



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Last week the Year 2 children from our school and wider parish community prepared for their upcoming First Reconciliation early in November. Thank you to Miss Boidin, our school REC and Dianne O'Shea, our Parish Sacramental coordinator for their time and commitment last weekend in preparing the children for this sacrament. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they prepare to receive God's love and forgiveness.

Our School and Parish Fete is fast approaching. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a significant source of funding for both the school and parish community. Thank you to all those people who last weekend contributed donations to our white elephant, book and toy stalls. In the remaining days leading up to the fete, can I encourage all our families to get behind this fundraising initiative as all proceeds raised will benefit the children in our school community. Let's pray for a beautiful sunny day that celebrates the spirit and endeavours of our St Mary's community.

Next week we welcome back Mrs Gosper and Mrs Caruana from Long Service Leave. Thank you to Mrs Brewster who has very capably filled in over the last month as our Assistant Principal in Mrs Gosper's absence. Thank you also to Miss Orlandi who has worked in Year 2 during Mrs Caruana's leave.

This week has seen our new Kindergarten children for 2014 and their families welcomed to our school community with our Parent Information Evening on Monday night and the children's first transition day yesterday. Over the next few weeks, these children will continue to get to know their teachers [Miss Lopresti and Miss Kaszubowski] and their peers as they prepare to enter our St Mary's school community next February. Thanks to all those involved in organizing the upcoming transition program.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a note regarding the new smart phone app called "Skoolbag". The app is linked to our website and is full of information regarding the school. You will receive updates on information and push notifications to let you know of any important events happening within the school. Please take the time to read this note and download the free app.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2013

Tuesday **Kinder 2014 Transition**
22nd Oct **9:00–10:30am**

Tuesday **Year 2 Excursion**
22nd Oct **Warragamba Dam**

Saturday **School/Parish Fete**
26th Oct

Tuesday **Kinder 2014 Transition**
29th Oct **9:00–10:30am**

Wednesday **Band Demonstration in the**
30th Oct **School Hall–11:30am**

Friday **All Saints Day Parish Mass**
1st Nov **9:15am**

Monday **Kinder 2014 Orientation**
4th Nov **9:00–11:00am**
 12:30–2:30pm

Monday **Year 4 Assembly**
4th Nov **2:15pm in the Hall**

Tuesday **Kinder 2014 Orientation**
5th Nov **9:00–11:00am**
 12:30–2:30pm

ST MARY'S SCHOOL & PARISH FETE

SATURDAY 26TH
OCTOBER 2013

10:00am–4:00pm

BASKET STALL REMINDER

This is quick reminder that baskets for the Basket Stall can be drop into the School Office anytime. Remember, the more we receive the more the school benefits, so keep bringing them in. And don't forget to attach the Nomination Form for the Basket Competition. There are some great prizes to be won!!



SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Tatiana Seruvatu from 5J, who participated in the Anne Sargent Netball Clinic in both the July and October school holidays.

At the July Clinic, Tatiana was chosen by Anne Sargent herself to receive the "Anne Sargent Netball Scholarship", which includes a week long Netball Clinic in Curl Curl. She was then awarded the "Excellence Award" at the October school holiday clinic. We would like to congratulate Tatiana on these wonderful achievements.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Musukutwa family, Tinashe in 3B, on the birth of their baby boy Theo.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| October 16 | Maddison Boulous
Zechariah Acosta
Bonnie Finch
Cooper Storey
Liam Storey |
| October 17 | Grace Huntly |
| October 19 | Nikita Tuite |
| October 20 | Lachlan Moses |
| October 21 | Gianni Puglisi
Xavier Homann |
| October 23 | Ye Sung Cho
Cooper Twyford |
| October 25 | Kathleen Swadling |
| October 26 | Isabelle Pericaud |
| October 27 | Nikolai Dmitrieff |
| October 28 | Matthew Worsley
Bianca Bietola
Tyler Higgins |
| October 29 | Isabella Fairall
Kingston Luburic |

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's time to get busy in the kitchen.

