



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

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DIARY DATES

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Wednesday 16th February	Parent Information Evening Year 2—6:30pm Year 3—7:30pm
Thursday 24th February	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool
Friday 4th March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool
Wednesday 9th March	Ash Wednesday
Friday 11th March	COMMENCEMENT PARTY 7:00pm
Friday 18th March	School Cross Country
Tuesday 5th April	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day - Aquilina Reserve
Friday 8th April	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day - St Marys

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

St Matthew's Gospel this Sunday focuses on the commandment "Love your neighbour as thy self" and the importance of forgiving those who harm you or speak unjustly about you. We are encouraged to do unto others as you want others to do unto you. St Matthew's writing teaches us to forgive others, not to be judgemental, nor seek revenge for others' negative and hurtful actions against us. This week's Gospel message encourages us all to be "Jesus Followers"- people of love, care and respect for others. A message that is very much part of our St Mary's community.

Thank you to the parents who attended this week's parent information evenings for your children. I hope they have proved to be most informative in assisting your child with their studies throughout the year as well as providing a forum to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

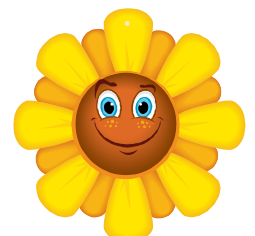
At various stages throughout the year people may need to contact me regarding various matters pertaining to the school or their children. Please feel free to contact me via email hughes@parra.catholic.edu.au. Teachers at this week's parent information evenings have also provided their email addresses for you to contact them when required.

Following several complaints from parents, I have spoken to the regional manager of Lowes, who supplies our school uniform, regarding the unavailability and quality of some of their uniform lines. If you have any problems in purchasing any item of our uniform, please contact the school so it can be addressed. A reminder that our second hand clothing pool is open every second Friday morning from 8:30am. Thanks to Mary Lou McNamara who co-ordinates this service for our community.

Please find below several important dates for 2011. [Terms 2-4]

[Please note that all dates are subject to change]

Staff Development Day 27th April
 Anzac Day Ceremony 28th April
 Diocesan Cross Country 3rd May
 Mother's Day Liturgy 6th May
 NAPLAN Exams Yrs 3 and 5 10th - 12th May
 Stage 3 Canberra trip 23rd-25th May
 Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day 31st May
 St Marys' Athletics Carnival 14th June
 Life Education 25th July-1st August
 Creative Arts Expo 18th August
 Zone Athletics Carnival 22nd August
 Penrith Netball Carnival Gala Day 23rd August
 Father's Day Breakfast and Mass 2nd September
 Fete 29th October
 Fr Peter's 25th Jubilee 20th November
 Swimming Programme 28th Nov-9th Dec TBC
 Christmas Celebration 6th December
 Awards Ceremony 12th December
 Yr 6 Graduation Mass 12th December
 Swimming Carnival 14th December
 School closes for 2011 16th December



Have a great week!
Tony Hughes—Principal

SPORTS DAYS

Just another reminder the children need to wear their sport uniform on the following days:

Kinder	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Stage 3	Tuesday & Friday

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

The final Parent Information Night will be held tonight. Year 2 will commence at 6:30pm and Year 3 will commence at 7:30pm. We hope to see all of these parents there.

STUDENT BANKING

This year will be processing all Student Banking on a **Monday**. Please make sure your child/children hand their banking in to the office first thing on a Monday morning. Books will be returned on Monday afternoon.

**PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL**

The Pre-Loved Clothing Pool will be open this Friday 18th February from 8:30–9:30am. If you have any items of clothing you would like to donate to the clothing pool, please drop them into the school office. Thank you.

**CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences go to the Majoor family, Amicus in Stage 3B, on the passing of his grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

MORNING LATE NOTES

As you are aware, the morning bell rings at 8:50am. If your child/children arrive after this time, you are to bring them to the office and fill out a late slip, which they hand to their teacher. Please do not drop your child off and let them come into the school by themselves. **You** must accompany them and fill out and sign the late slip. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

LINDA'S LUNCHES

This is to let you know in advance that on **Friday 4th March (Wk 6)** there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS**. You can still order your lunch as per normal on Monday and Thursday of that week, just not the Friday.

