



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2013

Wednesday **Holy Week Procession**
27th Mar **11:30am**

Thursday **Holy Thursday**
28th Mar

Friday **Good Friday**
29th Mar **~ Public Holiday ~**

Monday **Easter Monday**
1st Apr **~ Public Holiday ~**

Wednesday **Easter Mass K-6**
3rd Apr **9:15am**

Saturday **Trivia Night**
6th Apr **~ POSTPONED ~**

Monday **Year 2 Assembly**
8th Apr **2:15pm**

Tuesday **Confirmation Parent**
9th Apr **Meeting TBC**

Friday **Term 1 concludes**
12th Apr

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY
29TH APRIL 2013**

~ PUPIL FREE DAY ~

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday heralds the start of Holy Week and the beginning of a week long journey we take with Christ ending in his death and Resurrection. During the most important week in the Church's liturgical calendar we experience the Passion of our Lord as recorded by St Luke. St Luke's account is different from the other three Gospels in that it is written as the passion of an innocent human being who would give his life for all mankind. Holy Week is a week where our faith is renewed. It is a time for repentance and an opportunity to pray for ourselves and others, that we may use Christ's example as an inspiration to live our daily lives as God loving people.

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with Mass and open classrooms. It was a great opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and be informed about the work we are doing at St Mary's. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents share this time with us. Thank you to the Parents and Friends executive who provided morning tea. A special thank you to our Year 6 students who acted as tour guides for our new parents enrolling their Kindergarten children for 2014. The positive feedback on the manner in which they conducted themselves as ambassadors of our school community made us all very proud.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. Enrolment forms are available from the office or on the school website. It would be appreciated if all enrolment forms for 2014 be completed and returned to school by the end of the term. We will be interviewing prospective 2014 Kindergarten parents and students throughout May.

Our next Staff Development day will be on the first day of next term 29th April. All schools across Australia will spend the day examining the new National English Curriculum, which will be implemented in 2014. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Several parents have been randomly selected by the Catholic Education Office to complete the Quality Catholic Schools Survey. If you have been selected you would have received these materials early last week. The parent survey can be completed either online or on the hard copy provided. Hard copies of the survey need to be returned to the school by next Monday as they are to be bulk mailed next week. All online surveys need to be completed by this Friday. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

To you and your families, a happy and holy Easter.

Tony Hughes
PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL FEES

The Term 1 school fees are now **overdue**. If you haven't paid your child's fees as yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are having problems with payment, please contact Kate in the office.

FETE TRIVIA NIGHT

Please note that the Trivia Night scheduled for Saturday 6th April has been postponed. We will inform you of a new date as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

We are still looking for a representative for the Parent Representative Council. If you are interested please contact Jennene Gillies on 0409 990 302.

OLMC ENROLMENT EVENING

Our Lady of Mercy Parramatta will be holding a Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening on **April 3**. For more information, please go to their website.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

March 20	Kiyah Spinetti Elise Blacklaw Lukas Luburic
March 21	Jurgen Martinez Elouiza Stefulj
March 25	Jayden Camacho
March 27	James McCaughey Zoe Anderson Stan Clarke
March 29	Vincent Genner
March 31	Mathew Cotsinis Adam Rowlands
April 2	Georgie Paspalas Arman Gharemanian

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

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM**CEREMONIES**

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's supper – 7.30pm
Adoration till 10.00pm. concluding with Night Prayer
Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 10.00am.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3.00pm.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass – 7.30pm.
Easter Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 26 March 2nd Rite – 7.30pm.
Good Friday After Stations of the Cross
After Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 4.00pm. – 5.30pm.

Please note there will be NO Mass on Holy Thursday morning and Holy Saturday morning.

St Mary's Rydalmere OSHC Vacation Care

15th April-29th April 2013

The April school holidays are only weeks away and St Mary's Rydalmere OSHC have released their Vacation Care Program. If you need to book your child into vacation care, or they just want to have some fun these school holidays, send to St Mary's Rydalmere Vacation Care!

Some of the fun activities that are planned include an excursion to Manly's Q Station, a visit from the Fire Brigade, autumn craft, an excursion to Sydney's Ice Arena for some ice skating, and many more exciting activities! Places are limited with bookings closing on the **3rd APRIL 2013**.

Please head to our website www.stmarysoshc.com.au to have a look at the program. To make a booking or enquire about the program, please contact Maureen or Luke on 9638 241 or stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au

FAITH JOURNEY...

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK & OUR ST MARY'S SCHOOL BANNER

This banner represents our school and how we as students, teachers and parents join to make one big happy community. The ribbons, with our names, show how we all come from different roads but join together to complete the same journey together.

