



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,
Several weeks ago in this very editorial, I discussed the Year of Grace and its implications for us as Disciples of Christ. Below is a copy of the prayer that has been written for us all to pray both individually and collectively in community groups for God's grace and love throughout this twelve-month period of renewal and the new evangelization.

*Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land
with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace,
a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds
to the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that our Church may be transformed,
our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.*

Today 17 of our Year 6 students participated in the first round of "It's Academic". "It's Academic" is a game show produced by the Seven Network for primary school children testing their general knowledge and problem solving skills in small school teams. Our five teams of three participated in a series of games throughout the day with the winning school progressing to the semifinals in September. Best wishes to the students and Mrs Brewster who has prepared the children over the last few weeks.

It has come to our attention in recent weeks that children are forgetting to put their lunch orders in the designated box outside the Office on the Marist site when arriving at school. This is resulting in late orders having to be phoned through to Linda, which in turn is causing delays in her daily schedule. We have therefore decided that late orders from children who have simply forgotten to hand them in **will not** be passed on to Linda. These children will receive a vegemite sandwich from the staffroom. We will however still call Linda with any orders from children arriving late to school. Hopefully this will encourage children to put their order in when arriving at school.

Have a great week

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2012

Friday 24th August Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Blacktown Olympic Park

Monday 27th August Literacy and Numeracy
Week

Tuesday 28th August Book Week Parade 9:00am
The Great Book Swap
Challenge

Tuesday 28th August Father's Day Gift Wrapping
7:00pm

Wednesday 29th August DC Green Author Visit

Wednesday 29th August Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 29th August EMU Workshops
Session 1: 2:00pm
Session 2: 7:00pm

Friday 31st August Father's Day Breakfast
8:00am
Father's Day Liturgy
9:15am

Thursday 6th Sept Parent Meditation Session
9:00am

Friday 7th Sept Stage 2 Touch Football
Gala Day

Friday 7th Sept FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
"RIO"

UNSW WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations for the 25 students who participated in the UNSW ICAS Writing Competition this term. Four (4) children received Distinctions, seven (7) received a Credit and fourteen (14) were awarded Participation Certificates.



KINDER ASSEMBLY—CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Kindergarten Assembly. We will now be holding the assembly on Monday 17th September (Week 10) at 2:15pm in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

We would like to congratulate a group of St Mary's girls who have been selected to represent Eastwood Ryde Netball Association in the under 12's and 13's for 2013. They are:



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| Sarah Cantrill | Eliza Byrne |
| Emma Gallagher | Madison Sloane |
| Chelsea Gruber | Rebekah Meafou |
| Isabella Fairall | |

Well done to all the girls who tried out, and those selected, for your efforts.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Biviano family, Emma in KL, on the birth of their baby boy Mitchell.



NETBALL GALA DAY

Yesterday 84 students participated in the Diocesan Netball gala day at Penrith. All of our teams displayed great sportsmanship and were worthy representatives of our school. Three teams (Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 10's) were undefeated on the day and all teams won at least one game. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for coordinating the day and to both teachers and parents who attended on the day and coached the teams leading up to the tournament. A special thank you to Helaina, Chelsea, Chloe and Holly from St Patrick's Marist College who were our umpires for the day.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| August 26 | Thomas McGlashan
Kayla Anisse
Sarah Iacono |
| August 29 | Jonathan Xiao |
| August 31 | Rebekah Meafou
Myles Panagiotopoulos
Christopher Padden
Benjamin Tejo-Natoli |
| September 1 | Matthew Hogan
David Azize
Sebastian Padden
Kelly Stevens |
| September 2 | Lana Bannister
Abbey Owtrim |

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 5



- 30 Maddison Boulous and Alex Johnson
- 3Q/D Andrew Park and Holly Lowery
- 4A Matthew He and Liam Young
- 4E Watson Bogiso and Elouiza Stefulj
- 5J Dayne Hird and Ellie Hann
- 5M Jacob Cotsinis and Jake Donaldson
- 6M John Marnan and Sarah Donaghy
Bjorn Tandean and Niamh Gallagher
- 6R Caitlin Foster and Kyle Victor

CARE AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 5



- 30 Nourien Tanaz and Liam Fitzgerald
- 3Q/D Nicholas Norris and Olivia Marshall
- 4A Paul Sheslow and Claudia Ball
- 4E Samuel Markarian and Ula Venckus
- 5J Eliza Byrne and Jacob Wahbe
- 5M Luke Gosper and Matthew Hogan
- 6R Alison Rigby and Claude Sortwell

FAITH JOURNEY...

