



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2
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DIARY DATES

TERM 2

Wednesday 28th Apr	Confirmation Parent Information Evening 7:30pm
Thursday 29th Apr	Diocesan Cross Country
Sat/Sun 1st May	Confirmation Enrolment Weekend
Tuesday 4th May	Mothers Day Stall Wrapping Night 7:00pm
Wednesday 5th May	Mothers Day Stall
Thursday 6th May	Kindergarten 2011 Interviews Commence
Friday 7th May	Mothers Day Breakfast—8am Mothers Day Mass—9:15am
Tues-Thurs 11-13 May	Naplan Testing—Yrs 3 & 5
Friday 14 May	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 'PUPIL FREE DAY'
Mon-Wed 17-19 May	Year 6 in Canberra
Tuesday 18th May	Sydney Writers Festival
Friday 21st May	Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Friday 21st May	Confirmation @ 7:30pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 and the beginning of Winter. I hope you and your families enjoyed the holiday break and were able to relax and renew your energies for a busy term ahead. This is an eleven week term with parent teacher interviews and report distribution scheduled for the end of June.

Last Friday we celebrated as a community Christ's Resurrection with Mass. Our Liturgical celebration acknowledged our faith in the risen Lord who suffered for us, died and rose from the dead to fulfil his Father's will. In St John's Gospel over recent weeks, we recount the occasions where Jesus appeared to his disciples following his resurrection. John's accounts remind us of the events of the last supper when Jesus broke bread with his disciples. As he appears to his disciples on different occasions, he breaks bread with them allowing them to identify who he is and the love he has for them all. This Sunday the origins of the greatest commandment of all, "Love one another as I have loved you" are revealed. All children are to be in their full winter uniforms by the beginning of next week. Please ensure all aspects of your children's winter uniform are clearly labelled with their name and class.

Please remember that morning supervision commences at 8:30am on the Marist site. Children who arrive before hand should be seated on the silver seats underneath the COLA until the supervising teacher begins duty. No children should be dropped off before 8:30am. If you need drop your child off before this time due to work commitments, you may well need to enrol them at the OSHC. Parents of children who are late in the morning are asked to drop into the office to complete a late arrival form prior to the children going to class. Parents of children in 4J are asked to walk their children to the classroom if they are late for the duration of the building programme. Your co-operation in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Last week our school server was upgraded with all computers migrated to a new system. At present we are still experiencing some minor technical difficulties which may be affecting teacher's ability to respond to parent emails etc. We apologise for any delays in this regard.

Our building programme on the Mercy site is progressing well. In the next few weeks Years 5 and 6 will be moving into their new spaces. At the same time refurbishment will commence on the Marist site. This will involve changes to site access points, playgrounds etc. We will keep you informed of these changes.

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2011

We are now taking Kindergarten Enrolments for 2011. If you have a child, or know of any children wanting to start school next year, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. You can also go onto our website, www.stmarysrydalmore.catholic.edu.au and print off an enrolment form.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

As we begin a new term, it is important to remember a few safety rules when picking up your children in the afternoon. When using the "Pick up & Kiss Zone" it is important you do not get out of your car. Parents and teachers on valet duty will assist your children getting into the car. Drivers alighting from their cars will be booked by parking rangers who regularly patrol the area around pick up time. Thank you to those parents who assist each afternoon with this duty. Please take care each morning and afternoon when dropping off and picking up your children. Observing all road signs and the schools zone speed limits will assist in keeping all our children safe from harm.

BISHOP ANTHONY'S INSTALLATION MASS

A DVD of the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP as the third Bishop of Parramatta will soon be available. Place your order now for a special commemorative recording of this joyous event in the life of our Diocese. Price: \$19.95 (incl. GST + P&H). For an order form, go to www.parra.catholic.org.au

PEER SUPPORT

This week in Peer Support the children will share the things they enjoy in life and will have an opportunity to discuss their favourite activity. This session enables children to recognise what makes them happy. Discuss with your children their favourite activity.

CATHOLIC MISSION NEEDS YOU...

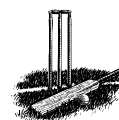
Each year, Catholic Mission coordinates more than 200 'Propagation of the Faith' appeals across Sydney. The money that is raised helps fund thousands of local and international community and Church projects. We are looking for faithful people to talk about their missionary work and to proclaim the Gospel. We offer speaker training, ongoing support, and flexibility of time commitment. If you have only one weekend please contact Michael Stanmore on (02) 9199 7800 or justice@catholicmission.org.au.

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

This is to advise you that Friday 14th May will be the Staff Development Day for Term 2. This will be a **pupil free** day.

~ Let's Hit Cancer For Six ~**Saturday 1st May****Arthur Walker Reserve Concord****9.00am - 6.00pm**

Don't forget, everyone is welcome to come along this Saturday to the annual 'Hit Cancer for Six' cricket match. Whether it be for the whole day or just an hour, the choice is yours. There are terrific raffle prizes to be won, and there will also be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks available. All monies raised helping to raise awareness and trying to find a cure for cancer.



Your support truly is appreciated!

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone. It's wonderful to hear that so many of you are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. I am especially proud of the commitment made by both the students and the parents this year and remember, it is still not too late to begin. Just email me (lradocchia@parra.catholic.edu.au) or come and see me regarding a student username and password and be patient, I will contact you as soon as I get the details.

Good luck and happy reading everyone!

Lia Radocchia - Teacher Librarian

**NATIONAL ECONFERENCE MARY—**
First Disciple Tuesday 18 May

It's free and will be fantastic! Fr Frank Moloney SDB will engage you as he shares his insights into Mary as a disciple, woman and mother. To register go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au and follow the links to Mary-First Disciple and be in the draw to win a pilgrimage for two to Italy in 2010 with Harvest Travel.

FAITH JOURNEY...

CONFIRMATION / HOLY COMMUNION: PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

There will be a parent information session in the church **this evening at 7:30pm** for all parents who wish to enrol their child for this year's Confirmation Sacramental program.

If you want your child to be confirmed this year, they will need to be enrolled this weekend after Saturday or Sunday mass. All children must have received Reconciliation through a sacramental program to be eligible to be confirmed. This applies mainly to children currently in Year 3, but also includes older children who have missed out on early programs.



Note: Organising the program takes a great deal of effort so no late enrolments are accepted.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our school will gather next Friday 7th May to celebrate Mother's Day with a whole school mass at 9:15am. This has always been a beautiful celebration and we invite all mums, grandmothers, dads and family to join us. Thanks goes to our Year 2 students who are organising the occasion.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Thank you to all parents and friends who were able to attend and support our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Students from every grade across the school led each celebration and were wonderful in their maturity and preparation. Particular thanks should go to the students from our primary grades who gave up their lunch times to prepare and lead our Good Friday service.

Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL ZONES...

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. This speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen. Listed below are the minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone.

If you exceed 40km/h in an operating school zone in a light vehicle by:	Minimum fine	Minimum loss of demerit points
- 10km/h and under	\$141	2 *
- More than 10km/h but less than 20km/h	\$253	4 *
- More than 20km/h but less than 30km/h	\$422	5 *
- More than 30km/h but less than 45km/h	\$816	6 *
- More than 45km/h	\$1859	7 *

* These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/ long weekend periods.

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