



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

<b>Monday 7th Nov</b>	<b>Kinder Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm</b>
<b>Monday 7th Nov</b>	<b>Year 1 Assembly 2:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th Nov</b>	<b>Kinder Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th Nov</b>	<b>Stage 3 Personal Development Evening</b>
<b>Sat/Sun 12/13 Nov</b>	<b>Enrolment for Sacramental Program</b>
<b>Monday 14th Nov</b>	<b>Year 3 Assembly 2:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 19th Nov</b>	<b>Father Peter Silver Jubilee Celebration Mass at 11:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 23rd Nov</b>	<b>Keyboard Concert 11:30am</b>
<b>Monday 28th Nov</b>	<b>10 Day Swimming Program Commences</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Throughout the month of November we pray for those members of our families and friends who have passed away. Traditionally the church has dedicated November as a period of time where we remember and pray for the souls in purgatory. Purgatory is considered more a process than an actual place whereby the souls of those who have passed away are healed and cleansed of their sins as they prepare to enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Yesterday we celebrated All Saints' Day where we are encouraged to pray to the Saints for their guidance and wisdom. Today the church celebrates All Souls' Day where we are mindful of those departed as they prepare to be united with our God, our creator.

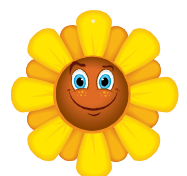
Last Saturday saw the St Mary's community come together to hold our Fete. We were blessed by a beautiful warm Spring day. A great day was had by all, as we celebrated with food, rides and entertainment as our community joined together to raise funds for both the school and parish. The success of Saturday's fete was due to the hard work and commitment of many members of our community ably led by our fete conveners Sue Thomas, Fran Cutler and Rachel Hogan. This community event was the culmination of twelve months preparation, and the generous efforts and donations of our many sponsors and families. Congratulations and our sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the day.

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be held next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the school library commencing at 9am. Please note the change of day and time for this term's meeting. At the meeting our School Counselor, Mrs Helen Boerma, will outline her role and the referral process required for children to work with her. We look forward to you all joining us for the meeting and catching up with all the news and upcoming events as the end of year draws to a close.

Over the last couple of weeks the Kindergarten transition program for our 2012 students has been held. The program began with an information evening followed by three days of transition where by the children gathered together to acquaint themselves with their fellow classmates and teachers. The parents participated in a series of workshops examining school readiness, receptive and expressive language as well as exploring our student management policy. We welcome our new Kindergarten children and their families for 2012 as they begin their schooling at St Mary's.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



**P&F MEETING**

A reminder that there will be a P&F Meeting held next Friday 11th November starting at 9:00am in the school Library.

Everyone is most welcome to come along!

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION REMINDER**

This is an important reminder to all Year 6 children and their families. The acceptance and payment for the Year 6 celebration at Luna Park was due back last Monday. There are still a lot of children who haven't sent in their RSVP and payment. **ALL** payments must be sent into the office no later than Friday 4th November.

**Important Note:** Every child must have at least **one** parent accompanying them to Luna Park.

**LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!**

Lots of new books for the children now need covering before they can go out on the shelves.

If you are experienced at using contact to cover books and would like to take some home please come and see me before or after school Mon – Wed.

If you need a lesson or would like to contact in the library with some friends, you are most welcome to come along on Monday mornings. Contact *and* coffee supplied!

Thanks,

Lia Radocchia – Teacher Librarian.

**FR PETER'S JUBILEE—CHOIR**

If your child is participating in the choir for Fr Peter's Jubilee, can you please inform the school no later than Friday 4th November as to whether or not they will be attending the sit down meal. The cost is \$8 per child and \$13 per adult. The organisers need to know for catering purposes. Also choir practice will recommence this Friday at 3:15pm.

**Asthma Information Line**

Did you know Asthma Foundation NSW has an information line? Call the trained professionals if you require any information or resources on asthma. Call 1800 645 130 during business hours or email [ask@asthmafoundation.org.au](mailto:ask@asthmafoundation.org.au)

**TWITTER**

Don't forget St Mary's Rydalmere now has a twitter account. Just search for StMarysRydal and start following our tweets... We will be updating with what's happening at school, important dates etc...

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

A note regarding this year's Swimming Program went home to every student yesterday. Can we please ask that you return the permission note and payment as soon as possible. Please remember this program is compulsory for every student.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to their final Open Morning Tour for this year on Monday November 14, 2011. The tour will commence at 9:15am and **reservations are essential**.

For further information or to reserve your place, please contact the Enrolment Office on 1800 Mercy Girl (1800 637 294) or [enrolment@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@olmc.nsw.edu.au).

