



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Welcome back to school for 2013. A warm welcome to our beginning Kindergarten cohort, new students and their families as well as several new teachers to St Mary's. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break with your families and friends and are ready for an exciting and productive year. Our staff are looking forward to working in partnership with you in the education of your children throughout 2013.

Over the next two weeks Parent Information Evenings for each grade will be held. It is important that all parents attend these evenings, as teachers will be disseminating information and procedures pertinent to your child's education for the year. It is a great opportunity for you to meet the teachers and ask any questions you may have. These nights are not designed as 'one on one' interview opportunities. If you need to discuss at length any issue pertaining to your child, please make an appointment with their classroom teacher for another time.

Next Monday will be a Staff Development Day. A majority of students will participate in the MAI [Mathematical Assessment Interview]. The data collected from these one on one interviews will be used to assist teachers in directing the numeracy learning of each individual student in their class. Parents will receive an interview time this week. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Last week you would have received raffle tickets to raise funds to support the youth of the Diocese attending World Youth Day in Rio during August. All money and unsold tickets need to be returned to the school office by the end of February. Your support of this Diocesan initiative is greatly appreciated.

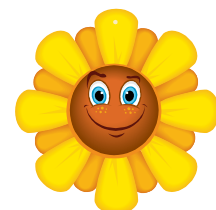
During the holidays the garden surrounds on the Marist site were renewed thanks to a generous grant from the NSW Government. The final component of this landscaping project will involve more aluminium seating in the Marist playground for the children. Our thanks go to Mr Geoff Lee, our local state member of parliament, who supported our application for these works to occur.

Morning assembly is a significant event each day at school. It is a time to disseminate information to both students and parents as well as come together to pray as a school community. It is great to see so many parents remain for the morning assembly each day. I would ask that if you are remaining for the assembly that you refrain from speaking to others during prayer and announcements. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by staff and students.

I will be taking long service leave during weeks 3 and 4. For the duration of my leave, Mrs Gosper will be Acting Principal. Please address any concerns you have to her over the next fortnight.

Enjoy the week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2013

Friday 8th Feb	Kinder Party in the Park 3:30pm
Monday 11th Feb	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY "Pupil Free Day"
Monday 11th Feb	MAI Assessments
Tuesday 12th Feb	Opening Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 12th Feb	Parent Information Session 6:30pm— Year 2 7:15pm— Year 3
Wednesday 13th Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am Mass Yrs 3-6 Liturgies for K-2
Wednesday 13th Feb	Parent Information Session 6:30pm— Year 4
Thursday 14th Feb	Parent Information Session 6:30pm— Year 5 7:15pm— Year 6
Monday 18th Feb	Parent Information Session 6:30pm—Kinder 7:15pm— Year 1
Thursday 21st Feb	Parramatta Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd Feb	"COMMENCEMENT PARTY" 7:00PM

SPORTS DAYS FOR 2013

Listed below are the days on which each grade will be participating in sport. Children are required to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on these days:

Kinder	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2C	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2Q/D	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

If you have any questions, please see your classroom teacher.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to congratulate Mrs Kemp on the birth of her son, Archie.

We would like to congratulate the Seruvatu family, Tatiana 5J and Elijah 3B, on the birth of their son Jaylan.

And we would like to also congratulate the Yara family, Jasmine 2C, on the birth of their son Mika.

**CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences go to the Donaghy family, Rebecca 6B, on the passing of her grandmother.

Our condolences also go to the Squire family, Will 6L, on the passing of his grandfather.

