



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2012. I hope you enjoyed the break with your families and are refreshed for a busy Term 4 as we prepare for Advent and Christmas and all the of end of year festivities. Our Year 6 children will graduate following seven years of primary school at St Mary's, while at the same time we will be welcoming throughout the term our new Kindergarten students and their families for 2013. Thank you to all the parents who have returned their children to school in their summer uniforms. All the dates of upcoming events for the remainder of the year are outlined on the Term Planner on the back page of this Newsletter.

As we enter into the month of October our Religious focus for the first few weeks of the term is 'Mission'. In this Sunday's Gospel Mark reminds us very much of the mission theme through the revelation that Christ came not to be served but to serve others. Mission is in the giving of ourselves to others, the breaking down of injustice and the promotion of social justice in our communities across the world. Mission for our children is about following Christ's example of serving others and making a difference in the lives of others.

As you would be aware World Youth Day in Rio in South America will take place in July of next year. As a means of raising funds for the pilgrims, a raffle is being held across the Diocese. If you would like to support the pilgrims in their fundraising, raffles tickets are available from the school office for you to purchase. First prize is a Toyota Yaris. The cost of the tickets are \$2 each or \$20 a book.

By the end of the week you should have received your child's grade curriculum overview for Term 4. It is important that you take the time to read it as it contains the concepts / content that will be covered in the key learning areas for the term. It also outlines any upcoming events for your child's grade and the expectations of teachers for the final term of the year. If you don't receive one by the end of the week, please contact your child's teacher.

Each afternoon we provide a "Pick up and Kiss" service to assist parents with the pick up of their children without them having to get out of their vehicles. It has proven to be a most successful and convenient way of picking up the children each afternoon. When it was set up several years ago it was done with the proviso that it would be supported by parents who would volunteer to assist the teacher on duty with the supervision of children getting into vehicles. Over recent months the parent support has dwindled to the point where if we do not get an influx of parent volunteers to assist each afternoon, the "Pick up and Kiss" option will cease to operate. I have a majority of staff doing other after school duties and am unable to staff the pick up any further. If you can volunteer to assist please contact the school office.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 23rd Oct	Diocesan Basketball Gala Day
Tuesday 23rd Oct	Kinder 2013 Transition 9:00–10:30am
Monday 29th Oct	Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm
Tuesday 30th Oct	Kinder 2013 Transition 9:00–10:30am
Tuesday 30th Oct	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park
Tuesday 30th Oct	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 1st Nov	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
Monday 5th Nov	Kinder 2013 Orientation 9:30–11:30am 12:30–2:30pm
Tuesday 6th Nov	Kinder 2013 Orientation 9:30–11:30am 12:30–2:30pm
Tuesday 6th Nov	Year 6 Personal Development Night 7pm
Wednesday 7th Nov	Band Concert 11:15am
Wednesday 7th Nov	Year 5 Personal Development Night 7pm

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to the Melkonyants family, Hovig in 5J, on the passing of his father at the end of last term. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time.

OLMC SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2014 are invited to apply. Visit the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au for more information.

POST-SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

If you have been through the very difficult and painful experience of the breakdown of your marriage relationship, you may find "The Recovery Program" a great help as you try and pick up your life again and plan for a new future. Over a seven week program you will be supported, guided and enriched by the Recovery Program that deals with topics and issues specifically pertain to your situation. We begin this program on Wed. evening 17th Oct. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown. Further details and registration with Sr Eileen Quade 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

October 17	Grace Huntly
October 18	Abel Budiono
October 19	Nitika Tuite
October 20	Lachlan Moses
October 21	Gianni Puglisi Xavier Homann
October 23	Matthew Mazzaferro Ye Sung Cho Cooper Twyford
October 24	Jonathan Choi
October 25	Kathleen Swadling
October 27	Nikolai Dmitrieff
October 28	Matthew Worsley Bianca Bietola Tyler Higgins
October 29	Isabella Fairall
October 30	Jonathan Lee Jake Donaldson Celine Boustani

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

Looking for a fun and friendly netball competition?

St Matthew's Uniting Church BAULKHAM HILLS Netball Club

The perfect competition for girls and women of all ages! Games are played at Gooden Reserve, Winston Hills. The 2013 season will begin on Saturday, 6th April with game times starting from 12:40pm.

Early registration will be held on Saturday 27th October, 12-4pm at Winston Hills Shopping Mall.

