



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2

<b>Thursday</b> 16th June	<b>Kinder 2012 Interviews</b>
<b>Friday</b> 17th June	<b>~~ PYJAMA DISCO ~~</b>
<b>Monday</b> 20-24th June	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 21st June	<b>ICAS Writing Competition</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 25th June	<b>First Holy Communion Enrolment - 5:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 26th June	<b>First Holy Communion Enrolment - 9:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 28th June	<b>Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day</b>
<b>Friday</b> 1st July	<b>Term 2 Concludes</b>

### TERM 3

<b>Monday</b> 18th July	<b>Term 3 Commences</b>
<b>Sat/Sun</b> 23-24th July	<b>First Holy Communion Sessions</b>
<b>Monday</b> 25th July	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
<b>Mon-Thurs</b> 25-28th July	<b>Life Education</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Every time we make the sign of the cross we pray to the Holy Trinity, the three persons in our one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In understanding the Holy Trinity, our faith tells us that God is our Heavenly Father creator of us all and that Jesus his Son and Saviour promised to send us the Holy Spirit before ascending into Heaven. Fr Kevin O'Shea challenges us to view the Holy Spirit as a "breath of love shared mutually by the Father and Son given to us all. Therefore there is a "Spirit" in God, between the Father and Son and is referred to as the Holy Spirit". As we look back over the last six to seven weeks of Easter, let's be reminded of the story of Pentecost which in turn revealed for all eternity the Holy Trinity.

The inclement weather of recent days has forced us to postpone our athletics carnival. At this stage we are still negotiating a date for the carnival. We will advise parents of the rescheduled date in the near future.

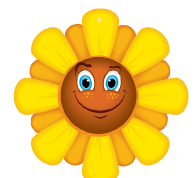
This Friday children will receive their first semester reports. Thank you to all the teachers for the time and effort they have put into preparing these. It is important that parents take the time to discuss the reports with their children focusing on their achievements and areas for future development. Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held next week. Last week every child received an interview-booking note. If you have not already done so please return the form to your child's teacher by tomorrow. It is important that all parents attend these ten minute interviews and that everyone is punctual. If you require an extended interview please arrange this with your child's classroom teacher for a later date.

As you would be aware Zoe Panagiotopoulos [Yr 3] is one of the ten finalists in Nestle Australia's search for the new Milky Bar Kid. As a school community let's get behind Zoe's efforts in becoming the new ambassador for Milky Bars. Cast your vote for Zoe at [www.milkybarkid.com.au](http://www.milkybarkid.com.au). Good Luck Zoe!

Finally I would ask that parents discourage their children from bringing toys to school especially the latest craze "Mighty Beans". These collectable items are popular with the children but are causing playground problems as children are trading them and then wanting them back. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Have great week!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



**LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!**

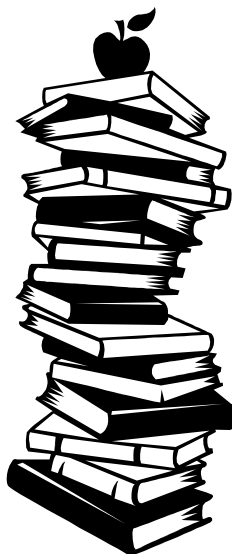
If you are experienced at using contact to cover books, I could really use your help.

I have purchased lots of new titles for the students but cannot put them on the shelves until they are covered.

If you think you can help out please see me in the library on Monday – Wednesday before or after school. All contact will be supplied.

If you need a lesson or would like to contact in the library with some friends, you are most welcome to come along on Monday mornings. Contact and coffee and bikkies supplied!

Thanks,  
Lia Radocchia – Teacher Librarian.

**PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL**

The Pre-loved Clothing Pool will be open this Friday 17th June from 8:30–9:30am. If you have any uniforms you would like to donate to the clothing pool, please drop them into the office.

**KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS 2012**

Mr Hughes and Mrs Gosper are currently interviewing prospective children and their parents for Kindergarten 2012. Our next and final interview day will be **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. If your child turns five before the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012, they are eligible for enrolment in Kindergarten for next year. Please pick up an enrolment form from the office or download it from our school website. Please contact the school office to make an appointment for an interview.

**SAVE WATER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

St Mary's is again entering the 'Save Water Photographic Competition'. ([www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au)) There were some fantastic entries last year from our students. We will be running workshops for interested children on Thursday mornings from 8am. If you have any questions, please see Jai Greenaway.



# St Mary's Rydalmere Vacation Care

**4th July–15th July 2011**

With the winter school holidays only weeks away, 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 them along to St Mary's Rydalmere Vacation Care! Some of the fun activities that are planned include an excursion to Putt Putt, a science experiment day, an excursion to Monster Skate Park at Sydney Olympic Park, a visit from the RSPCA, jewellery design and many more exciting activities! Places are limited, with bookings closing on the 22nd June 2011. To make a booking or enquire about the program, please contact Maureen or Luke on 9638 2401 or send them an email at [stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au)

## FAITH JOURNEY...



### THE NEW CHANGES TO THE MASS

Last weekend was a very exciting, if not an anxious time for many parishes including our own here at Rydalmere. Many parishes will have started implementing the new translation to the Roman Missal, which is the format of prayers and blessings said throughout the mass.

