



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

In St John's gospel this Sunday we are reminded of Christ as the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The mystery of our faith is revealed in these two titles bestowed upon our Lord. We proclaim this mystery of our faith at mass during the consecration of the bread and wine in the Eucharist when these earthly gifts are transformed into the body and blood of Christ celebrating the events of the Last Supper. This mystery of our faith reveals to us the great deeds our Saviour did for us through his passion, his death and resurrection and his ascension into heaven. Let us continue to frequent the sacrament of the Eucharist as a source of our life long association and love of God.

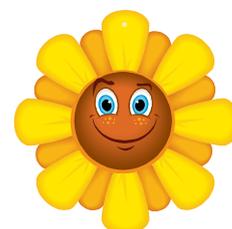
Last Thursday week we celebrated Grandparents Day with mass, open classrooms, morning tea and a dance display performed by the children. It was great to see so many grandparents in attendance taking the time to be part of their grandchildren's school community for a day. Thank you Jenenne Gillies, our P&F President, who coordinated the beautiful morning tea. Thank you to all the parents who baked and assisted with the morning tea. Congratulations to the Year 1 teachers and students for coordinating our liturgy and to Miss Beahan, Miss Little and Mrs Greenaway for organizing the entertainment.

Thank you to all our Year 6 students who prepared and performed their Voice of Youth Speeches last week. The quality of the presentations was very high. Congratulations to Bjorn Tandean, Sarah Donaghy and Niamh Gallagher, our three students who represented St Mary's at the Voice of Youth cluster final yesterday. They are to be commended for their efforts. Special mention to Bjorn, who was awarded the Environmental Award for his speech.

Congratulations to all the children who attended the Parramatta Zone Athletics carnival today. Thank you to Miss Lopresti for coordinating the squad and our athletics program over the last few months. Thanks also to the parents who assisted as marshals on the day and for supporting the students throughout the carnival. Best wishes for the students proceeding through to the Diocesan carnival in a few weeks.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2012

Monday 13th August	EMU Initiative Parent Workshop (Maths) Session 1: 2:00pm Session 2: 7:00pm
Tuesday 14th August	ICAS Maths Competition
Wednesday 15th August	Feast of the Assumption Mass 9:15am
Wednesday 15th August	Year 6 Graduation "HOT DOG DAY"
Thursday 16th August	Band Concert 6:30pm
Friday 17th August	P&F AGM—9:15am
Tuesday 21st August	St Nicholas Netball Gala Day—Penrith
Wednesday 22nd August	Year 6 - It's Academic
Friday 24th August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival Blacktown Olympic Park
Monday 27th August	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Monday 27th August	Kindergarten Assembly 2:15pm
Tuesday 28th August	Book Week Parade 9:00am The Great Book Swap Challenge

UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION

Congratulations for the 33 students who participated in the UNSW ICAS Science Competition last term. Five children received Distinctions, 6 received a Credit and 22 were awarded Participation Certificates.



KISS AND PICK UP

Firstly, we would like to thank the wonderful parents that currently assist with Kiss and Pick Up at afternoon dismissal. Your help is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately some of our helpers have other commitments so are not unable to continue helping out. We are looking for some parent helpers for each **Friday afternoon**. If you can spare half an hour on a Friday, can you please contact the office. Your help is truly appreciated. Thank you.

LATE NOTES

If your child arrives at school after the morning bell, the child's parent **must** accompany them into school and complete a Late Note for the teacher. Please do not drop your child and leave. Legally the parent must complete the Late Note.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION "HOT DOG AND POPCORN DAY"

All orders for the Year 6 Graduation "Hot Dog and Popcorn Day" were due today. If you have forgotten to hand in your order, you have one last chance. Please hand your order into the school office no later than **tomorrow**, Thursday 9th August. No orders will be taken after this date. Thanks.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

In recent weeks we have noticed an increasing number of students wearing our uniform incorrectly. Boys are reminded that shirts are to be tucked in with their ties done up under their collar. Long sleeves are not to be rolled up. Girls are reminded that studs and sleepers are the only earrings permitted to be worn to school. Make up, nail polish and additional jewelry is also not permitted. Finally sports shoes are to be joggers and are to be predominately white. Children are not to be wearing casual shoes such as Vans and other canvas shoes as they do not support children's feet during physical activity. Your assistance and support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| August 8 | James Furolo |
| August 9 | Mia Northwood |
| August 10 | Caitlin Foster
Nathan McNamara |
| August 12 | Mikeeli Lake
Lara Waterhouse
Benjamin Fairall |
| August 13 | Kane Vinton |
| August 14 | Rebecca McCaughey |
| August 15 | Alexander Cutler
Helen Kim
Joshua Nakhli
Alexander Johnson |
| August 16 | Usenio Lee |
| August 17 | Lucas Timoteo |
| August 20 | Daniel Schokman-Love |
| August 21 | Alexandria Padden |