PARENT CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSION

An opportunity for parents to engage in Christian Meditation will occur on Thursday September 6th at 9:00am. Come along and experience a time of quiet reflection. It is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Jesus as we encounter Him through scripture.



SCHOOL FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our school feast day on Wednesday 12th September. The celebrations will commence at 9:15am with a whole school mass. Keep this date free and share in the Eucharist with the children of St Mary's. Stay tuned for more information about the day as it gets closer.

Rebecca Boidin

Religious Education Coordinator

LIBRARY & SPORTING NEWS...

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

DON'T FORGET... *The Premier's Reading Challenge* will finish very soon. All reading records must be completed by **Friday 31st August**.

DON'T FORGET... *The Book Character Parade* will be held straight after morning assembly on **Tuesday, 28th August**. All children, teachers and parents are invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character!

DON'T FORGET... *The Great Book Swap Challenge* will be held on **Tuesday, 28th August** and will begin straight after the Book Parade. Bring in a book to swap and a gold coin donation to participate.

DON'T FORGET... **Parents**, you can be a part of *The Great Book Swap Challenge* as well. Just bring in a book and a gold coin donation on or before the day and you can be a part of the fun too.

DON'T Forget... *The author DC Green* will be visiting us on **Wednesday, 29th August**. Make sure your permission note and \$3 fee has been handed in to the office.



DON'T FORGET to DON'T FORGET!!!

Lia Radocchia - Teacher Librarian

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday the 8th August, 41 students braved the early frosty morning to attend the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. Everyone who attended is to be congratulated for the wonderful way they demonstrated school and team spirit towards our athletes as well as to other competitors throughout the zone.

St. Mary's athletes broke two long standing records, the 8 years 100 metres by Samuel Schembri-Green and the 11 years girl's Discus by Rebekah Meafou. All our relay teams were successful in qualifying for the Diocesan event.

Congratulations to the 25 children who will now go on and compete at the Diocesan Athletics carnival this Friday 24th August. We wish them every success for the day.



P&F NEWS...

P&F ANNUAL MEETING

Firstly a big thank you to those mums who joined us at the AGM on Friday. It is always beneficial to have feedback from the greater school community, while at the same time it is a forum for you to voice your own concerns. As it was our AGM, the 2012 committee stood down and an election took place. Before going any further, I would like to say a huge thank you to those people who will not be continuing on the committee. It has been a pleasure working with you and I trust that you have enjoyed the experience. We have some new faces joining the committee this year, so hopefully they will enjoy their roles over the coming months. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting on Friday our new committee is as follows:

<i>President:</i>	Jennene Gillies
<i>Vice president:</i>	Emma Rauniyar
<i>Secretary:</i>	Trish Menin
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Fiona Hegarty
<i>Mothers / Fathers Day Coordinator:</i>	Paula Gabriel (assisted by Laura Joseph)
<i>Social Coordinator:</i>	Anna Pan
<i>Class parent coordinator:</i>	Paris Jalil
<i>PRC Representative:</i>	Heidi Cleary (one (1) representative still required)

FATHER'S DAY INFORMATION

We need your help! With our Father's Day celebrations coming up next week, we need your help to ensure it all runs smoothly. If you can help out with wrapping the gifts, please come to the hall on Tuesday night at 7pm. The Father's Day stall will be operating on Wednesday morning from 9am to approximately noon. If you can spare any time at all, we would love to see you there. Of course, the Father's Day breakfast will kick off at 8am on Friday morning. We would really appreciate any donations of baked goods. Please drop them into the office on Thursday or bring them with you on Friday morning. If you have any questions about the events please contact Paula Gabriel on 0422 119993.

MOVIE NIGHT!!

Our Movie night on Friday 7th September will be our final social event for the year and we hope to make it a big night! We have chosen to screen "RIO" this year, and if last year's event is anything to go by, it is going to be a night you do not want to miss. The closing date for RSVP's is fast approaching, so if you haven't returned yours yet make sure you do so in the next two days so you don't miss out! Tickets will be ready to send home next week so remember to check your child's bag.

