



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

17th November 2010

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DIARY DATES

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Wednesday 17th November	Kinder 2011 Orientation 9:30–11:30am 12:30–2:30pm
Monday 22nd November	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ~ PUPIL FREE DAY ~
Monday 29th November	Swimming Program Commences
Tuesday 7th December	Christmas Concert 6:45pm Marist COLA
Friday 10th December	Swimming Program Concludes
Monday 13th December	Award Ceremony 9:00am
Monday 13th December	Parent Thank You Morning Tea
Monday 13th December	Orientation for new students Years 1-6 2:00pm
Monday 13th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass 7:00pm
Tuesday 14th December	SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Wednesday 15th December	End of School Mass 9:15am
Wednesday 15th December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 7:00pm
Wednesday 15th December	School Closes for 2010
Thurs/Fri 16th/17th December	Staff Development Days

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of "Christ the King" and the conclusion of the church's liturgical year that has focused on St Luke's Gospels. On this day of celebration we acknowledge Christ as the "Priest of the Universe - our King and Saviour that came to save us and lead us all to heaven and life eternal". As we enter into the season of Advent in the next few weeks may we reflect upon our lives as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our "King" - Jesus our Lord.

Please keep our Year 2 students and their families in your prayers as they make their first Reconciliation over the next week or two.

It would be greatly appreciated if families could complete the survey that was sent home a few weeks ago and return it to school by the end of the week. The survey's purpose is to collect data from parents pertaining to various aspects of school life highlighting the community's strengths and areas for development. Results of the survey will be published early next year.

On Monday our Year 1 and 2 students moved into their new learning spaces. Thank you to the parents who assisted our stage one teachers in setting up the room in preparation for the children yesterday. All our learning spaces are now refurbished and our building program will draw to a close over the next month or so. Work has commenced on the new toilets and the relocation and refurbishment of our library and executive staff offices.

Our 2011 Kindergarten children are nearing completion of their transition program in preparation to commencing school next year. We welcome our new Kinder students especially the new families who will be attending St Mary's for the first time. Thank you to Miss Lopresti, Miss Locke, Mrs Gosper and Mrs Schroder for all their preparation of the program over the last few weeks.

A reminder that next Monday, 22nd November is a pupil free day. There will be no classes for students on the day, as the teachers will be involved in a day of professional development. Throughout the day the teachers will be involved in a series of workshops exploring and working on our new Mac laptops and ipads and related software pertaining to the student's learning. Enjoy the day with your children. St Mary's OOSH will be open for the day for parents who require childcare.

Have a great fortnight.

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

If your child is finishing school before the end of this term, or returning to school after Term 1 has commenced next year, can you please inform the office in writing ASAP. Also, if your child is **not returning** to St Mary's next year, can you please inform the office in writing. This excludes Year 6 students. Thank you.

2010 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

This year's parish Christmas Nativity play will be at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. If there is any child who did not attend the last meeting and would like to take part, please phone Jacqui Mastroianni on 96380994 / 0405748064.

BABY NEWS

We would like to congratulate Mr Stennett and his wife on the birth of their baby boy, Samuel Simon Stennett, born on Friday 12th November. Mum, bub and dad are all doing well!



We would also like to congratulate Lachlan (5E) and Hayley (1C) Mayfield, on the birth of their baby brother, Tyler.

~ DON'T FORGET ~

MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

"PUPIL FREE DAY"

LUNCH ORDERS

During the two week Swimming Program, which runs from Monday 29th November through to Friday 10th December, there will be **NO** lunch orders for our infants classes (Kinder, Year 1 and 2). Lunch orders for the rest of the school will go ahead as normal.

**CAN YOU HELP US?**

We are looking for a tradesman who would be able to build us a storage cage to keep our playground games secure on the Mercy Site Playground. If you can assist, please contact Mr Hughes on 9684 4044 ASAP.

J&E PIANO MUSIC CENTRE

Is your child interested in learning to play the Keyboard? If the answer is yes, please contact J&E Piano Centre on 9651 4892.

* \$12 for 30 minute lesson

* We provide the keyboard for each student **FREE!**

Our J&E Music Teacher, Susan, holds lessons at St Mary's Primary School Rydalmere each Wednesday during school hours.



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT...

Everyone is invited to come and join the St Mary's Primary School community as we sing some of our favourite Christmas Carols.

Where: Under the Marist COLA

When: Tuesday 7th December

Time: 6:45pm the band commences

BYO: Picnic Rugs, nibblies and Christmas cheer.

Glow sticks provided on arrival.

We look forward to seeing you there.



St Mary's P&F Association

THANK YOU MORNING TEA...



Thank You Morning Tea



If you have helped out in the school in any way during 2010

Please join us for a
"Thank You Morning Tea"
on Monday 13th December
at 10:00am (after the Award Ceremony) under the Marist COLA.

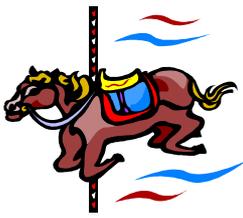
PS: Please RSVP for catering purposes by email
(stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au)
or by returning the form below to the office.

Please RSVP by 6th December.

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Thank You Morning Tea

I _____
will be attending the 'Thank You Morning Tea' at 10:00am on December
13th under the Marist COLA.



2011 ST MARY'S SCHOOL & PARISH FETE



First Meeting
Monday 29th November 2010
7:00pm

Now that the building works and the end of the school year are drawing closer, it is time to begin planning for next year's School & Parish Fete!

At the P&F Annual General Meeting in August, Sue Thomas and Fran Cutler were voted in as Fete Co-ordinators for the 2011 Fete.

A meeting will be held on **Monday 29th November 2010 at 7pm** in the Year 5 classroom on the Mercy Site, 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 or Fran on 0413 328 344.

