



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second semester for 2013. Term 3 promises to be an exciting and busy one for our community here at St Mary's. I trust you enjoyed the holiday period with your children, unwinding and relaxing without the demands of school routines, timetables and homework.

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, our own Miss Boidin and 250 young people are presently on pilgrimage overseas. They are visiting the shantytowns of Lima and then onto Rio in Brazil. There they will join Pope Francis and more than 2 million people for the World Youth Week celebrations from the 23-28th July. You can follow our pilgrims' progress through a new website that is updated daily by Bishop Anthony and Pilgrim Bloggers. Sign up now to have updates delivered in your inbox at www.parrawyd.org. Please remember Miss Boidin and all our pilgrims in your prayers over the next few weeks.

Yesterday CEO Parramatta conducted an education compliance audit here at St Mary's. The audit team made up of staff from our Diocesan schools led by our Head of School Performance Director, Mrs Sophie Ryan, spent the day examining school documentation, facilities and visiting classrooms and talking to teachers and students. This audit process is conducted in each of our Diocesan schools every five years to enable school registration compliance. Thank you to all the staff for their preparation in recent months. We ask our Lord and Our Lady's blessing over our school community for the next period of registration.

Last Tuesday our peer support programme for 2013 commenced. This programme is lead by our year 6 students who have been trained to work with small groups of children from K-6. The programme runs for 8 weeks and is focused on developing students' resilience and effective communication. This programme is an integral component of our Positive Behaviours initiative.

Last week each child received an information letter regarding the formation of a Glee Club at St Mary's. This initiative will be managed by Teaching Services Australia who run our school band and keyboard programmes. Children who are interested in auditioning need to return their expressions of interest form by this Wednesday. Auditions will be conducted this Thursday in the hall at 1pm.

Just a reminder that the pedestrian access gate on Myrtle St will be closed when the music commences each morning. *Children who are arriving at school once the music has commenced are to be accompanied to the school office by a parent who will need to complete a late arrival note. They are not to be dropped off and told to go to their lines.* This is a school registration compliance requirement enforced by the Department of Education. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!
Tony Hughes
Principal

DIARY DATES

TERM 2013

Thursday 25th July	Book Fair
Friday 26th July	Grandparents Day Mass 9:15am
Friday 26th July	Book Fair
Monday 29th July	Book Fair
Tuesday 30th July	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala
Wednesday 31st July	English Competition Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala
Wednesday 7th August	Parramatta Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 7th August	Fete Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 8th August	Mary MacKillop Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 20th August	Netball Gala Day
Wed-Fri 21-23 August	Year 6 Canberra Excursion

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

**THE CRAFT STALL
CALLING FOR DONATIONS**

The following items needed for donations:

Sea Salt
Citric Acid
Epsom Salts
Bicarbonate of Soda
Lavender Oil
Almond Oil
Dried Lavender

**WEST RYDE Rovers Cricket
CRICKET REGISTRATION FOR 2013/14
SEASON**

Boys and Girls
In2cricket (Milo) 4 - 7 yrs
(10 week program, term 4.)
U8/U9 modified cricket competition.
10 – 16 yrs competition + girls only team.

Registration:

Sunday 11 August (11am – 4pm)
Denistone Sports Club
59 Chatham Rd West Ryde.
Contact: Kerrie O'Brien (Club secretary)
roverscricket@gmail.com

HEAD LICE

Please be aware that we have had several cases of head lice within the school. Can everyone please take the time to check through your child/children's hair. If any lice are found, please treat them accordingly. An information leaflet on how to treat head lice was sent home last term. Children are not to return to school until **ALL** lice and eggs are removed from their hair.

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

July 25	Paul Sheslow Elizabeth Hogan Angelina Di Piazza Carlos Di Piazza
July 28	Kiara White Christian Mourched
July 29	Ella Gillies
July 31	Angela de la Roche
August 1	Zane Watson Brock Mangan
August 2	Bill El Bayeh Tanya Francis Bryan Rowlands
August 4	Ben Gosper
August 5	Sophia Bartosiak
August 6	Domeniq Mourched

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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to the Rowlands and Youssef family, on the passing of their grandfather at the end of last term. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 31 students who participated in the UNSW Science Competition this year. We were awarded 2 Distinction, 6 Credit and 23 Participation Certificates. Well done to the following students:

Distinction—Eve Watson, Clare Kuys
Credit—Maxwell Xie, Lana Bannister, Siddhant Kalra, Justine Kim, Alex Padden, Sophie Vaughan.
Participation—Zac Campos, Patrick Cleary, MMorgan Gillies, Ria Iyer, Jaanvi Kanwar, Olivia Kim, Daniel Ryan, Elijah Seruvatu, Trinity Tecala, Xavier Homann, Connor Lyons-Singer, Lachlan Moses, James Ryan, Angelina Acosta, Ella Gillies, Samuel Markarian, Isabella Schembri-Green, Tatiana Seruvatu, Jocelyn Xiao, Georgia Hogan, Hovig Melkonyants, Paul Restuccia, Nikita Tuite

Premier's Reading Challenge



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Remember that all online reading logs must be uploaded no later than the **23 August 2013!**

No reading records will be accepted after this

Special promotion

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Think fruit & veg cost too much?



Over the coming weeks we'll give you tips and ideas that will help you:

- Make healthy meals the whole family will love
- Pack healthy lunch boxes that will get eaten
- Save money by eating more fruit and veg
- Encourage fussy eaters with fun food ideas
- Grow your own fruit & veg without fuss

Got an idea to help us? Get in touch!

**For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)**

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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FAITH JOURNEY...

WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION—28th July

5:30pm: Adoration

6:60pm Diocesan Youth Mass

7:00pm BBQ and WYD Program afterwards

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral,

1 Marist Place

Parramatta

Age: 16-35 years

Please call 0408 420 331 if you're attending or email:

youthevent@parra.catholic.org.au

Opening your heart and reaching out to others in need.

FAITH IN MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

A Conference about Marriage for couples. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society.

Sunday, 15th September, 2013 – 8.45am – 5.00pm. Cost \$25 single, \$50 couple, includes light lunch.

Where: Our Lady of Mercy College Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta (free parking surrounding streets only)

Guest Speakers: Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP; Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University; Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College and Robyn Moore.

See flyer in foyer for more details.