



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3

Mon-Thurs 25-28th July	Life Education
Wednesday 27th July	Fete Meeting—7:00pm
Friday 29th July	Grandparents' Day Mass 9:15am
Monday 1st August	Life Education Concludes
Tuesday 2nd August	ICAS English Competition
Wednesday 3rd August	Year 4 Excursion Maritime Museum
Wednesday 3rd August	Year 3 Excursion Sydney Olympic Park
Wednesday 3rd August	Band Concert 7:00pm
Thursday 4th August	Kinder Excursion to Sydney Aquarium
Friday 5th August	Yrs 3 & 4 Sport with St Patricks College
Monday 8th August	P&F Executive Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday 10th August	Fete Meeting 7:00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and the start of a new term. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break with your children. With the second semester of the year ahead, it is important that together with your children you have establish a new set of learning goals based on last term's report and parent-teacher interviews.

Over the last few Sundays, the Gospels have revealed several of the parables Jesus used in his teaching ministry whilst on Earth. This Sunday in St Matthew's Gospel we share in the story of the "Loaves and Fishes". This is an account of one of the many miracles Jesus performed during his life. This parable reveals the care and compassion Jesus had for his fellow men and women especially in their time of need, which in this instance relates to their exhaustion and hunger. These actions of Our Lord illustrate the process he was undertaking in forming his apostles faith in preparation for their own teaching ministry post Jesus' resurrection and ascension into Heaven.

During the holidays the Creative Expo troupe came together for a day of rehearsals. Thank you to the staff that gave of their time in rehearsing with the children in preparation for their performance on Thursday 18th August. A special thank you to the parents and ex-students who assisted with the choreography and costume design and sewing. Well done to all concerned. We look forward to the performance.

This Friday we celebrate Grandparents' Day with mass commencing at 9:15am followed by morning tea and a series of performances showcasing what our children are learning in their Drama, Music and P.E classes. We look forward to seeing your grandparents on Friday.

As we enter into the second semester of the year it is important to remind our children about several school policies (from the Parent Handbook) pertaining to hair, make-up and jewellery:

*"For boys, 0 or number 1 hair cuts, rat's tails, mullets etc, hair gel and hair colouring are **not** acceptable. Hair length for boys must be above their collars. Girls are to wear their hair tied back in a pony tail or plait and no hair colourings or streaks are permitted. Make up and nail polish are not to be worn to school. Students are allowed to wear a watch. Sleepers or small studs are the only earrings to be worn."*

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



YEAR 6 GRADUATION CAKE STALL

On Tuesday 16th August our Year 6 Graduation Committee will be holding a "Cake Stall" to help raise money for the end of year celebrations.

The stall will be open at both recess and lunch so make sure you bring in your money and buy yourself a treat!!



ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Last term 31 students participated in the ICAS Science Competition. Congratulations to all the children who participated and to the students who achieved a High Distinction (1), Distinction (4) or Credit (10).

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL

The Pre-loved Clothing Pool will be open this Friday from 8:30–9:30am.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

As you know, the school photos were taken on Monday and were a great success. It will take a few weeks for the photos to come back to the school and as soon as they do we will hand them out to the children. If you have any queries or questions, you will need to deal directly with the company. The details are Academy Photography on phone number 1300 766 472.

PERMISSION NOTES

As it is the beginning of a new term, we thought we would reiterate how important it is that parents and children return permission notes and payment by the specified date. We have a number of excursions, gala days etc happening at the moment and as you can imagine, trying to ensure that everyone has paid and given parental permission is a huge job. If we do not have signed permission, then legally we cannot take the child out of the school grounds. If you are have difficulty in paying for an excursion by the set date, please come to the office to discuss this with Kate.

P&F AGM MEETING

The P&F will be holding the AGM on Monday 22nd August from 7:00pm in the Library. At this meeting, a new P&F Committee will be voted in. There are several positions available, so if you are interested in taking up one of the positions and becoming part of a dedicated team, please come along. Everyone is most welcome!

THANK YOU

We would like to warmly thank St Mary's students and families for supporting Zoe in her quest to become the new Milkybar Kid! It was a great experience and we have been humbled by everyone's enthusiasm and well wishes. We were told it was a very close competition but the winner was a boy, Matthew, from Queensland. Once again, thank you all very much.

