



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The mystery of the Trinity is a difficult one for us to comprehend. The Holy Trinity reveals the three persons in the one God. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We experience the love of our Heavenly Father through many aspects of our life and faith. God our Father gave us life whilst Christ suffered, died and was resurrected, so that we could have eternal life with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us our many gifts and talents to assist us on our journey through life.

Last week our Stage 3 students and seven staff members attended camp in the Blue Mountains area. Over the three days the students visited Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens, Bathurst Goldfields and the Scenic World. They also fine tuned their skills of orienteering and abseiling.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who proved to be excellent ambassadors for St Mary's. Thanks to Mrs Brewster, Miss Boidin, Mrs Jordan, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Schroder and Mrs Tarfon for generously giving up their time.

Next Monday parent teacher interview appointment forms will be sent home. Please complete the forms and return them to school ASAP, so an appointment can be made with your child's classroom teacher. Kindergarten interviews will be held in Week 9 [18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> June] whilst Years 1-6 interviews will be held in week 10 [25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June]. Reports will be distributed to Kindergarten parents on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and to Years 1 -6 parents on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Just a reminder that parents are not to queue in Pine St whilst awaiting to join the 'Pick Up and Kiss' line in Myrtle St of an afternoon. It would also be appreciated, if parents waiting under the Marist COLA of an afternoon please remain on the ramp side of the bollards. This allows for easier access to pick up your children on the dismissal bell. Finally, for safety reasons could you please access the Marist COLA in the afternoon from the single pedestrian gate and EXIT through the double gates on the ramp. Your assistance with these matters will be greatly appreciated.

The annual PJ Disco will be held this Friday evening in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all at this family event. It's time to get out those 'flannelette' pyjamas, dressing gowns and Ugg Boots for the dance of the term!

Have a great fortnight.

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2012

Friday 1st June	PJ Disco
Tuesday 5th June	Kinder 2013 Enrolment Interviews
Wednesday 6th June	ICAS Science Competition
Thursday 7th June	Kinder 2012 Enrolment Interviews
Monday 11th June	Queens Birthday Holiday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 13th June	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL Wyatt Park, Auburn
Friday 15th June	NSWCPWS Cross Country
Monday 18th June	ICAS Writing Competition
Monday 18th June	Year 5 Assembly 2:15pm
Mon-Wed 18-20th June	Kinder Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon-Thurs 25-28th June	Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 26th June	Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 27th June	Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 29th June	Term 2 Concludes

**PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Next week we will be sending home Parent Teacher Interview time sheets. It is important that you fill these out and return them to your child's teacher ASAP with your preferences. The teachers will send your allotted time slot home with your child. It is important that you are on time for your interviews as one late arrival can push back the whole afternoon.

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy goes to the Bartosiak family, Angelina in 3Q/D and Sophie in KL, on the passing of their grandfather last week. You are all in our prayers.



**ENROLMENTS FOR 2013**

Enrolments are still being taken for 2013. If you have a child or know of a child starting kindergarten in 2013, please send in your enrolment applications as interviewing has already begun. We are also taking enrolments for Years 1-6 for 2013.

**CLOTHING POOL**

Our Pre-Loved Clothing Pool will be open again this Friday from 8:30—9:30am. If you have any uniforms you would like to donate, please bring them on Friday morning or drop them into the school office.



**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

All children should now be in their full winter uniform. It is important that all jackets, jumpers, hats etc have your child's name written on them. The lost property bin is overflowing with jackets and jumpers. Please check lost property if your child has lost a piece of clothing. At the end of the term, any uncollected items that don't have names on them will be donated to the Pre-Loved Clothing Pool.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



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| May 30  | Alana-Jade Salter<br>Liam Hardman   |
| May 31  | Mark Blanchard                      |
| June 1  | Claudia Sobral                      |
| June 2  | Jack Gittany                        |
| June 5  | Trieu Dinh                          |
| June 6  | Erin Suffling<br>Jack Martic        |
| June 7  | Jin Woo<br>Claudia Ball             |
| June 9  | Rosemary Javian<br>Alannah Cantrill |
| June 11 | Matthew He                          |

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

**PJ DISCO**

Don't forget, this Friday is the night to get down and boogie at our PJ Disco!! It starts at 6:30pm in the school hall. So get out your pyjama's and get ready for a night of FUN!!!



## FAITH JOURNEY...

### HOLY COMMUNION

The Parent Information Night for the First Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday 5th June from 7:30pm in the Church. This meeting is for parents of children eligible for First Holy Communion. Children must have made their First Reconciliation prior to making their Communion. The dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion are Sunday 8th, 15th and 22nd of July at the 9:30am masses.

### ALTAR SERVERS

If your child has received First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact Sr. Christine – 9858.5569. Your child has to be willing to attend at least 6 training sessions and has to be committed to his/her ministry. As parents your child will need your full support, so consider carefully if you and your child can attend our weekend masses on a regular basis.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

An opportunity for parents to experience Christian Meditation will be available on Wednesday 6th June at 2:30pm in the Year 6 learning space. All welcome.

### WINTER APPEAL

Keep an eye out next week for a note to come home regarding our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

### PENTECOST LITURGY

Our Pentecost Liturgy was held on Monday 28th May. Thank you to Year 1 and Year 4 for a lovely liturgy. Thank you also to our parents who came and participated with us.

Rebecca Boidin  
Religious Education Coordinator



## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults between the ages of 21-35 years are invited to a meeting to be held in the Parish Meeting Room commencing on Saturday 2nd June at 7:00pm. The meeting will consist of a Gospel reflection, catechesis (church teaching), faith sharing and music. There will be fellowship after each meeting.

### ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Many Catholics ask such questions as: What is the basis for an annulment of a marriage? How does an annulment differ from a divorce? How much does it cost? How long does it take? What does it involve? Each year the Solo Parent Ministry and the Catholic Marriage Tribunal present an Information Night regarding the process of Annulments within the Catholic Church. These and other questions will be answered on this night. Come along to the **Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, tonight Wednesday 30th May at 7:30pm**. Bookings can be made with Sr Eileen Quade 99330205.

## P&F NEWS...

Firstly, a belated but very big 'thank you' to all of those mums (and some dads) who helped to make our Mother's Day week a success. As always it would be impossible to do it without your help, and we are very grateful for everything that you all did. We trust that you enjoyed the gifts you received, and had a wonderful day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

Almost two weeks ago we held our General Meeting, and we were really pleased that so many parents were able to join us. Our next meeting (to be held in August) will be our AGM. At this meeting we will be electing a new committee. All positions will be declared vacant, so if you have been thinking about taking on a role yourself, please speak to one of the current committee members and they will be more than happy to let you know what is involved.

This week we are busy preparing for the 'PJ Disco' to be held on Friday. If you haven't already returned your RSVP, please do so by tomorrow at the latest. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night. We already have several parents helping us prepare for the big event, but would still appreciate some help on the day. We will be running the Cafe so if anyone would like to help with a donation of baked goods, or help with serving food or selling glow toys or lollies at the disco please speak to Anna Pan or simply turn up on the night. I would like to thank Eliza and Tom Stefulj in advance for providing the music/DJ. Judging by previous events, we will not be disappointed by what they have to offer.

I look forward to seeing you all at the disco!

Jennene Gillies  
**P&F President**



## YEAR 3 CSIRO INCURSION...

On Monday Year 3 took part in the 'Simple Machines' Incursion. The students were given the opportunity to investigate and make a variety of simple machines, using wheel and axles, gears, pulleys, levers and inclined planes. Students gathered new and interesting facts from their guest speaker Mitchell (a representative for CSIRO).

