.

If you do not attend this meeting or an enrolment form is not received from you, this is an indication to us that your child will be making this sacrament at a later date.

For any further information that you may require contact Diane O'Shea - 96138801.



SCHOOL FEAST DAY

"On the 12th September St Mary's celebrated our School Feast Day. We not only had a lot of fun but also enjoyed learning about the history of our school. In the morning we had a Mass to celebrate our Feast Day with our parish.

After Mass we recorded small movies to give knowledge about the history of our school. Then we headed to the park and had free time to play.

We all had heaps of fun and appreciate everything and everyone that helped make our school so special."

by Lizetta Sison (Year 6)

SPORTING NEWS...

One of our Year 5 students, Thalia Lake, has competed in NSW State trials for Gymnastics over the past few weekends. Thalia has qualified in **FIRST** place and will represent the '**Metropolitan Western Region**' (Parramatta to the Blue Mountains) in the **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS** in November. Gymnastics is a great passion of Thalia's and she trains very hard, so its lovely for her to achieve such wonderful results !! We wish her the very best of luck in November.



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

On August 21st our Year 6 students from St Mary's travelled to Canberra and undertook a 3 day educational tour of the national capital. Whilst on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and government.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution was paid directly to the school and was taken into account in calculating the cost per student.

Activities undertaken in Canberra included visiting the War Memorial, participation in the Parliamentary Education Program at Parliament House, visiting the Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House, visiting the Museum of Australian Democracy and a visit to the National Museum.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.



VISION SCREENING CLINICS

It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is 4-5 years old you can make an appointment for a free vision test in your area.

Bookings are being taken until Monday 23rd December 2013 or from Monday 6th January 2013 (M-F 8:30am–12:30pm).

Clinics will be held up until December 2013 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2014.

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.

A message from NSW Government
For Steps Statewide Eyesight
Preschooler Screening