The Panas Family

WOOLWORTHS & COLES PROMOTIONS

These two grocery chains are once again starting up the Incentive Programs for Schools. More information will follow in the next few weeks but in the mean time, please keep any Woolworths receipts and Coles vouchers you collect. The more we collect the more the school benefits!

"You Can" Schools Program

*Building a brighter future for
young Australians with cancer*



Sony Foundation and CanTeen have joined forces to help young Australians survive cancer through their "You Can" fundraising campaign.

St Mary's Primary has chosen to support this important charity drive by collecting old mobile phones which will be recycled to raise much needed funds to build youth cancer centres across the country. To help our school reach our phone target, please send any old mobile phones you or your family may have lying around the house to school with your child. They can drop them into the box in front of the office doors.

For more information please visit
www.youcanschools.org.au.
And remember, your old phone can help
save a young life.

FAITH JOURNEY...



HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL GROUP

Please keep in your prayers over 50 students who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. This is both an exciting and significant time in their faith development and we wish them all the best during these weeks of preparation.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Please join us this Friday for our Grandparent's Day celebrations. Yesterday was the feast of St Joachim and St Anne, Jesus' grandparents, and this week we pay particular tribute to the inspiration, care and love that our grandparents give us.

The school will gather in the church for Mass at 9:15am led by our Year One children. We will then assemble under the Mercy COLA where our infant classes will present some work that they have been doing in music and physical education. This will be followed by morning tea that will be provided for grandparents, mums and dads.

After recess it will be the primary classes turn to present some music, physical education or drama work, and we may even be able to get a sneak preview of our Creative Arts Expo performance.

The school will then walk across the road to Rydalmere Park for ball games and a picnic lunch.

Grandparents, mums and dads are invited to stay with us for the day. Join us at mass, watch our performances, enjoy morning tea, cheer along some ball games and then share with us a picnic lunch. It should be a great day!



CHILDREN'S MEDITATION—PARENT'S FEEDBACK

In each grade this year we have been working on developing prayer through children's meditation. We have also been trying to gather indicators of our progress in this area. We would gladly welcome any feedback from parents about the initiative. This may include your own understanding, your child's responses at home or your broader opinion. Please feel free to email the school and attention it to myself, write me a note or even give me a call. Feedback can be anonymous, if preferred.

Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS...

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB

Carlingford Baseball Club is holding its Try Aussie T-Ball and Baseball Registration Days on Sunday 24th and 31st July 2011 between 1-3pm at Murray Farm Reserve, Murray Farm Road, Carlingford.

They have programs suited to children from ages 5-17. Any new players interested in trying baseball are welcome to attend. New senior players are also welcome.

For further information please contact Stu Bysouth on 0412 654 182 or email carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com.



SPORTING UPDATE...

ZONE CARNIVAL TEAM

Due to the cancellation of our Athletics Carnival last term, we have used the times collected from the time trials held in Week 9 to select our 100m and 800m runners for the Zone Carnival. The children with the two fastest times for each age and event will be included in our school zone team. The results obtained during PE with Miss Beahan, for long jump and shot put, will be used to ascertain which children will represent the school in these events. This year no children from St Mary's will be entered into the 200m track events at Zone. We were unable to conduct 200m trials as we had no access to an athletics track.



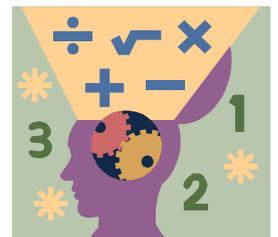
AGE CHAMPIONS

Again due to the cancellation of our Athletics Carnival last term, there will be no age champions awarded this year for athletics.

For further clarification, please speak to Tony Hughes.

MATHS EMU INFORMATION AND WORKSHOP...

St Mary's is participating in a Diocesan initiative known as 'Emu' - extending mathematical understanding. There will be two parent information workshops held on Tuesday 9th August. The first workshop will be at 2:00pm and the follow up session will be at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome to come along.



MCCAIN SCHOOL VEGE PATCHES...

Once again St Mary's are participating in the McCain School Vege Patches program. If you purchase any McCain Frozen Vegetables or McCain Purely Potato products, please cut off the barcode and send them into the office. The more we collect, the more the school benefits!!

