



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Sat/Sun 23/24 Oct	Band Camp Weekend
Tuesday 25th Oct	Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am
Wednesday 26th Oct	Whole School "Mufti Day" For Bottle Lottery Donations
Saturday 29th Oct	SCHOOL/PARISH FETE 10:00–4:00pm
Tuesday 1st Nov	Kinder Transition 9:00–10:30am
Monday 7th Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm
Monday 7th Nov	Year 1 Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 8th Nov	Kinder Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm
Tuesday 8th Nov	Stage 3 Personal Development Evening
Sat/Sun 12/13 Nov	Enrolment for Sacramental Program

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and the final term for 2011. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break with your children. Over the next few weeks please keep in your prayers those Year 12 students who are completing their Higher School Certificate exams. These final exams are the culmination of thirteen years of schooling, bringing to a close one facet of their lives and opening a new door to their future careers and vocations. Our prayers and best wishes are with all those sitting these exams.

In the final weeks of Term 3, our painted playground games on both sites were completed. These games will provide the children with additional activities to take part in at both recess and lunch each day. Proceeds from the second hand clothing pool contributed greatly to the cost of the games. Our thanks to Mary Lou McNamara who coordinates the clothing pool for St Mary's.

In recent weeks it has come to our attention that many students are continually late for school or are being picked up early in the afternoon. We understand that at times children need to attend specialist appointments during the day, however, some parents are making a habit of collecting children early, thus missing out on valuable class time. Wherever possible it would be appreciated if appointments can be made outside of school hours.

A reminder to all parents that there is a limit of \$2 per child for students who are purchasing drinks and ice blocks at school on Linda's lunch days. On those days children are only able to purchase items for themselves and not for others due to some children's food allergies. Your support in this area will be greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of the term it is a timely reminder for parents that supervision of students before school does not commence till 8:30am. Children should not be dropped off at school before this time. If you need to drop your children off early in the morning due to work commitments, please contact St Mary's OSHC to arrange supervision.

Thank you to all those parents who are observing the 'no queuing' policy in Pine Street in the afternoon, for our 'Pick up and Kiss' zone. Your co-operation in this matter adds to the general safety of all those leaving the precinct and general traffic congestion in the area. In recent months parents are staggering the pick up of their children between 3:10 and 3:25pm which has contributed tremendously to easing traffic congestion. Your support and co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The school fete is fast approaching. Saturday 29th October is the date for the big day. Thank you to all those families who have donated to the fete in recent weeks. A special thank you to our fete committee ably led by Fran Cutler, Sue Thomas and Rachel Hogan for the hours of work they have put in over the last twelve months. We look forward to a fine sunny day for this great school and parish event.

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



A QUICK WORD FROM THE P&F

We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays with your children and you have all come back refreshed and ready to take pleasure in everything that Term 4 has to offer you.

As everyone will no doubt be aware, our Bi-Annual Fete is coming up in just over two weeks, and once again we are requesting that our school community come together to support our wonderful school. While this is not run by the P&F, we endeavour to assist in anyway possible, and as always we need your help to ensure it is a success. So if you have any spare time on the day (even an hour will ease the load) please speak to the Fete Committee or come into the office and complete the sign up sheet.

As always events such as these would not be possible without the support of the greater school community, so lets help our fete committee make this event the best one yet!
Jennene Gillies (P&F President)

SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR 2011

The Swimming Program for 2011 will be held in Weeks 8–9 of this term. The cost of the 10 day program will be \$100.00 per child. We will be sending home notes regarding the program next week.



THANKYOU

A big thank you to Steven and Anna Pan for organising the first of what will hopefully become an annual St Mary's Golf day at Oatlands Golf Course. While the weather may have appeared less than cooperative at first, fortunately it cleared before tee off time and it appears that our small group of happy golfers all enjoyed their afternoon. For those of you who missed out this year, keep a look out on next years social calendar so that you don't miss the next one!



PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL

The Pre-Loved Clothing Pool will be open this Friday 21st October. If you have any pre-loved uniforms you would like to donate, please bring them into the school office. Thanks.

MACKILLOP ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We would like to congratulate Rebekah Meafou, Timothy Greig and Michael Gibson who competed in the MacKillop Athletics Trials at Blacktown last term. All three children did extremely well in their events. Rebekah has now made it through to represent MacKillop at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush this week. We wish Rebekah the best of luck at the Carnival!

~ BASKET STALL ~



Don't forget to bring in your family's basket for the Basket Stall at this year's Fete. All baskets, big and small, are very much appreciated!!

Making up a basket could be a great family activity. It can really be fun looking for the items for your basket. You also have a chance to win some wonderful prizes.