The banner with our names means we are recognized as individuals but come together as one group. This is seen as textas and paint, but really it is love and friendship.

Care Always Respect Everyone is our school motto. Many Roads, One Journey is our belief. We take these two statements and mould them into one. We are one family joined with care and respect for everyone under the St Mary's crest.

"During Catholic Schools Week we share our experiences and learn from each other. We are all different, we have talents and strengths. We bring them together to make a strong, talented and loving family. Everyone comes from different homes but joins side by side to make one big family. That is what our school is about and that is what our banner means."

Kaitlen Byrne and Rebecca Donaghy



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank you for joining in our Catholic School Week Mass last Wednesday. It was an opportunity to share the Eucharist and to give thanks for the gift of Catholic Schools. It was also an opportunity to recognise our differences and celebrate our successes.

HOLY WEEK LITURGY

Next Wednesday, March 27th we will be celebrating Holy Week with a pilgrimage walk through the school playground. We will start at 11:30am on the Ford playground. Each grade has been given an event from Holy Week and will use scripture to tell their part of the Holy Week events. It will be held outside and whilst children will be walking from station to station it will be a time of reverence and prayer.

I encourage the parent community to join us in this liturgy. Please be mindful and respectful throughout the liturgy.

EASTER MASS

Please join us on Wednesday April 3rd at our school Easter Mass. Mass will be at 9:15am.

Rebecca Boidin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



IMPORTANT DATES...

APRIL 2013

15th–29th *School Holidays*
29th *Staff Development Day*

MAY 2013

1st–2nd Year 5 Bathurst Camp
7th Diocesan Cross Country
8th Mother's Day Stall
10th Mother's Day Breakfast
13th *Staff Development Day*
14th–16th NAPLAN Exams Yrs 3 & 5
21st School Photos
28th School Athletics Carnival

JUNE 2013

3rd Year 5 Assembly 2:15pm
5th Science Competition
17th Writing Competition
21st Reports out to Parents
24th–27th Parent/Teacher Interviews

JULY 2013

1st–14th *School Holidays*
31st English Competition

AUGUST 2013

7th Zone Athletics Carnival
13th Maths Competition
15th Author Visit
21st–23rd Year 6 Bathurst Excursion
23rd Diocesan Athletics Carnival

SEPTEMBER 2013

2nd Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm
16th Kinder Assembly 2:15pm
23rd–7th Oct *School Holidays*

OCTOBER 2013

26th School/Parish Fete

NOVEMBER 2013

4th Year 4 Assembly 2:15pm

DECEMBER 2013

2nd Year 3 Assembly 2:15pm
5th–13th Swimming Program
11th Reports out to Parents
12th Christmas Concert
16th End of Year Awards
16th Year 6 Graduation Mass
17th Swimming Carnival
18th Last Day of School

PLEASE NOTE: THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TERM PLANNERS WILL STILL BE SENT OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH TERM. PLEASE RE-CHECK DATES WHEN YOU RECEIVE THEM.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS TERM 1



KK Joshua Green & Isaac Zaouk
KL Matthew Ogrizek & Lina Yoo
1A Raymond Zhang & Catherine Lim
1C Cooper McGlashan & Angela de la Roche
2C Arman Gharemanian & Ryan Vaughan
2Q/D Ciara Kuys & Elizabeth Hogan
3B James McCaughey & Grace Huntly
3J Zachary Campos & Abbey Owtrrim
4E Michael Lee & Alex Johnson
4O Katrina Ribgy & Peter Sheslow
5G Dylan Emerson-Vickary & Claudia Ball
5J Carlos Di Piazza & Thalia Lake
6B Rachael Dick & Marcus Spinetti
6L Anthony & Cameron Foster

CARE AWARDS TERM 1



KK Nancyann Bogiso & Maddison Fairall
KL Cooper Storey & Zoe Anderson
1A Dakota Prudnicki & Bailey Radford
1C Mia Northwood & Philippe Jendruch
2C Zane White & Therese Davidson
2Q/D Cruz Godinez & Jonathan Xiao
3B Karissa Spinetti & Elijah Seruvatu
3J Sophie Carr & Ryan Field
4E Rhys Hallit & Ashleigh Stevens
4O Joseph Bayeh & Lucas Timoteo
5G Jade Brandis & Arieta Lee
5J Justine Kim & Jackson Halligan-Lawler
6B Rebekah Meafou & Nikita Tuite
6L Tyler Higgins & Chloe Tsigounis