



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

Wednesday 20th October	Reconciliation Parent Evening 7:30pm
Wednesday 20th October	Yr6 Graduation Meeting 6:30pm
Sat/Sun 23-24 Oct	Band Camp
Monday 25th October	Year 3 CSIRO Incursion
Monday 25th October	P&F Executive Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 26th October	Musica Viva 11:30am & 2:00pm
Tuesday 26th October	Kindergarten 2011 Parent Information Night 7:30pm
Wednesday 27th October	Kinder 2011 Transition 9:00–10:30am
Friday 29th October	World Teachers Day
Sat/Sun 30/31 Oct	Reconciliation Enrolment
Wednesday 3rd November	Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY  
TERM 4  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 22

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2010. I hope you enjoyed the break with your children and were able to relax and renew your energies for the upcoming term as we prepare for Christmas and end of year celebrations. The first week back has also been a historical one for all Catholics in Australia with the canonisation of Mary MacKillop in Rome on Sunday. May Australia's first saint Mary of the Cross be an inspiration for all in our daily lives.

On Monday "Captain Care" our new positive behaviour's mascot was launched to assist all members of our community understand the importance of our school motto, "Care Always and Respect Everyone" in our daily dealings with others. The launch was a celebration of the "Gifts of the Spirit" that God has bestowed upon us all. Our scripture passage from the liturgy [Galatians 5:22-5:26] reflects upon these significant gifts that we share with others in belonging to God's faith community here at St Mary's.

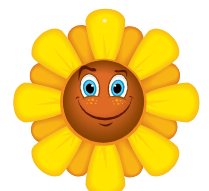
*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. There is no law against such things. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another".*

During the liturgy, posters focussing on anti-bullying, care and respect for ourselves, others and property were distributed to each grade to display in their new learning spaces. Each child also received a Captain Care key ring as a reminder that bullying and disrespect of others has no place in our community at St Mary's.

During the last week of Term 3 we took delivery of ten new MacBook laptops; 2 laser printers and 2 iPads courtesy of the P&F Association. This I.T. hardware will be integrated into the children's learning across the grades. Staff and children are extremely grateful for additional technology.

At the beginning of a new term it is important to remind families of several school procedures that are in place to ensure the safety of your children. One in particular relates to dropping children off early before school. Morning supervision does not commence until 8:30am. Therefore, parents are asked not to drop their children at school before this time. If you need to leave early for work you are asked to make use of the *Before and After School Care* [OSHC] centre located on the Mercy Site. Children who are continually dropped off in the playground prior to 8:30am will be sent over to the OSHC and parents will be charged accordingly. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated to ensure the safety and well being of your children.

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Don't forget to collect your vouchers from Coles for the "Coles Sports for Schools" initiative. There is a 'voucher box' at the front door of the school office where you can place them.

**NATIVITY PLAY**

All children wishing to take part in St Mary's Parish Christmas Nativity play, being held on Christmas Eve at the 6:30pm Mass are asked to attend a selection meeting on Friday 29th October at 3:15pm in the church. For any further information, please contact Anne Marie Lyons on 9638 2245 / 0410 299 681 or Jacqui Mastroianni on 9638 0994.

**ICAS MATHS COMPETITION**

We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in this year's ICAS Maths Competition. We received 7 Distinctions and 13 Credits. Well done to everyone involved!

**PICK UP AND KISS VOLUNTEERS**

Helpers required!! We are urgently in need of helpers for our afternoon Pick Up and Kiss. In particular, we need volunteers for Mondays and Thursdays. If you are able to help out for the rest of the year, please contact Mrs Gosper or let the school office know. Thank you.

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES**

We are looking to provide some alternative activities for the children to play with at lunchtime. If you have any complete games, car mats, cars etc in good condition that you no longer need, we can give them a good home. Please send them to the office. Thank you, PBS Committee.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had several cases of headlice reported to the school office. Can you please take the time to check your child's hair for any lice. If found, please treat them accordingly. Children should not return to school until all lice and eggs are removed from their hair. Thank you.

**PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST**

On Friday 29th October St Mary's Rydalmere are hosting a Pink Ribbon High Tea to raise money for breast cancer research. Everyone is invited to join us! Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS****~ Whooping Cough ~**

The Sydney West Public Health Unit has advised that there has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) cases amongst primary school age children in Sydney.

Whooping Cough starts with a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Whooping cough spreads easily from person to person. It is a very serious disease in young babies, and has caused two recent deaths in newborns in Australia.

The public health unit has advised if your child has a cough it is very important to keep them away from babies.