Enrolling now 2013

Limited vacancies 2012

**CALENDARS—URGENT NOTICE**

Unfortunately one of the calendar proformas at the Fete was incorrect. If you purchased a calendar with the picture at the top and a grey background please return it to the school office and we will reprint it for you. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**CHRISTMAS FIESTA  
ETHICA ACCESSORIES**

Ethica Accessories invites you to a Christmas Fiesta.

**When:** 18th November 2011

**Where:** Isabel Menton Theatre  
7 Mount Street, North Sydney

**Time:** 5:00pm—8:00pm

Entry \$15 includes complimentary drinks.  
For a small cost you can sample some delicious Peruvian food.

Everyone is most welcome to come along!

## FAITH JOURNEY...



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2011 / 2012

Next Thursday 10th November there will be a Parent Information Evening for any families who wish to enrol their child in this year's Sacramental Program. Attendance is very important as Fr Peter will explain the nature of the sacraments as well as the format of the sacramental program. Enrolment in the program can only be done at mass on the weekend of Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. No enrolments after this date can be accepted. If you feel that attendance at mass for these dates is a problem, please see Fr Peter at mass this weekend.



The Sacramental Program begins with Reconciliation at the end of this year, for children who are in Year 2 and higher. Holy Communion is received in the following year and Confirmation is received when students reach Stage 3. A student cannot receive Holy Communion or Confirmation without first receiving Reconciliation.

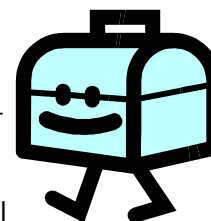
If you have any queries, please contact me at school in the next two weeks before enrolment.

### MISSION WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Every year for one special week, each school in the diocese focuses on Mission: our call to put our faith into action through aiding others. This year we have made a special connection with Ngalangangpum Primary School. This school is in northern Western Australia and earlier this year their entire community was devastated by floods.

As our Mission Week focus, we are asking for the very practical contribution of a **new standard-sized lunchbox and drink bottle** from each family. We feel that this is a simple way that we can make a real contribution to the school that our own students can also appreciate. The students will also be signing a banner depicting our two schools. This will also be posted to Ngalangangpum Primary.

If possible, please send in a lunchbox and drink bottle either throughout this week or by the end of next week, Friday 11th November.



### ST MICHAEL'S FAMILY CENTRE—COLOUR MY WORLD CALENDARS

St Michael's Family Centre Limited is a not-for-profit organization offering support to families in the North Western, Western and Canterbury/Campsie areas of Sydney. The services they offer to women and children include accommodation, counselling and education programs (as well as childcare services to the local community).

Thanks to Melbourne arts, [www.printspace.com.au](http://www.printspace.com.au) they have created a beautiful 2012 wall calendar to raise funds, entitled "Colour my World". Inspired by the grim circumstances facing many of the women and children our centre supports, each colourful design is reinforced with *positive captions*, such as 'let the sun shine in', 'from little things big things grow', 'go confidently in the direction of your dreams', and 'live the life you've imagined'. At only \$10 each, the calendar would make a lovely addition to any child's room, family living areas or a practical Christmas gift.

The calendar is \$10 (plus postage). Purchase can be made via [www.colourmyworldcalender.com.au](http://www.colourmyworldcalender.com.au) or via [Claire@stmichaelsfamilycentre.net.au](mailto:Claire@stmichaelsfamilycentre.net.au)

Simon Stennett  
Religious Education Coordinator



## FETE 2011 THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Fete on Saturday—we hope you all enjoyed yourself!

We are currently finalising the expenses and will be able to let you know the results very soon.

The Fete has been a year long project for the Committee and we have really appreciated the support that we have received from the community. We would like to thank Father Peter, Mr Hughes, Mrs Gosper, our Teachers, Miss Kate, Miss Stacey, Miss Angela, Mr Garry and the P&F Committee for their help and support during the preparation for the Fete.

We would also like to thank our Committee Members, stall holders and volunteers who have been part of the Fete process.

Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Our Treasure Hunt Winners will be contacted on Friday—well done everyone!

We would appreciate any feedback on the day that you can offer us. There is a form in the office for you, or you can call either Sue Thomas on 0403 576 490 or Fran Cutler on 0413 328 344.



Thank you again for your support and for your wonderful community spirit.

*Sue Thomas and Fran Cutler*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FETE RAFFLE WINNERS

We would like to congratulate the following lucky winners of the Raffle at this year's Fete:

1st Prize	-	Airconditioning	-	Mrs V Morrison
2nd Prize	-	Painting	-	Mrs Helen Gosper
3rd Prize	-	iPad	-	Mrs Libby McDermott
4th Prize	-	Oatlands Golf Package	-	Mr Connor McGlashan
5th Prize	-	Nutrimetics Gift Pack	-	Mr Paul Spinetti

We would also like to congratulate Kiyah Spinetti who was the lucky winner of two free wristbands, and a huge congratulations to Maddison Boulous for selling the most raffle tickets (11 books—wow!!).