



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 2nd May 2012

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and the colder weather of late Autumn and Winter. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your families and the Easter celebrations of a few weeks ago. A special welcome to any new students and their families who have joined our school community in the last week. I look forward to catching up with you at various events and celebrations throughout this very busy term.

Today we celebrated our Easter mass. The liturgy this morning reminded us of Christ's resurrection and the new life we celebrate throughout the Easter season. This week's gospel from St John reminds us that we are the fruits of the vine; we are people of God, his disciples, the fruits of our Lord's death and resurrection. Christ is the house in which we live our lives, the source of love that drives our faith in God and all that is good. Everything we do in our Lord's name reminds us Christ is at the centre of our life and well being.

This week you will receive your child's grade curriculum overview for Term 2. This note will outline the content and skills to be taught across all key learning' areas over the next few months. Information regarding homework, excursions and significant events throughout the term will also be included in the overview. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher for clarification. The Term 2 calendar is also included with this Newsletter.

All children need to be in full winter uniform by Monday of next week (7th May). If you are having problems obtaining any components of the winter uniform from Lowes at Carlingford, please let me know so I can follow it up. The second hand clothing pool is open every second Friday morning from 8:30–9:30am.

This week Mrs Gosper and I will be commencing enrolment interviews for Kindergarten students for 2013. These interviews will run over the next few weeks. If you have returned your enrolment forms you will have already been contacted and an interview arranged. If you have not completed an enrolment form for your child for kindergarten next year, please download the form from the website or pick one up from the school office. Return the completed form to the office with the relevant documentation, as soon as possible, so an interview time can be arranged.

During the holidays several school improvement projects took place. The garden on the Marist site public space in Pine Street was replanted thanks to the efforts of the Parramatta Council. Thanks to Councillor Mike McDermott for his advice and assistance in initiating the project. As a result of a fifty thousand dollar Federal Government grant awarded to the school, fifty solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Mercy site. This initiative will assist in subsidizing our school electricity supply and reducing our energy costs. Thank you to our Federal Government for their generosity and initiative.

Have a great fortnight.

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2012

Thursday **Kinder 2013**
3rd May **Enrolment Interviews**

Friday **Kinder 2013**
4th May **Enrolment Interviews**

Tuesday **Kinder 2013**
8th May **Enrolment Interviews**

Wednesday **Mother's Day Gift Wrapping**
9th May **7:00pm**

Thursday **Mother's Day Stall**
10th May

Friday **Mother's Day Breakfast**
11th May **8:00am**
Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am

Friday **Confirmation—7:30pm**
11th May

Tuesday **NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5**
15th May

Wednesday **NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5**
16th May

Thursday **NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5**
17th May

Friday **Stage 3 Touch Football**
18th May **Gala Day**

Friday **P&F Meeting 9:00am**
18th May

TRIPLE P

Positive Parenting Program

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. Triple P helps parents to promote your child's development and communication skills, manage your child's behaviour and emotions, build a good relationship with your child and **take care of yourself**.

Duration: 5 x Wednesday evenings

Dates: May 30th—June 27th

Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Venue: St Patrick's Parish Ctr
51 Allawah St, Blacktown

Childcare: Limited childcare
Booking essential

Contact: CatholicCare Blacktown
Family Support
on 8822 2222 or
Frances at Catherine Villa
On 9837 2095

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**



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| May 2 | Rachael Dick |
| May 3 | Christopher Flore |
| May 5 | Jade Brandis |
| May 8 | Eve Watson |
| May 10 | Sidonie Thomas |
| | Jaspem Arathoon |
| | Catherine Lim |
| May 11 | Zachery Bohan |
| May 13 | Bethany Bayeh |
| | Emily Radford |
| May 15 | Clare Kuys |

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

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE PASSWORDS
VERY IMPORTANT NEWS!!

Over the next couple of weeks, all passwords for students participating in the readers' challenge will be changed by the Premier's Reading Challenge Team. If you find you can no longer login to the site, **don't panic!!** Keep reading and record your titles so that they can be uploaded when you receive your new passwords.

I will be given a list of updated passwords mid-May. I will place a notice in the school newsletter as soon as I receive the new passwords. I will then send the new passwords home with your child/children.

You should have a new password by the end of May if all goes according to plan.

Sorry for this inconvenience.

Lia Radocchia - Teacher Librarian.



FAITH JOURNEY...

EASTER MASS

We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who joined us this morning for our Easter Mass celebration.

MOTHER'S DAY

As we remember our holy mother Mary during this month of May, we also pay special tribute to all our wonderful mums who care for us and love us unconditionally. On Friday 11th May we will be celebrating our mothers at a special school liturgy at 9:15am. Please come along for this special occasion.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being held on Friday 11th May at 7:30pm. We ask that you keep all the children participating in this sacrament in your prayers.



Rebecca Boidin
Religious Education Coordinator

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...

There was a **typing error** in Term 1 Week 10's Protective Behaviours snippet. The correct information is reprinted below.

Dobbing versus Telling

Students also learn the different between dobbing and telling.

Dobbing is when you are **trying** to get someone into trouble. Telling is when you are getting your Early Warning Signs (EWS), you feel unsafe, so you must tell someone you trust and keep telling until someone listens to you and your EWS go away.



P&F - PJ DISCO WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



On Friday June 1st 2012 the P&F will be hosting our Pyjama Disco (woohoo!!). In order to ease the load on our Social Coordinator, Anna Pan, we are asking for volunteers to assist in the preparation and running of the disco. If you think you would like to help with sourcing and purchasing supplies, designing and preparing tickets and promotional material, decorating the hall or simply helping out on the night, please contact Anna Pan on 0425 256154 or by email at: anna@citywestplastics.com.au.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...

Theme 2: "We can talk with someone about anything."

Children select 5 people that they can trust and talk to about anything. They know these people will listen to them and take action, if necessary, to protect them and help them feel safe again. They are taught that, "Nothing is so awful that I can't tell someone about it."