



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 1 2010

Thursday 18th Mar	Peer Support Training Year 5
Friday 19th Mar	Peer Support Training Year 5
Tuesday 23rd Mar	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 26th Mar	School Cross Country Upjohn Park
Monday 29th Mar	HOLY WEEK
Monday 29th Mar	Year 6 Peer Support Refresher Training
Thursday 1st Apr	Holy Week Liturgy
Thursday 1st Apr	TERM 1 CONCLUDES
Friday 2nd Apr	Good Friday

**ST MARY'S CROSS  
COUNTRY  
Years 2-6**

**FRIDAY 26TH MARCH  
UPJOHN PARK**

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Last week I attended the installation of the new Bishop of Parramatta Rev Anthony Fisher. The mass was attended by a number of clergy, community leaders, Diocesan students and staff. In 1985 Bishop Anthony entered the Dominican religious order and was ordained a Priest in 1991. In 2003 Pope Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney where he worked in the diocese as Chairman of the Catholic Schools Board. From 2001–2010 Bishop Anthony was Parish Priest at Watsons Bay and was coordinator of World Youth Day in 2008. Please continue to pray for Bishop Anthony as he begins his ministry as our Pastoral Leader in the Diocese of Parramatta.

This week Catholic schools throughout Australia are celebrating "Catholic Schools Week". This week of celebration is designed to acknowledge and display the wonderful work of Catholic education in our local areas and throughout the country. Accompanying today's newsletter is an article that explores the significance of Catholic Schools in our society in supporting the mission of the Church. Please take the time to read this insightful article.

Congratulations to all our representative swimmers who in recent weeks have participated in the Zone and Diocesan carnivals. Best wishes to the children who will represent the Diocese at next week's MacKillop swimming championship. Many thanks to Miss Boidin, Miss Lopresti and Mrs Morgan who have assisted in organising our squads in recent weeks. Best wishes to all our swimmers for the upcoming trials!

Today the children had their school photographs. Thank you to all the parents for sending their children in their correct uniform for the photographs. We will advise at a later date when photographs of the school student leadership team, library monitors etc will be available for purchase. Thanks to Mrs Campbell for organising this years photographs.

Our staff spirituality day will be held on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4, Term 2)**. This is a pupil free day. This is one of the designated professional learning days for staff for the year. Classes will be suspended on the day. Please mark this day on your calendar at home.

Yesterday we held our Open Day. Thank you to all the parents who visited classrooms, and to those mums who assisted with hospitality. Thank you also to our Year 6 students who acted as tour guides for the morning. A job well done! Enrolments for Kindergarten 2011 are now being taken. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from our school website.

Have a great fortnight!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



**LINDA'S LUNCHES**

This is a reminder to everyone that this **Friday 19th March** there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS**. You can still order your lunch as per normal on Thursday of this week, just not the Friday.

**PICK UP AND KISS**

We are still desperate for one helper on a **Monday**. If you can spare 15-20 minutes once a fortnight, please contact the school office. Thank you.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL WEBSITE**

We recently set up a group of folders on our school website where we will save all school notes that are sent home. If you or your child misplace one of the notes sent home, you can go to the website and print yourself off a new copy instead of having to come into the office. To do this, on the main page go to 'Parents' on the left hand side column, then click on 'School Notes'. A list of categories will appear. We have broken them down into Year 1, Year 2 etc. There is also a Category for Sport, which will hold all notes sent out regarding sporting events ie: Gala Days etc. We hope this will make things a little easier.

**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

We would like to congratulate the 16 children who represented St Mary's at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. From this, 5 boys have progressed to the next level and will swim in the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Team. They are Claude Sortwell, Nathan McNamara, Timothy Greig, Jin Woo and Brandon Dahdah. We wish these boys the best of luck!

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please remember to check the Lost Property bin located under the stairs in the shelter shed area if your child has lost anything. All items without a name on it will be donated to the Clothing Pool at the end of the term.

**PRELOVED CLOTHING POOL**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated their pre-loved school uniforms to the Clothing Pool this term. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

**VACATION CARE**

St Mary's OSHC will be open for Vacation Care during the April school holidays. There will be lots of fun activities including Laser Tag, Sydney Ice Arena and many more. All of the activities can be found on the back of this Newsletter. All families are entitled to a 50% rebate for out of pocket child care expenses. For more information phone 9638 2401, pick up a brochure at the school office or email stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Reminders have been sent home for Term 1 school fees. Please finalise these accounts as soon as possible. If you are having problems paying these fees, please come to the office and see Kate.

**INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

This is a reminder that the closing date for the International Competitions and Assessments is **Friday 19th March**. No applications will be taken after this date.



## FAITH JOURNEY...

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who helped make this week a special celebration. Each grade has taken turns to lead our morning prayer, our student leaders helped organise and lead our school liturgy on Monday morning, and our leaders have also organised activities for recess and lunch time during the week. We are very lucky to live in a country where we can receive a Catholic education and we should be especially thankful for the special community that we enjoy here at St Mary's. One activity that has been an ongoing process over the past year has been the creation of a school prayer. During this week the students of the school will reflect on what it means to them to have Mary as our patroness, what we should be thankful for in our school and what we strive for as a school community. The students' responses will contribute to our school prayer which we hope to finalise through the year.



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

It's amazing how quickly the term has gone. We are almost coming to the end of Lent! Classes will be organising the celebrations of Holy Week over the next two weeks on the lead up to Easter. A separate note will be sent home outlining our Holy Week celebrations as well as our Easter Mass which will be early in Term 2. Please keep an eye out for this note so that you can come along.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all the families who have donated to our Caritas Project Compassion Appeal. We will be finalising our school's donation at the end of term so please make an effort to remember our appeal over the next two weeks.

Mr. Stennett  
Religious Education Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### FOR THOSE WIDOWED, SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Twice a year the Solo Parent Ministry offers a wonderful program for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse or partner, through the breakdown of their relationship or through death. This is a very painful and life changing experience in your life. Through the RECOVERY PROGRAM we offer you the opportunity to reflect on your experience, share and listen with others and learn some new skills that will help you work through this challenging transition period. Next program commences:

When: 28th April  
Location: Blacktown  
Time: 7:30pm

For registration and details, please call Sr. Eileen Quade on 9933 0205 or email [Eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:Eileen.quade@ccss.org.au) <mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au>

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