



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4

Wednesday 31st October 2012

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2012

Thursday 1st Nov	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
Monday 5th Nov	Kinder 2013 Orientation 9:30—11:30am 12:30—2:30pm
Monday 5th Nov	Year 6 Personal Development Night 7pm * Note change of date*
Tuesday 6th Nov	Kinder 2013 Orientation 9:30—11:30am 12:30—2:30pm
Wednesday 7th Nov	Band Demonstration 11:15am
Wednesday 7th Nov	Year 5 Personal Development Night 7pm
Friday 9th Nov	First Reconciliation 7:00pm
Thursday 15th Nov	Seasons Celebration 2:00pm
Monday 19th Nov	Year 3 Assembly 2:15pm
Wednesday 21st Nov	Keyboard Concert 11:30am
Monday 26th Nov	Swimming Program Commences

Dear Parents,

This Sunday St Mark's Gospels explores two of the most pertinent commandments of them all. 'Love your God with all your heart with all your mind and with all your strength' reminds us all of the importance of loving our creator and provider of all unconditionally. To love the Lord our God we are invited to listen to him through prayer. We are encouraged to spend our lives seeking God in all we do and in all the people in our lives. In loving God we are able then to fulfill the second commandment 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. In order to love those around you, you need to love and respect yourself. Loving ourselves is the "exemplar" and model of love for anyone else. As we prepare for Advent and the birth of Christ let us reflect upon those two commandments as we grow in our love of our Father and others.

Thank you to those parents who volunteered throughout the week to assist us with 'Pick up and Kiss' each afternoon. The response has been very encouraging and will allow this service to continue with your continued support.

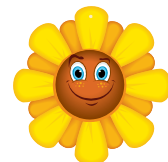
Last Thursday we celebrated Mission Week with a liturgy in the church. Thank you to the teachers and classes who organized our celebration under the co-ordination of Miss Boidin. Thank you to all the families who made a donation to assist the missionary work overseas in underdeveloped nations. Our liturgy theme reminds us that we are the eyes, ears, face and hands of God as we continue to serve others in our daily lives.

The history mural under the Marist COLA is near completion. This special space will provide our school community a place to gather in prayer and celebration and at the same time remember our Marian history over the many decades of our school's existence. The finishing touches will be completed over the next few weeks with the purchase of a new statue of Our Lady, inclusion of our four school house symbols and of course the St Mary's school emblem. As this is a sacred area, we are asking that all children and parents refrain from sitting or walking on the paved area. We hope to have an opening blessing of the mural prior to breaking up at the end of the year.

Over the next month I will be finalizing staffing for 2013. The staff and I will also be finalizing class groups for the new school year. If you have any concerns about your child for the new school year please take the time to contact me in the next few weeks and not in the final week of school.

Have a great week!

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



STUDENT VALIDATION FORMS

Every family will have received a Student Validation Form in the mail from the Catholic Education Office. It is important that all of these forms are returned to our office. Whether you have changes for the current information or not, ALL forms must be returned. If you are yet to return your form, please do so by the end of the week as it is extremely important that all of our details are up to date. Thank you.

DISCOVER OLMC PARRAMATTA

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to visit the College and see Mercy values in action at our final Open Morning Tour for this year on **Monday November 12, 2012**. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and there are limited vacancies for 2013.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

LOST PROPERTY - MOBILE PHONE

A mobile phone found on the playground last week has been handed into the school office. If you have lost a phone, and are able to describe the phone, please come into the office and speak to the ladies. Thank you.

YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Year 3 Assembly. It will now be held on Monday 19th November from 2:15pm in the hall. This is due to the Year 3 Liturgy for Remembrance Day occurring on the 12th November. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

KEYBOARD DEMONSTRATION CONCERT

The whole school is invited to attend the St. Mary's keyboard demonstration concert to be held on Wednesday 21 November (Week 7) at 11:30am in the school hall. All parents of keyboard students are welcome to come along.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

October 31	Rhys Hallit Hamish Davidson Tara Nann
November 1	Philippe Jendruch
November 3	Callum Breakwell
November 5	Jemma Miller
November 7	Katarina Pan Seth Rauniyar

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

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 4—Week 2**

KC	Zechariah Acosta and Philippe Jendruch
KL	Bonnie Finch and Angela de la Roche
1C	Oliver Homann and Jasmine Yara
1M	Charlotte Bowskill and Elizabeth Hogan
2K	Zachery Campos and Bronte Frain
2M	Jaanvi Kanwar and Olivia Kim
3O	Katie Smillie and Ben Gosper
3Q/D	Yolani Rodrigo and Liam Watson
4A	Angelina Acosta and Bailey Nann
4E	Thalia Lake and Jocelyn Xiao
5J	Eliza Byrne and Jack Martic
5M	Chloe Tsigounis and Luke Gosper
6M	Zac Bohan and Monique Moussa
6R	Antonya Fernando and Matthew Mazzaferro

**CARE AWARDS
TERM 4—Week 2**

KC	Domeniq Mourched and Annalies Marsh
KL	Tara Newby and Christopher Moon
1C	Vazgen Simonyan and Josephine Smith
1M	Lillyan Ward and Liam Hardman
2K	Rachael Anderson and Kane Vinton
2M	Erin Suffling and Sebastian Padden
3O	Trieu Dinh and Leila Vertley
3Q/D	Kiara White and Joseph Bayeh
4A	Catherine Azise and Priya Palaiyan
4E	Lana Bannister and Gregory Grugan
5J	Will Squire and Rachael Dick
5M	Elise Blacklaw and Jacob Cotsinis
6M	Mary Ann Ezzy and James Coco
6R	Marion Brandis and Callum Breakwell

FAITH JOURNEY...

RECONCILIATION NEWS

This weekend the children enrolled in the sacrament of Reconciliation will participate in their preparation lessons. These children will celebrate their first reconciliation on Friday 9th November. We keep these children and their families in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

The Sacramental Program begins with Reconciliation, for children who are 7 years of age and in Year 2 or 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.

MISSION LITURGY AND FUNDRAISING

Last Thursday we celebrated Mission Month with a beautiful liturgy. Thank you to all the children for their participation. We also extend a warm thank you for supporting our mufti day. All money raised will be sent to Catholic Missions to support the work they do in 'Restoring Hope to Someone Special.'

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

November is a special time to pray for the dead. All Saints Day is celebrated on Thursday 1st November and All Souls Day is celebrated on Friday 2nd November. Mass will be celebrated on both days in the church at 9:15am.

Rebecca Boidin
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



DUNDAS UNITED—NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY

Register now for play netball in 2013!

We will be holding two registration days in November so you can get in early and register to play in 2013. The registration form will be available from www.durc.com.au
Don't forget—all teams will be playing in the new uniform in 2013!

Friday 16th November 2012

6pm—8pm

Sunday 18th November

10am—2pm

Alan Hayes Pavilion
Curtis Oval, Yates Avenue
Dundas Valley

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2013 ST MARY'S SCHOOL & PARISH FETE



First Meeting
Wednesday 21st November 2012
7:00pm



Attention all school Parents and Parishioners.
It is time to begin planning for next year's School & Parish Fete!

At the P&F Annual General Meeting in August, Sue Thomas, Rachel Hogan and Fran Cutler were voted in as Fete Co-ordinators for the 2013 Fete.

A meeting will be held on **Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 7pm** in the Library, for all people who are interested in helping organise and co-ordinate the many areas that go into a successful fete.

If you think you would like to play a part, however big or small, in next year's Fete please come along to the meeting. No experience is necessary and you will be supported throughout the process.

We hope to fill as many Co-ordinator positions as possible at this first meeting – so please come to the meeting if you want to be involved.



Any questions please contact Sue on 0403 576 490, Rachel on 0400 880 839 or Fran on 0413 328 344.
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