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 4



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| KC | Tahlia Centrone and Oscar Moy |
| KL | Jonas Pellegriti and Abel Budiono |
| 1C | Ethan Rauniyar and Hannah Jalil |
| 1M | Myles Panagiotopoulos and
Jonah Watson |
| 2K | Ashlee Liwanag and Kathleen Swadling |
| 2M | Alexander Mylonas and Benjamin
Tejo-Natali |

CARE AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 4



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| KC | Rhecha Pathak and Kelly Stevens |
| KL | Luke Noy and Larissa Laguzza |
| 1C | Jaime Camacho and Caoimhe Coffey |
| 1M | Alannah Cantrill and Annika Byrne |
| 2K | Emily Radford and Zachary Campos |
| 2M | Kate Worsley and Patricia Tippones |

FAITH JOURNEY...

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Today we celebrated the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a mass led by Year 4. Mary MacKillop demonstrated courage and love as she lived a life of faithful service, bringing Jesus' word to all those in need. Mary MacKillop was canonised in 2010 as Australia's first saint. One of the most used, motivating and known sayings of Mary MacKillop is *never see a need without doing something about it.* (1871). Let us strive to emulate our Saints words in our everyday lives.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven as a reward for her faithfulness. Her life and devotion should be an example for us. On Wednesday 15th August the school community will join with the parish and celebrate Mass at 9:15am to celebrate this special feast. We encourage our families to join us on this Holy day of Obligation.

Rebecca Boidin
Religious Education Coordinator



CHILDREN'S VISION...

Good vision is important for your child's educational, physical and social development and to help them reach their full learning potential. Many children continue to experience undetected and unnecessary vision problems and often they assume that how they see is normal.

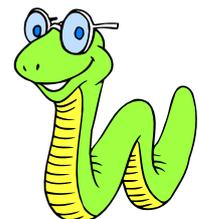
It is up to us, their teachers and parents, to be able to recognise the signs of a vision problem, and to help children look after their eyes.

As part of the 2012 Optometrists Association Australia Children's Vision campaign, to be held on Wednesday 15 August, we hope to help parents to detect potential vision problems in children early.

Recognising eye problems in children

Symptoms of eye problems include:

- complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes
- delayed progress in reading ability
- a turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- poor hand-eye coordination in sports
- losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading



Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children's eyes be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately on observing any problems with their eyes or vision. Included in this week's Newsletter is a copy of 'A Parent's Guide to Good Vision'. You can also visit the website: www.optometrists.asn.au/childrensvision

VOICE OF YOUTH...

Yesterday three Year 6 students represented St Mary's in the Annual Voice of Youth Competition. The students choose their topic and perform in front of their peers from three local schools in the Parramatta Cluster.

Congratulations to Sarah Donaghy who spoke about 'Life Without Electricity', Niamh Gallagher whose speech was titled 'My Family' and Bjorn Tandean who scared us all with images of 'Spiders'.



Mrs Brewster—Year 6 Teacher

GARDEN CLUB...

“Earth worker worms live in the garden. Compost worms live on the forest floor. Our school garden has earth worker worms. Garden club is fun because I get to plant things like strawberries, peas and beans. Then I get to pick the strawberries (and hopefully eat them)”

by Chris El Bayeh 3QD



Garden Club operates at lunch time on Wednesdays for students in Years 3 - 6. During this time we plant, nurture, cultivate, harvest and **weed**. This year, we have had a group of approximately 20 students participate. Many students have expressed an interest in joining the Garden Club. We are starting a second group and each group will come fortnightly. Students interested in joining are asked to add their name to the list on a clipboard in the office. It is expected that students who wish to participate make a commitment to assist on their designated week.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH...

Seasons for Growth is an educational program for students who have experienced loss through death, divorce or separation. This program is offered at St Mary's for students in Years 1 - 6. A separate note will come home this week and needs to be returned by Thursday, August 16. It is anticipated the program will commence in Week 7.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE...

REMINDER: Don't forget that the Premier's Reading Challenge will finish on 31st August. That means that all reading records must be completed and uploaded on the website no later than this date.

Good luck everyone!