If your child has any symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry persistent cough that comes in bouts, **please see your doctor**. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in preventing spread to other people and may reduce the duration of the cough. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

More information is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis/html>

**PARRAMATTA MARIST**  
**190th Anniversary Dinner**

<b>Date:</b>	Friday 29th October 2010
<b>Venue:</b>	Sarah Brand Ballroom Le Montage 38 Frazer Street, Lilyfield
<b>Time:</b>	6:30pm for 7:00pm until midnight
<b>Cost:</b>	\$90 (includes 4 course meal, drinks, & entertainment)
<b>Dress:</b>	Collar and tie for gentlemen and cocktail dress for ladies
<b>Seating:</b>	10 per table (\$900)
<b>Entertainment:</b>	The John Field Band and comedian Brian Doyle
<b>Tickets:</b>	Contact the school on 9635 7066 or email <a href="mailto:parramarist@parra.catholic.edu.au">parramarist@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>

## FAITH JOURNEY...



### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2010–2012**

There will be a very important meeting tonight for any parent who would like their child enrolled in this year's Sacramental program. This will begin at 7:30pm in the church and conclude no later than 8:30pm.

Ideally children who are in year 2 begin making their Sacraments, beginning with Reconciliation. If your child has not yet received any Sacraments and is in a higher grade there is no problem with them enrolling. Every year there is a range of ages that participate in the program. This year the Sacramental program has changed so that Holy Communion will now be done before Confirmation. Furthermore, Confirmation will be done at a later stage, either in Year 4 or Year 5. These changes have come about through the directives of Bishop Anthony and will be explained further tonight.

Please make a point of attending this evening if you would like your child to be a part of this year's program.

### **ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MacKILLOP**

Well, what a weekend we've just had! It has been a very exciting time for our Australian Church as Mary MacKillop is recognised as our first Australian born saint. She is a true role model for Australians, having worked in our own land and with the people of Australia.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make last Sunday's parish celebration a success. As well, thanks goes to Year 3, and our St. Mary's Drama Club and Tiny Techies groups, who led our school mass last Friday. Special credit goes to Mrs Greenaway who prepared the Mary MacKillop enactment that began our celebration.



### **WORLDY SOLES**

A final call for any unwanted shoes or glasses!

This Friday, I will be collecting the last of any unwanted shoes or glasses that will be shipped to communities of Africa. If you have any unwanted shoes of reasonable condition or prescription glasses that are no longer used, they could, and undoubtedly will, change the life of someone. I heard a statistic the other day referring to 1 in 10 people in the world who have sight impairment. For this reason, millions go without skilled employment or are unable to contribute fully to society. Cheap prescription glasses are all that is needed for many to make significant improvements in their lives.

In the same way, not having sufficient footwear can have drastic effects on a person's independence. A simple, unwanted pair of shoes can change this.

Thank you to everyone who has managed to contribute so far. Please have one final look to see if you can help.

Mr Simon Stennett  
Religious Education Coordinator

## KEYBOARD LESSONS...

### **J&E PIANO MUSIC CENTRE**

Is your child interested in learning to play the Keyboard? If the answer is yes, please contact J&E Piano Centre on 9651 4892.

\* \$12 for 30 minute lesson

\* We provide the keyboard for each student FREE!



Our J&E Music Teacher, Susan holds lessons at St Mary's Primary School Rydalmere each Wednesday during school hours.



## ~ TERM 4 PLANNER ~

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Week 1</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11 <b>Term 4 begins</b>	12	13	14 HSC commences	15 Mary MacKillop School Mass	16/17 Mary MacKillop Canonization Parish/School Mass
<b>Week 2</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	18 9.15 Captain Care Launch	19 Indigenous awards 5.30pm at Seven Hills	20 Reconciliation Parent Evening 7:30pm  Yr 6 Grad Meeting 6:30pm	21	22 Instruments Band Demo 9.00am	23/24 Band Camp
<b>Week 3</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	25 Year 3 CSIRO Incursion 9.15–12.50pm  Yr 6 P&F Exec Meeting 7pm	26 Musica Viva 11.30am & 2.00pm  Kindergarten 2011 Parent Information Night – 7.30pm	27 Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am	28	29 World Teachers Day	30/31 Reconciliation Enrolment
<b>Week 4</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov – 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 All Saints Day Mass	2 All Souls Day	3 Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am	4	5 Diocesan Gym- nastics	6/7 Reconciliation sessions 10-3:30pm
<b>Week 5</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 Stage 3 P.D Parent Night 7.00pm	9	10 Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am  P&F meeting 7.00pm	11 Remembrance Day	12 Reconciliation 7:30pm	13/14 Reconciliation 3:30pm
<b>Week 6</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 Kinder Orient. 9.30 – 11.30 12.30 – 2.30	16	17 Kinder orientation 9.30 – 11.30 12.30 – 2.30	18	19 Reconciliation 7:30pm	20/21 Reconciliation 3:30pm
<b>Week 7</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov - 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	22 <b>Staff Development Day</b>	23	24	25	26 Parra Council Band Advent Performance	27/28 Advent starts
<b>Week 8</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	29 Swimming Pro- gram begins Cyber safety	30	1	2	3	4/5
<b>Week 9</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6	7 Christmas Concert	8	9	10 Swimming Program concludes	11/12
<b>Week 10</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13 Award Cere- mony 9.00am  Orientation for new students Years 1-6 2.00pm  Graduation Mass 7.00pm	14 Swimming Carnival	15 End of School Mass 9.15am Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ 7:00pm <b>School Closes</b>	16 <b>Staff Development Day</b>	17 <b>Staff Development Day</b>  <b>Term 4 Con- cludes</b>	18/19