



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

The new school year has commenced with much excitement and enthusiasm. Our new Kindergarten have commenced primary school and have settled into class establishing new friendships as they begin the first year of their formal education. Welcome also to our new families and students who have joined our school community. A special welcome to our new members of staff - Miss Victoria Drover [Kinder], Mrs Michelle McDonald [Yr 5], Miss Adele Abraham [Yr 4], Miss Michelle Little [Music] and Mrs Margaret Brewster [Yr 6]. Congratulations to both Miss Boidin and Mrs Brewster on their appointments as acting Religious Education Co-ordinator and Literacy Coordinator.

During the holidays the council have installed a new pedestrian crossing in Pine St adjacent to the Marist site. Our thanks to Paramatta council and Counsellor Mike McDermott who lobbied on our behalf to have the crossing approved enhancing the safety of all members of our community. Please note that the signs in Pine St have also been changed. The council has installed NO STOPPING signs on either side of Pine St to comply with the required standards for the pedestrian crossing. Please do not queue for the "Pick Up" line in Pine St as it obstructs traffic as well as being illegal.

This term there will be two staff development days, Monday 27th February and Wednesday 14th March. There will be no classes for students on these days. More details regarding the Mathematics Assessment Interviews [MAIs] which will take place on the 27th February, will be sent home next week.

Next week Parent Information evenings will be held for each grade. A note regarding the dates and times for each grades' session was sent home last week. I would encourage all parents to attend these sessions, as teachers will disseminate important information pertaining to the year ahead. See the school website for further details.

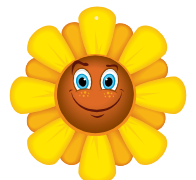
Parents are reminded that supervision in the morning commences at 8:30am. Students who are continually dropped off prior to 8:15am will be taken across to our OSHC and charged a supervision fee. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

We have a student who lives in Arrunga Street, Rydalmere who is looking for a "buddy" to walk to school with each morning. If you can assist with this request please contact the school office.

I look forward to catching up with you all next week at the Parent Information evenings.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 2012

Friday 10th Feb Kinder Party in the Park
3:30pm onwards

Monday 13th Feb Parent Information Sessions
Year 4 - 6:30pm
Year 6 - 7:15pm

Tuesday 14th Feb OPENING SCHOOL MASS
9:15am

Tuesday 14th Feb Parent Information Sessions
Year 1 - 6:30pm
Year 3 - 7:15pm

Wednesday Year 5 - 6:30pm
Kinder - 7:15pm

Thursday 16th Feb Year 2 - 6:30pm

Wednesday 22nd Feb Ash Wednesday
Yrs 3-6 Mass 9:15am
K-2 Class Liturgies

Thursday 23rd Feb Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 24th Feb COMMENCEMENT PARTY
7:00PM

PICK UP & KISS

We would like to thank all the wonderful parents who have volunteered to assist each afternoon with the Pick Up & Kiss Zone. We have had such a fantastic response. We are still looking for one parent to help out every second Thursday. If you are available, please see the office ladies. Thank you.

SPORTS DAYS

A reminder that children are to wear their sport uniform on the following days:

Kinder:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 1:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3:	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4:	Monday and Thursday
Year 5:	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6:	All students - Wednesday 6M - Thurs 6R - Fri

SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING

Student banking has now commenced for 2012. It will be processed every **Monday**. Children are to hand their bank books into the office Monday morning and they will be returned the same day. If you have any questions regarding Student Banking, please see Stacey in the office.

ASTHMA INFORMATION

Last week we sent out Asthma Information forms to the parents who have informed us that their children have asthma. If you haven't returned this form, please do so ASAP. If you did not receive the Asthma forms and your child does suffer from Asthma, please contact the office and they will organise to send them home to you. Thank you.

CLOTHING POOL

The Pre-Loved Clothing Pool will be open THIS Friday from 8:30–9:30am. If you have any pre-loved uniforms you would like to donate, please send them into the school office.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS**

We will be holding Parent Information Evenings on the following dates. It is important that you attend these meetings as teachers will be discussing important information and procedures about this year.

Monday 13th Feb	Year 4 - 6:30pm Year 6 - 7:15pm
Tuesday 14th Feb	Year 1 - 6:30pm Year 3 - 7:15pm
Wednesday 15th Feb	Year 5 - 6:30pm Kinder - 7:15pm
Thursday 16th Feb	Year 2 - 6:30pm

CHILD PROTECTION COURSES

In order to assist with Pick Up & Kiss, school excursions or working in the classrooms, you will **need** to complete the Child Protection Course. The course has to be repeated every two years. If you completed the course in 2011, you are covered for this year.