Fees: FunNet - \$40, 8-16 years - \$75, 16's and Over - \$85

So be sure to come and register on the 27th

~ Register and have the chance to win an iPod Shuffle ~

For any further enquiries, please contact:

Therese Canty (0415 845 992), Rebecca Fried (0431 868 447) or Hannah Olley (0421 022 748).

FAITH JOURNEY...

FIRST RECONCILIATION – 2012

A Parent Information and Enrolment Night has been arranged for all parents of children that are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Penance - First Reconciliation, in November 2012.

Children are eligible for this next step in their faith journey if they are 7 years old and/or over and have been baptised.

The Parent Information and Enrolment Night is on Tuesday, 30th October 2012 at 7.30pm in the St Mary's Church. At this meeting you will need to bring the Enrolment Form and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

The Enrolment Forms and all relevant information can be collected from the back of the Church, after the weekend masses. They are to be completed and returned on the Parent Information and Enrolment Night.

NO LATE ENROLMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 30TH OCTOBER.

OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. This prayer has helped many people experience a closeness with Jesus and His beloved Mother Mary. The prayer is a meditative form of prayer, which allows us to reach out to God by meditating on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mysteries of our Lord's life through the eyes of His Mother. Our community has a special devotion to Our Lady, and in the busy months ahead remember that Mary is there as a constant figure of inspiration and strength.



MISSION MONTH

The month of October is also Mission Month. During this month we remember the many people, especially children, around the world who are not as fortunate as ourselves. We remember the children, who go to bed hungry, drink unsafe water and sleep on the streets. The children, who do not receive an education and who are forced to go and work to provide for their families.

This year we are asked to: RESTORE HOPE TO SOMEONE SPECIAL.

We will be holding a Mufti-Day Fundraiser to raise money for Catholic Mission. Children are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on this day and will be allowed to wear mufti. A note with more information will be sent home next week.



TERM PLANNER...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
Week 1 8 th Oct – 14 th Oct	8 Term 4 Commenc- es	9	10	11	12	13/14
Week 2 15 th Oct – 21 st Oct	15 Kinder 2013 Par- ent Info night 7.30pm	16 Kinder 2013 Transition 1 9.00-10.30 Indigenous Awards OLOL 5:30pm	17	18	19	20/21
Week 3 22 nd Oct – 28 th Oct	22	23 Diocesan Basket- ball Gala Day Kinder 2013 Transition 2 9.00-10.30	24	25	26	27/28
Week 4 29 th Oct – 4 th Nov	29 OLMC outreach Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm	30 Kinder 2013 Transition 3 Yr 3 Excursion Homebush Park First Reconciliation Parent meeting 7:30	31	1 All Saints day – Yrs 3-6 Parish Mass St 3 Touch Footy Gala Day	2 All Souls Day Mass 9:15am Diocesan Gymnas- tics Day	3/4 First Reconcil- iation lessons
Week 5 5 th Nov – 11 th Nov	5 Kinder 2013 Ori- entation 9.30-11.30 12.30-2.30	6 Kinder 2013 Orientation 9.30-11.30 12.30-2.30 Year 6 Personal Development Night 7:00pm	7 Band Demo Concert 11:15am Yrs 2-5 Year 5 Personal Development Night 7:00pm	8	9 <i>P&F Mtg 9.00am</i> <i>TBC</i> First Reconciliation 7:00pm	10/11
Week 6 12 th Nov – 18 th Nov	12 Remembrance Day Year 3 Assembly 2:15pm	13	14	15 "Seasons" Cele- brations 2:00pm	16	17/18
Week 7 19 th Nov – 25 th Nov	19	20	21 Keyboard Concert 11:30am	22	23	24/25
Week 8 26 th Nov – 2 nd Dec	26 Swimming Program starts →	27	28	29	30	1/2
Week 9 3 rd Dec – 9 th Dec	3 Swimming Program →	4 Kinder 2013 MAI testing	5 Kinder 2013 MAI testing	6	7 Swimming Program Concludes	8/9
Week 10 10 th Dec – 16 th Dec	10 New Children Orientation After- noon 2:00pm	11	12 Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert 7pm	13	14 Year 6 Fun Day to the City	15/16
Week 11 17 th Dec – 23 rd Dec	17 Awards Ceremony 9:00am Yr 6 Graduation Mass 7:00pm	18 Swimming Carni- val Years 2-6 Tabloid Sports K&1	19 End of Year Mass 9.15am Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea 10:00am Last day of school for children Year 6 Graduation Dinner	20 SDD	21 SDD Term 4 Concludes	22/23