



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,  
Welcome back everyone. I trust you all enjoyed a restful two weeks with your families. With only nine weeks this term, it is going to be a busy one with NAPLAN, Mother's Day celebrations, reports, parent teacher interviews, cross country, athletics carnival, Confirmation, just to name a few of the events occurring this term.

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. Over the last few weeks since the Holy Week and Easter celebrations we have heard scripture passages each Sunday recounting the risen Lord's appearances to his Apostles. The last forty days in the Church's calendar has recounted the post resurrection events of Jesus prior to his ascension into heaven to be reunited with his Father. Fr Kevin O'Shea [CSSR] describes Christ's ascension as the second part of the Easter story, whereby "Christ body is transformed into one that is spiritual and able to live in spirituality in Heaven" This Sunday's feast day celebrates in simple terms 'the ascension from death to God' of our lord.

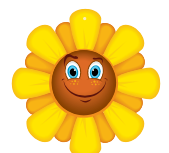
In recent months there has been much advertising of the upcoming *Catholic Schools Parent Conference* to be held over the weekend of the 25-26<sup>th</sup> May at the Novotel Parramatta. The Council of Catholic Schools Parents and Parent Representative Council, Diocese of Parramatta, are hosting this year's conference. This year's conference will focus on the impact of 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies on learning and teaching; the future of Catholic Education in a modern world and how to build closer connections between families, schools and parishes. If you are interested in attending or after further information please contact me over the next few days. Funding is available to cover the cost of the conference over the two days. It is important for our school community to be represented at this important diocesan event.

As you would already be aware a new double gate has been installed in Pine street allowing for easier entry and egress to and from the Marist playground. I would ask that parents do not stand in the opening of the gateway as it blocks access. Parents need to collect children and not call them from outside of the gate to come to them. Common sense and patience is asked of an afternoon as parents pick up their children.

Last week Year 5 and their teachers travelled to the gold fields retreat in Bathurst. Over the two days the children learned about the gold mining in the Bathurst area as well as discovering what life was like in the colony in the 1800s during this mining boom. The children were complimented on their behaviour and the manner in which they entered into the activities during their stay. I believe students may have returned to school with several flakes of gold! I would like to thank Mrs Jordan, Mrs Gierek and Mrs Gosper who gave of their time to accompany the children over the two days. Congratulations and thank you to all concerned.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2

**Friday 10th May** Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am under the COLA

**Friday 10th May** Mother's Day Liturgy 9:15am under the COLA

**Monday 13th May** STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY PUPIL FREE DAY

**Tuesday 14th May** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

**Wednesday 15th May** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

**Thursday 16th May** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

**Tuesday 21st May** School Photos (Winter Uniform)

**Thursday 23rd May** Kinder 2014 Interviews 9:15am-3:30pm

**Friday 24th May** Kinder 2014 Interviews 9:15am-3:30pm

**Tuesday 28th May** Kinder 2014 Interviews 9:15am-3:30pm

**Thursday 30th May** Kinder 2014 Interviews 9:15am-2:40pm

**Monday 3rd June** Year 5 Assembly 2:15pm

**Tuesday 4th June** ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Change of Date)

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Please note the change of date for our Athletics Carnival. It will now be held on **Tuesday 4th June 2013** at Wyatt Park, Auburn. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**CONDOLENCES**

We send our condolences to the Cassidy family, Shaun in 6B, on the passing for his Grandfather last week.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Yesterday a group of students travelled to Eastern Creek to participate in the Diocesan Cross Country. We would like to congratulate all the children on their wonderful efforts and for representing St Mary's so beautifully. We would like to say a special congratulations to Luke Gosper and Samuel Schembri-Green who have progressed through to the NSWCPSS being held at Eastern Creek in June. We wish these two boys the very best of luck!

**CRAFT STALL WORKSHOP**

Our next Fete Craft Stall Workshop will be held on Monday 20th May from 9:00am in the hall. We are still accepting donations which can be left in the school office.

**REMINDER****MONDAY 13TH MAY****STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY****~ PUPIL FREE DAY ~****BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

May 8	Eve Watson
May 10	Jaspen Arathoon Catherine Lim Sierra Lake
May 13	Bethany Bayeh Emily Radford
May 15	Clare Kuys
May 20	Jocelyn Xiao
May 21	Cian McIndoe

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

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
**TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2013**

Today every child will have received their **PERSONALISED** envelope for the School Photos. These envelopes are to be brought back to school, with payment, on the day the photos are being taken. Children are to hand their envelope to the photographer on the day. **NO** envelopes are to be sent or handed into the office.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office. If you would like sibling photos taken, please collect an envelope from the office. They are also to be brought back on photo day.

**FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM** is to be worn on photo day.



# FAITH JOURNEY...

## MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May we remember our holy mother Mary. I encourage you to pray the Hail Mary and/or the Rosary with your families during May.

## MOTHER'S DAY

During this month we also remember our own special mum on Mother's Day. Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be held this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am under the Marist COLA in our new prayer space. This will be an opportunity to pray for our mums and for those special people in our lives who take on the role of our mum. Please join us for our Liturgy on Friday.



## CONFIRMATION

Last weekend was the Confirmation preparation weekend. It was a privilege to work with such a wonderful group of children. The children will celebrate their Confirmation on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep all the children who are preparing for their Confirmation in your prayers.

## ANGELUS

This term we have started to stop at midday, along with all other Diocesan schools, and pray the Angelus. Prayer enables us to develop our relationship with God and to grow closer to Him. By stopping and praying we are given the opportunity to remember the love Jesus has for us.

As we pray the Angelus, we join Mary in her "yes" to God.

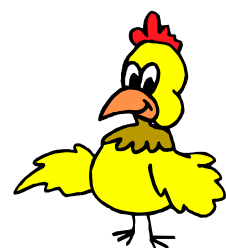
Rebecca Boidin  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## ~~ LINDA'S LUNCHESES NEWS ~~

After such a successful trial, Linda has decided to include **Sushi** on the Canteen Menu. Also available for the first time will be **Chicken Nuggets** and **Sweet Chilli Sauce**.

### PRICES

Sushi	Vegetable	\$2.50 ea
	Tuna	\$2.50 ea
	California	\$2.50 ea
Chicken Nuggets (4)		\$2.00
Sweet <u>Chilli</u> Sauce		\$0.20



All of these items are available to order **NOW!!!**

## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOUR...

During Terms 1 and 2 all children are participating in a Personal Development module on Protective Behaviours.

The Protective Behaviour module focuses on identifying actions students can take when they feel unsafe. It also helps them identify warning signals and how to go to a network of people who can help them.

Over this term we will include in our newsletter the main themes that students will be discussing in their lessons.

Theme 1: "We will have the right to feel safe all of the time."

In this lesson we discussed:

- What it feels like to feel safe and unsafe
- The difference between feeling safe and being safe
- How some touches can give us a 'yes' feeling or a 'no' feeling.

It is important to teach children the names of their emotions so they can express how they are feeling.

## COMMUNITY NEWS...



**44 HILLVIEW RD EASTWOOD**

Come along to our Annual Market Day! There is lots to do and see with fabulous International Foods, Rides for the kids and a variety of wonderful stalls including Mambo—where everything is \$10.00, White Elephant, Chocolate Wheel, Vintage Clothing, Books, Cakes, Gift Baskets, Handmade Art Work, Fresh Produce and lots more.

We also have a Silent Auction featuring a Framed Roosters Jersey signed by Sonny Bill Williams up for grabs.

5 mins from Eastwood Station.

All money raised is to support the school.

**So come along and have a great day!!!!**