Donations of your favourite biscuits, cupcakes, slices, jams, pikelets, scones and especially **whole cakes (no nut products please)** will be appreciated at the Fete Day cake stall 26th October.

Baked goods can be delivered to the cake stall anytime after 10:00am on Fete Day. Cake boxes will be available at the school office from 21st October if needed.

We will be delighted (and very grateful) for your contribution.
Any questions, please contact Teresa Cotsinis on 0423 377 469.

Thank you!



FAITH JOURNEY...

On the evening of the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Apostles. He "breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained".

Thus was the Sacrament of Penance born.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Forty five children from our school and broader parish community will be making their First Reconciliation on the 8th or 9th November. We keep these children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this important sacrament.

I thought that this would be an ideal opportunity and time to include some information about the sacrament of Reconciliation.

- The different names for this sacrament are the sacrament of conversion, the sacrament of Penance, the sacrament of confession, the sacrament of forgiveness and the sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament of Reconciliation would be the most familiar.
 - It is called the *sacrament of penance*, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.
 - It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.
 - It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness*, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."⁶
 - It is called the *sacrament of Reconciliation*, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God."⁷ He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."⁸
- God loves us. God shows love for us through the people who love and care for us. Our relationship with God is intimately intertwined with our relationship with others. In our everyday experiences we are faced with the reality of misunderstanding and conflict. The difficulties we experience in forgiving those who hurt us and in asking forgiveness of those we have offended bring home to us our human frailty.
- 'A sin is an abuse of the freedom that God gives to created persons so that they are capable of loving him and loving one another.' (CCC 387) The Collins Dove dictionary for young Catholics defines sin in the following way: 'Hebrew words for sin mean to shoot an arrow and "miss the mark", i.e. to fail to achieve a goal. To sin is to be deliberately unfaithful to what God asks of us. In the New Testament, sin is the result of failing to live the new life in Christ. This failure affects our relationship with God, other people and ourselves.'
- We all need forgiveness, for sin alienates us from God and others. Jesus revealed to us a God who is merciful and compassionate, a God who reaches out to forgive and heal. When we fail to live according to Jesus' teaching and example, he offers all that is needed for a renewed relationship with God and others through the sacrament of Penance.
- Forgiveness is an important aspect of Jesus' ministry. The Gospels contain many stories about the compassion and mercy of Jesus and his readiness to heal and forgive people. The forgiveness of Jesus is offered to everyone. Jesus forgives sins and calls us to new life.
- Conversion is a life-long, on-going process and we need to celebrate God's healing, reconciling love in our lives..
- The Rite of Reconciliation celebrates: (i) God's merciful love; (ii) reconciliation with self, God and the community of the Church; and (iii) deeper conversion.

© Theological Background from Sharing our Story unit 12C6 Reconciliation: Belonging to a Forgiving Community

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.

CONGRATULATIONS...



We would like to congratulate one of our students, Liam Fitzgerald, 4E, on two wonderful accomplishments during the school holidays.

Firstly, congratulations on auditioning and being cast in the production of "Candy Man" playing at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta. Liam was part of the Candy Man Choir for this production.

Secondly, during the holidays, Liam competed in the National Irish Dancing Championships held in Perth. He successfully won his category, the 9 Years Boys, and is now the "Australian Irish Dancing Champion" in that age group. Well done on all of your achievements Liam!!

COMMUNITY NEWS...



*Ermington United Sports &
Recreation Club*



Netball Registration Day

Registration Day for 2014 Day Competition. If your child is turning 7 or older in 2014 and would love to play netball, we would love to see you on October 19th, 2013 at Cowells Lane, Ermington. (Tennis Courts – Club house) 10am – 12pm, \$50 deposit required
More information Phone: 0415 618 977
or
Email: netball@ermingtonunited.com.au

POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Solo Parent Ministry is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program again, commencing on Wed 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre
1-5 Marion St Blacktown

Fee: \$80.00

This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. For further information and registration contact Program Coordinator Sr. Eileen Quade on 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au.