The course is available online via the Parramatta Diocesan Website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection. Once you have accessed the site, click on Child Protection Training and follow the prompts 'for Volunteers'. When completed, we will be sent an email informing us that you have successfully completed the course. We will then send home a Declaration Form for you to fill out and return to the school office. This **MUST** be done before you can commence working with the children.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The St Mary's Newsletter is distributed fortnightly on a Wednesday. Our newsletter contains Diary Dates, Principals' message, important information for parents, as well as articles on what the children have been doing, ie: excursions.

The eldest child will receive a newsletter to take home. For those families requiring a second newsletter to be posted to a different address, ie: second parent, could you please see the ladies in the office and they will organise this for you.

FAITH JOURNEY...

FAITH OF OUR FUTURE

How can we serve families better as a Church, build a true sense of belonging and equip people for Catholic life in the 21st Century? How might we better support schools and parishes and better meet the needs of our people, especially our children and future generations?

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to share your vision, suggestions and ideas as we plan for the years ahead in the Diocese of Parramatta.

For information about the consultation event taking place near you, or to have your say online, visit www.faithinourfuture.org.au.

Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter is published in the February issue of Catholic Outlook which was sent home yesterday. We encourage you to read this section of the Outlook and to pray for wisdom and courage for our diocese, as we plan for our mission of the next generation.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Opening of the New School Year Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th February at 9:15am. We encourage you to join us in this celebration as we welcome our newest school members and commission our 2012 School Leaders into their positions.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and will be celebrated on Wednesday 22nd February. Children in Years 3-6 will attend the Parish Mass at 9:15am on this day and children in K-2 will participate in a class liturgy to mark this important day of the Church's year.

Rebecca Boidin
Religious Education Coordinator



SWIMMING CARNIVAL...

Last December we held our annual Swimming Carnival, and what a great day it was! All the children showed great sportsmanship and wonderful team spirit. Jin Woo from Year 6 broke the 100 Freestyle record swimming in a time of 1.17.25. Well done Jin!

Overall points winners were **Tarrant** on 369, second went to Mackinnon on 351, then MacKillop on 331 and 4th place went to McCaffery on 323. A wonderful effort by all houses. Listed below are this year's Age Champions and Runners Up:

	<u>Champions</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
8 years	Mikeeli Lake and Zane Watson	Olivia Kim and Liam Watson
9 years	Justine Kim and Liam Fitzgerald	Hayley Silver-Holmes and Ben Gosper
10 years	Thalia Lake and Kiyah Spinetti	Holly McNamara and Joel Crouch
11 years	Chelsea Gruber and Timothy Greig	Ellie Hann and Aiden Field
12 years	Makayla White and Jin Woo	Monique Moussa and Nathan McNamara

Congratulations to all of these children!!

STAFF FOR 2012...



**Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL**



**Rosemarie Gosper
ASSIST. PRINCIPAL**



**Kate Delbridge
ADMIN OFFICER**



**Stacey Crismale
ADMIN OFFICER**



**Angela Karam
ADMIN OFFICER**



**Rosemary Lopresti
KINDER - KL**



**Victoria Drover
KINDER - KD**



**Louise Caruana
YEAR 1C**



**Anne Mobbs
YEAR 1M**



**Deb Kemp
YEAR 2K**



**Christine Morgan
YEAR 2M**



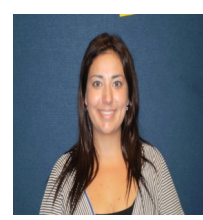
**Jane Locke
YEAR 3L**



**Claudia Queixalos
YEAR 3Q/D**



**Susan Dixon
YEAR 3Q/D**



**Adele Abraham
YEAR 4A**



**Debbie Egan
YEAR 4E**



**Maree Jordan
YEAR 5J**



**Michelle McDonald
YEAR 5M**



**Margaret Brewster
YEAR 6M**



**Rebecca Boidin
YEAR 6R**



**Jai Greenaway
DRAMA**



**Lauren Beahan
SPORT**



**Lia Radocchia
LIBRARIAN**



**Jan Schroder
SPECIAL
EDUCATION**



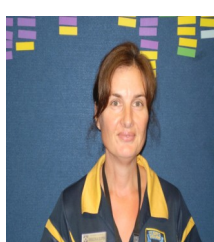
**Fr Peter Lamont
PARISH PRIEST**



**Kris Muir
TEACHERS
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**Diane Woods
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**Helena Lupis
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