



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4 2012

<b>Wednesday 12th Dec</b>	<b>Reports to Parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th Dec</b>	<b>Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert—7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday 14th Dec</b>	<b>Year 6 Children Fun Day in the City</b>
<b>Monday 17th Dec</b>	<b>Award Ceremony—9:00am</b>
<b>Monday 17th Dec</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Mass 7:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th Dec</b>	<b>Swimming Carnival Years 2-6</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th Dec</b>	<b>Tabloid Sports Years Kinder—1</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th Dec</b>	<b>End of Year Mass 9:15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th Dec</b>	<b>Parent Thank You Morning Tea 10:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th Dec</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Dinner</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th Dec</b>	<b>School Concludes for Students</b>
<b>Thursday 20th Dec</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Friday 21st Dec</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>

Dear Parents,

As the term draws to a close may I take this opportunity to thank you all for the contributions you have made to the school community throughout 2012. Over the four terms many of you have assisted in the classrooms, helped on special food days and fundraisers, as well as attending excursions, liturgies and assemblies all in support of the staff and your children. We are very grateful for generosity of time and enthusiasm in being an active member of our St Mary's community.

Next week we farewell a number of staff who are moving onto new schools, beginning a new chapter in their chosen vocation. In last week's newsletter I listed those staff leaving and the schools they will be working in next year. I wish them every happiness and success in their new school communities and thank them on behalf of us all for the commitment and dedication they have shared with us here at St Mary's.

Please remember Jonty Lee (Year 6) and his family in your prayers. Jonty has been recently diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. He is currently in hospital undergoing Chemotherapy. We ask God's blessing upon him and his family during this time.

Next week we farewell our Year 6 students after seven years of education at St Mary's. We thank them for the contributions they have made to the community in this time and wish them every success in their future endeavours as they enter high school and begin a new facet in their lives.

On Monday the children met their teachers for next year. This was a great opportunity for the teachers to meet their students for the new school year. A list of teachers and their grades for 2013 are listed inside today's newsletter. We welcome our new teachers to St Mary's. May they enjoy their time with us.

Today your children will have received their reports for semester two. Please take the time to sit down with your child and discuss their successes and the areas for development recommended for next year. If you have any concerns regarding your child's report please contact their teacher before the end of the year.

In the recent weeks I have received information regarding ratings given to electronic games on the market for Christmas. The government guidelines issued have warned parents to be diligent when assessing the rating for these games in regards to violence and sexual content. It has been advised that parents view any games you are contemplating purchasing for Christmas online to assess its suitability for your children.

May the spirit of Christmas and the Good news of our Saviour's birth bring happiness and good will to you and your families during the holidays. May 2013 be a year of opportunity, success and good health for you all.



Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

We would like to congratulate both Bjorn and Bernhard Tandean on competing in a Judo competition at Shinsei Blacktown last weekend. Bjorn won 2 silver medals in the Under 66kgs and Special Division (free weight). Bernhard won 1 silver medal in the Junior Boys Under 34kgs. Well done to both boys!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to give a huge congratulations to Ula Venckus from 4E who successfully auditioned for a role in the musical "The Wizard of Oz" playing at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta in February. Well done Ula!

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

We still have a number of children who have not yet handed in their permission envelopes and money for the Swimming Carnival next Tuesday. I have sent home new envelopes to those children. **Can you please return them with payment by Friday.** If we don't receive a permission envelope by Friday, your child will not be allowed to attend the Carnival.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



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| December 12 | Dakota Prudnicki        |
| December 13 | Ellie Hann              |
| December 14 | Ethan Rauniyar          |
| December 15 | Catherine Azize         |
| December 17 | Isabella Schembri-Green |
| December 20 | Adrian Anderson         |
|             | Connor Lyons-Singer     |
| December 22 | Madison Sloane          |
| December 23 | Vishnu Birudavolu       |
|             | Giovanna Younis         |
| December 25 | Alex Cimillo            |
| December 26 | Alyssa Villena          |
| December 27 | Owen West               |
| December 28 | Cameron Foster          |
|             | Mikayla Cotsinis        |
| December 29 | Alana Liversage         |
| December 30 | Sienna Percovich        |
| December 31 | Alexander Jalil         |

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

**AWARDS CEREMONY**

A reminder that we will be holding the End Of Year Awards Ceremony on Monday 17th December from 9:00am. Weather permitting we will hold the assembly under the Mercy COLA. If it is raining, we will move into the School Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at St Mary's a very relaxing, memorable and safe festive season. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a brand new year in 2013!!