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 2012, you are covered for this year. The course is to be completed on line. The details are:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerspcmodule/index/asp>

If you have any questions, please speak to the ladies in the office. Thanks.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

January 2	Bronte Frain Gianluca Alcuri
January 4	Jonah Watson
January 5	Joshua Stowers Anthony Asfour
January 6	Leila Vertley
January 8	Shaun Cassidy Lizetta Sison
January 10	Eliza Byrne Kaitlen Byrne Isabelle Joseph Paul Restuccia
January 11	Joshua Lovisa
January 12	Lilly Chirgwin
January 13	Marcus Schembri-Green
January 14	Justine Kim Zoe Park
January 15	Isaac Vinton
January 18	Mia Boulous
January 19	Alexandria Boumalhab Jonas Pellegriti
January 23	Tara Newby
January 24	Patrick Cleary
January 26	Zachery Campos
January 28	Luca Pellegriti
January 30	Luke Gabriel Natalia Martinez Tinashe Musukutwa
February 3	Angelina Acosta
February 4	Amy Choi
February 5	Joseph Bayeh
February 8	Arabela Martinez
February 12	Beau Myhill
February 13	Liam Watson
February 14	Samuel Markarian Ula Venckus Charlotte Bowskill
February 15	Orlando Ballout
February 16	Bianca Tandean
February 17	Bailey Nann
February 18	Zoe Panagiotopoulos
February 19	Katherine Worsley

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

FAITH JOURNEY...

The year ahead is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year for the St Mary's community. I give a warm welcome to our new students and families and welcome back all members of our school community.

I encourage all members of our school community to be active participants in the spiritual side of both our school and parish. There are many opportunities throughout the year for us to gather as a whole community. One of these opportunities is our daily morning gathering where we join together and say our school prayer. I ask that during this time reverence is shown at all times as the children learn from the example set by the adults in their lives.



OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Our first school Mass will be celebrated next Tuesday 12th February at 9:15am. This is an opportunity to welcome the newest members of our school as well as formally induct our student leaders. I encourage you to join us for this Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is next Wednesday 13th February. Children in Years 3-6 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9:15am. Children in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 will hold a short liturgy within their spaces during the day.

RELIGION FOCUS FOR 2013

This year's focus is a continuation of our 2012 goal. We will continue to focus on prayer through Christian Meditation and the use of the scriptures. The students will be involved in fortnightly Christian Meditation sessions and Parent Meditation sessions will be run throughout the year. I encourage parents to be involved with these sessions when they are offered. Prayer is a way for us to develop and strengthen our relationship with God.

This year we will join all Diocesan schools in the daily praying of the Angelus. The importance of the Angelus will be taught and explained during Term 1 and fully implemented by the beginning of Term 2.

I encourage families to prayer together daily. Try and make prayer part of your daily rituals. I also encourage our families to become active participants in our parish. Children's liturgy is held every Sunday at the 9:30am mass. Please don't hesitate to ask for more information about children's liturgy. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to participate in the mass with the readings simplified for their understanding.

I look forward to 2013, and being involved with everyone associated with our school.

Rebecca Boidin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

~ URGENT ~ **AFTERNOON PICK UP AND KISS**

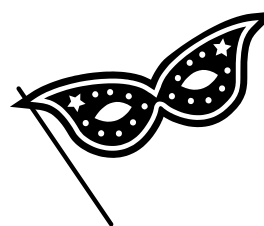
Firstly we would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered to help out at our afternoon Pick Up and Kiss. Unfortunately, we are still in need of helpers each day, especially on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If we can't fill these positions we will be unable to continue to offer this service. If you are able to help us, please either return the form (sent home last week) or come into the office and speak with the ladies.

P&F NEWS...

~ COMMENCEMENT PARTY ~

All parents are invited to our Annual Commencement Party!!
The details are:

Date: Friday 22nd February
Theme: Masquerade
Time: 7:00pm till late
Venue: School Hall



Remember, this is a **PARENT ONLY** event, so get those babysitters organised now.....

P&F MEETING

The first P&F meeting for 2013 will be held on Friday 1st March at 9:00am in the School Library. All parents are most welcome to come along!

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
Sport	Lauren Beahan
Drama	Jai Greenaway
Music	Michelle Dennis
Special Education	Kylee Burton