For many of us, this is a difficult time as the mass that we have been brought up with, and have come to know and love, has had changes made. However small these changes are, they are none-the-less foreign. Responses that come to us automatically have been altered.

This is a good time to stop and consider that the mass is a sacred liturgy that has been handed down over hundreds of generations. It has evolved slowly over the years as the church has labored to become closer to God in prayer and worship. Effort has always been made to maintain consistency with the sacred scripture, ritual and tradition that has been at the core of the Eucharist ever since our Lord's last supper.

The new translation seeks to correct or improve the pre-existing translation. It was thought that the old version did not do the original Latin text justice. This new translation is the end result of ten years of deliberation, prayer and study. Much information is being published in discussing these changes so if you are interested or if you understandably feel at odds with this move, take some time to read and talk about what is going on.

Feel free to contact me at school if you would like some information.

### 2011 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder that the enrolment masses for the First Holy Communion sacramental program are coming up on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30pm mass and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am mass. Any parent who would like their child to be included in this year's Communion program will need to attend one of these masses.



### PENTECOST

Last Sunday was the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, empowering them for their ministry. The previous Sunday was the feast of the Ascension, where we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. It is here that he tells us that he will send his spirit and be with us always. The Ascension marks the end of the Easter season and Pentecost marks the start of what is unimaginatively called ordinary time. Symbolically we now have the spirit of God with us through Pentecost and the risen Lord, and we are ready for the year ahead. Congratulations to our Year 2 and 3 students who led our school liturgy last Thursday in celebration of Pentecost.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL UPDATE...

As you are aware, the Athletics Carnival was postponed due to the bad weather we have been experiencing. At this point, we are trying to rescheduled the carnival to another day. As soon as we have locked in a new date, we will let you know.



**SPECIAL NOTE:** We still have a number of children who haven't paid for the Athletics Carnival. We will be sending home a note to these children today. Please enclose the correct amount of money and return the envelope to school ASAP. If your child, for some reason, is not attending the carnival, please call the school office to notify them.

## P&F NEWS...

Hello again, I hope that the wet weather did not spoil any of your plans for the long weekend. For many of us the rain may have given us more time to spend with our families (I know that I did after several soccer games were cancelled!). Many of you will know that our first disco of the year is coming up on Friday. For those of you who may have forgotten our Pyjama Disco will be starting at 6.30pm in the school hall. This is a family social event, so please remember that there is no kiss and drop. Pizza, drinks, glow sticks and lollies will be available to buy on the night, and our popcorn machine will be making another appearance. The P&F will also be operating a Café for the parents to purchase coffee and cake, and our DJ's (Eliza and Tom) will be ready to keep us all entertained. For those of you who haven't already purchased your tickets, you can drop your money into the school office before Thursday or simply turn up and pay on the night.



Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in August and we hope to see many of you there. While all of our meetings are a good opportunity for you to learn about what is happening at school, our AGM is when our committees are elected. So if you would like to have some input into who is elected, or if you are interested in taking on a role of your own, please come along (date to be advised). For those of you who don't know how our P&F operates, our aim is to work together as a team. Some roles (particularly the social coordinator) are particularly demanding and this year we have three wonderful ladies working together, which means not only a melding of ideas but also a sharing of the role. So if you were thinking about taking on a role but are thinking it would be too much work, you could talk to your friends and see if someone else would like to share a position with you.

Finally the committee has decided to make some changes to the format for the Father's Day Stall. Unlike the Mother's Day Stall the children will only be invited to purchase one present, with a second round being offered at the end if any presents are left over. It is hoped that this change will ensure that all children are given equal opportunity to purchase, while also alleviating the disruption to the children's learning.

Jennene Gillies  
P&F President

## ASTHMA INFORMATION...

Asthma affects 1 in 9 children in Australia, and many of these children attend school. School staff can work together with parents and carers to provide a healthy, safe and caring environment for children with asthma. Responsibility for the management of a child's asthma is shared.

### Parents should:

- Inform the school or preschool that their child has asthma
- Provide sufficient information such as an asthma action plan or child asthma record card and equipment to staff to allow them to support the child
- Advise if there has been a change in the child's health, or in their medical management
- Ensure the child has their reliever medication, and preferably spacer, with them each day (or for younger children provide this to staff)

### Students in school should:

- Take their regular preventer medication (generally taken at home in the mornings and/or evenings) as advised by their doctor
- Know how to recognise when their asthma is getting worse and what to do
- Carry reliever medication with them at all times
- Tell their friends that they have asthma, and what to do if they have an asthma attack