## FAITH JOURNEY...

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Please join us Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, as we celebrate our Christmas concert with Andrew Chinn. Children need to be at school by 6:45pm. Concert will start at 7:00pm.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPERS**

Thank you for supporting our Hamper Drive for the St Vincent de Paul Society this Christmas. All food products are to be brought in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December so that we can deliver the hampers to the Rydalmere Chapter this weekend.



### **END OF YEAR MASS**

Join us on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December as we celebrate the 2012 school year with our end of year Mass. Mass will begin at 9:15am. It is one last opportunity to say goodbye to the teachers, students and parents who will be leaving our school community this year.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2012. Thank you for the support given to me this year in my role as REC. I wish all of our students and families a peaceful Christmas. May the busyness of the shops not take away from the true meaning of Christmas this year. Remember that Christ is the reason for the season. Look out for family and friends who need that extra love this year.



## STAFFING FOR 2013...

Listed below are the teachers and their classes for 2013:

Kinder	Miss Pauline Kaszubowski and Miss Rosemary Lopresti
Year 1	Mrs Anne Mobbs, Mrs Christine Morgan and Mrs Belinda Pearce
Year 2	Mrs Louise Caruana, Mrs Susan Dixon and Mrs Claudia Queixalos
Year 3	Mrs Margaret Brewster, Mrs Michelle Jarrett and Mrs Mary Tarfon
Year 4	Mrs Debbie Egan and Miss Emma O'Brien
Year 5	Mrs Maree Jordan, Mrs Amanda Gierick and Mrs Belinda Pearce
Year 6	Miss Rebecca Boidin, Mr Troy Loudon and Mrs Mary Tarfon

We also welcome Mrs Kylee Burton who is replacing Jan Schroder as our Learning Support Teacher.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE...

Wanting to beat holiday boredom? Why not enter the **Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge?**

The stakes have been raised this year. By independently reading 15 or more age-appropriate books during their summer holidays, students from each category will go in to the draw to win an **iPad Mini**. The student who reads the most books in each age category will also be up for an iTunes gift card.

There are three age categories, based on the age the student is on Friday 8 February 2013. The categories are:

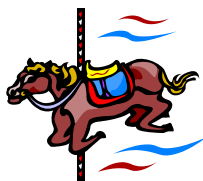
- **Ages 5 - 8**
- **Ages 9 - 12**
- **Ages 13+**

Students must record all the books they read on a log sheet, which is signed off by a parent or guardian. **Entries must be received by 5pm, Friday 8 February 2013.** The draw will take place on Friday 15 February and the winners will be published on the Catholic Education website.

The entry form is available on the CEO Parramatta's website.

*'This is an exciting challenge and I encourage students of all ages to take part. The world of reading opens the door to exciting adventures, wonderful new friends and a host of learning opportunities.'* Greg Whitby

Happy Reading!  
Margaret Brewster



### **ST MARY'S SCHOOL & PARISH FETE**

**26TH OCTOBER 2012**



Our Fete preparations have started and we are looking forward to enjoying another Fete Year with you!

**RIDES, Toys, WHITE ELEPHANT, Second Hand Books, FOOD STALLS,  
 Cake Stall, Craft Stall, CHOCOLATE WHEEL, Plant Stall....**

As you begin your Christmas Holidays please keep us in mind for donations of books, toys, bric-a-brac and craft items.

If you have any queries, would like to volunteer as a Stall Coordinator or can offer some assistance, please contact Sue on 0403 576 490, Rachel on 0400 880 839 or Fran on 0413 328 344.

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