**P&F CLASS CONTACT LISTS 2011**

Please complete the enclosed Class Contact List information form if you would like to be included on this year's contact list. This list is intended for the use of **parents only**. Please fill in your details and return to the office ASAP. I realise some of you have already given your email details at the recent Parent Information Evenings, but that is purely for the teachers. If you have any questions, please call Trish Worsley on 0408 968 423.

ASTHMA NOTE REMINDER

I recently sent home notes to the parents of children with Asthma requesting a copy of your child's Asthma plan. If you are yet to return this information, it is urgent that you do so ASAP, so we can update our files.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL TEAM

We would like to wish our Zone Team the best of luck at the upcoming Carnival. The Team are:

Justine Kim	Sophie Bruce
Kiyah Spinetti	Joel Crouch
Holly McNamara	Kaitlen Byrne
Timothy Greig	James Furolo
Chelsea Gruber	Ellie Hann
Nathan McNamara	Jin Woo
Ashleigh Fairall	Makayla White
Raphael Purnama	Kurt Davoren-Whereat
Erin Hann	Ella Bruce
Callum Smillie	Madeleine Botto
Dominic Gibson	Sidonie Thomas
Jack Pettit	Jonah Lin
Sarah Cantrill	Troy Davoren-Whereat
Aiden Field	Niamh Gallagher
Mason Douglass-Hanna	

~ GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL ~

FAITH JOURNEY...



Today we celebrated our Opening School Mass, where we welcomed our kindergarten students and other new students from Years 1-6. It was themed "Many Gifts Called to Share" and we were reminded of the many different gifts/talents our students bring to the community to make our school the special place that it is.

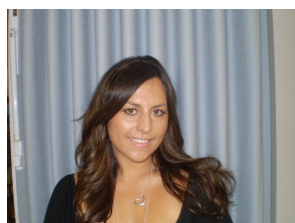
We also commissioned our School Captains and Colour House Captains as they embark on the journey as leaders in 2011, knowing they have a strong group of Year 6 students working with them to make the year ahead a success for all the students at St Mary's.



Rebecca Boidin
Acting Religious Co-ordinator

STAFF FOR 2011 (CONT..)

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to our wonderful Music, Drama and Sport teachers who were omitted from our Staff List in the last Newsletter.



Ciara Brennan
MUSIC TEACHER



Jai Greenaway
DRAMA TEACHER



Lauren Beahan
SPORT TEACHER

FETE 2011 – CRAFT STALL...



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND DONATIONS



Time for all those craft items you've been collecting to relocate to the school office as we will be starting our fortnightly morning tea craft workshops.

They will be held at 9:15am to 10:45am every 2nd Wednesday, starting from 2nd March, in the School Hall.

Mums, grandmothers, aunts and friends are invited to join us for a chance to unleash some creativity! Work with us or take an idea to do at home. NO previous experience necessary. An item made, great or small will be much appreciated.

Any donations of craft supplies would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items we need are fabric, ribbons, feathers, tea towels, glass beads, old women's magazines, any old Christmas decorations etc etc.

If you have any questions, please call Debra Suffling on 0403 491 213

P&F REMINDERS...



**ROLLING OUT
THE RED CARPET FOR
ALL ST MARY'S PARENTS**



Feel like a star at the 2011 St Mary's
Commencement Party!!

**Friday 11th March
7:00—11:00pm**

**St Mary's Primary School
Under the COLA on the Mercy Site**

RSVP: Please return your acceptance slip to the School Office
by 2nd March to assist with catering.

And remember, it's parents only, so organise those sitters now!!

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS



**Friday 25th March from 7:00pm
Movie starts at 8:00pm**

St Mary's Mercy Site (under the COLA)

Family Ticket: \$20.00 (up to 5 people)

Individual Ticket: \$6.00

RSVP: Please return slip and payment by 2nd March 2011
to the School Office

COMMUNITY NEWS...



~~ BREAKING NEWS ~~



San Remo NetSetGo!! now at Carlingford Netball

Carlingford Netball have just achieved accreditation with Netball NSW to provide the highly successful San Remo NetSetGo! introductory netball program for 5-10 year olds. NetSetGo! has been developed by Netball Australia to provide kids with a learning and playing experience that provides a positive introduction to Netball.

The program runs from Mar-Sep and will be held mid-week at our training venue in North Rocks. For further information on the above, please visit our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au or contact Donna Bysouth on 0409 861 576 or email carlingfordnetball@hotmail.com.