- 1st Prize: \$50.00 Top Ryde City Voucher**
- 2nd Prize \$40.00 Woolworth's Wish Card**
- 3rd Prize: \$20.00 Target Voucher**



You can enter as many baskets as you like. The more the better!
In past years families have made up baskets using buckets, pet beds, washing baskets, an esky, mixing bowl, large platters—the possibilities are endless.
As Fete Day is fast approaching, please make sure your baskets are handed into the office by Wednesday 26th October.

Thanking you.

FAITH JOURNEY...



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2011 / 2012

If your child is in Year 2 or a higher grade this year and you would like them to participate in the sacramental program starting in November, enrolment for the program will be at mass on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. There will be a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 10th November at 7:30pm. The sacraments are the cornerstones of our faith as, through the sacraments, we experience the many facets of God's love for us. Receiving the sacraments, beginning with Baptism, is a vital component in living our faith. The sacramental program begins with Reconciliation. The following year students receive First Communion and lastly they are Confirmed. Enrolment at Mass on the 12th or 13th November is mandatory. No late enrolments will be taken. If you have any queries about the program, please direct them to the parish or myself here at school. Alternatively, your questions may be answered at the information night on the 10th November.



NGALANGANPUM PRIMARY SCHOOL, WARMUN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Last Wednesday 12th October, St Mary's was honored to have had Mrs Leanne Hodge, the principal of Ngalanganpum Primary School visit our school. Early this year, our school heard of the plight of the people of Warmun who lost their community in a devastating flood. The flood completely destroyed their school, which had just been completed from Government BER funding, as well as most of the town-ship. The community was relocated over 100km away in Kununurra while flood water receded and rebuilding began. Since then we have been in contact with Mrs Hodge and have had updates as to how their school and community were recovering.

Mrs Hodge flew into Sydney and was able to spend most of Wednesday at St Mary's, talking with both primary and infant students as well as the staff. She shared her school's story, founded by the sisters of St Joseph, taught us about her community and showed us some of the photos of her students and classrooms as well as the floods.

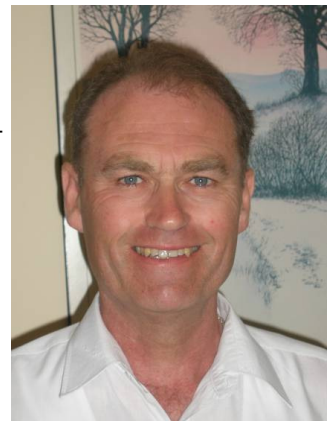
In Week 4 of this term we will be launching our school's Mission Week focus, which will be aimed at helping her school and further establishing a link between St Mary's and Ngalanganpum Primary. We will launch the week with a liturgy in our church on Monday 31st October.

FR PETER'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Just reminding everyone that Fr. Peter's Silver Jubilee mass and celebrations are on Saturday 19th November starting at 11am. If you would like to attend his special Celebration Luncheon, the cost for an adult is \$13, couples are \$25 and families are \$40 (2 adults and 2 children with additional children \$8). The luncheon is fully catered. BYO alcohol. Cordial will be provided for children.

It is imperative that numbers are advised beforehand to organize catering. You can indicate your intention to attend through special notices and clip boards at mass.

Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator



COMMUNITY NEWS...



WEST RYDE ROVERS NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY

This year there will only be ONE registration day for 2012. It will be on:

Saturday 29th October 2011
10am to 3pm at
Meadowbank Park.

For more information, please contact
Sue Martin on 0409 914921 or email
Sue at registrar.wrr@hotmail.com



ERMINGTON UNITED SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

**Netball Registration Day
For 2012
U/8's Seniors**

Cowells Lane, Ermington
(Tennis Courts)
Saturday 22nd October 10-12pm

For more info please contact:
Ph: Tracy Mannix 0415 618 977 or
Email: ermingtonnetball@gmail.com

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SPRING FETE



Come and join the fun!

Where: 12 Ralph Street, Westmead

When: Sunday 30th October 2011

Time: 10:30–4:00pm



There will be stalls including High Tea, Café, Craft, Books, Plants and many more...
Amusement Rides such as the Cup and Saucer, plus a Chocolate Wheel and Raffle
will be a great source of entertainment for the day!!

WHOOPING COUGH CONTINUES...



Health
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Health

Whooping cough continues to be a major problem in NSW in 2011. In the western Sydney region there were 567 cases reported to the Public Health Unit from January to August in 2010. The number of cases reported for January to August 2011 is almost triple at 1585 cases. The greatest number of whooping cough notifications is seen in 5 to 9 year-old children.

Whooping cough is a very serious illness for infants, especially in the first six months of life before they complete their primary vaccinations. Through early detection and treatment of all cases we hope to reduce the risk of infants being exposed to whooping cough.