



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This Sunday after a short break celebrating the Easter and Pentecost season we return to Mark's Gospels and the parables of Jesus. This week we are presented with the Parable of the Sower. The analogy presented here is that we are the mustard seed cast into the soil being the Kingdom of God nurturing us by the love and care of our Heavenly Father-the sower of the crop. As the first shoot appears our faith and love of Christ begins to grow. As we mature into an adult plant we are nourished by the goodness of God's gifts and fruits. Let us all immerse ourselves in the love of God welcoming Him into our hearts as we journey through life growing our faith.

Due to the inclement weather the Athletics Carnival scheduled for today has been postponed till next Tuesday-same venue and times. If you are still able to assist next Tuesday please complete the slip that went home yesterday. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

The teachers are currently finalizing your child's report for Semester one. Kindergarten reports will be distributed this Friday with parent teacher interviews being conducted next week. Years 1-6 reports will go home on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with interviews being held in the final week of the term. Please note that these interviews are only ten minutes long. Should you require additional time you will need to schedule an additional appointment that is convenient for both yourself and the child's teacher. Please take the time on receiving your child's report to sit down with them and acknowledge their successes and strengths as well as discuss their areas for development over the second half of the year.

During these winter months it is important to ensure if your child has been sick during the night, they should not be sent to school the following day. At present several children are suffering from cold and influenza as well as a variety of gastric and vomiting bugs. Please keep your child away from school until they have fully recovered as they will only infect others, including staff. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Anna Pan, the P&F Association's Social Coordinator for organizing our Pyjama disco last Friday week. Even though it rained for most of the night, the children and their families enjoyed a great nights entertainment. Thanks to all those parents who contributed in any way to making the evening a success.

Have a great fortnight!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2012

**Friday**            **NSWCPWS Cross Country**  
**15th June**

**Monday**          **ICAS Writing Competition**  
**18th June**

**Monday**          **Year 5 Assembly**  
**18th June**        **2:15pm**

**Mon-Wed**        **Kinder Parent Teacher**  
**18-20th June**   **Interviews**

**Tuesday**        **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
**19th June**       **Wyatt Park Auburn**

**Mon-Thurs**      **Years 1-6 Parent Teacher**  
**25-28th June**   **Interviews**

**Tuesday**        **Stage 2 Boys Soccer**  
**26th June**       **Gala Day**

**Wednesday**    **Stage 2 Girls Soccer**  
**27th June**       **Gala Day**

**Friday**            **Term 2 Concludes**  
**29th June**

### TERM 3 2012

**Monday**          **Term 3 Commences**  
**16th July**

**Mon-Fri**         **Life Education**  
**16 -20th July**

**Friday**            **NSWPSSA Cross Country**  
**20th July**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

A reminder that the postponed Athletics Carnival will be held on **Tuesday 19th June** at Wyatt Park Auburn. Due to this change, a new parent helper note was sent home yesterday. If you are able to help out, please return the completed note by Friday 15th June.

**CLOTHING POOL**

Our Pre-Loved Clothing Pool will be open again this Friday from 8:30—9:30am. If you have any uniforms you would like to donate, please bring them on Friday morning or drop them into the school office.

**DISCOVER OLMC PARRAMATTA IN JUNE**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to tour the College and see Mercy values in action at our Open Morning Tour **Monday June 18, 2012**.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

June 13	Kieran Roshan
June 14	Ashleigh Stevens
June 15	Gregory Grugan Siddant Kalra
June 17	Jacob Cotsinis Raymond Zhang
June 18	Ryan Vaughan Yolani Rodrigo Patricia Tipones
June 19	Charlie Capratsis Joshua Galan Joshua Tetto Cristiano Sobral
June 23	Stephanie Brooks Annalies Marsh
June 24	Kyle Victa Camille Delos Reyes Massimo Cimillo Cooper McGlashan
June 26	Jack Brady

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS...****SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

Amongst other services, the Solo Parent Ministry organizes Seminars to assist those who are struggling with matters concerning the breakdown of their marriage and family union. Last month's Seminar dealt with the Process of Annulments; this month's Seminar is titled: "Dealing with the Legal System". Mr Richard Brading from the Wesley Community Legal Service in Macquarie St will give information that will assist you in dealing with Solicitors and Barristers and some help in knowing how to protect family assets. This will be held on Wednesday 27th June, 7.30 - 9.30pm, at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. \$5.00. Bookings to be made with Sr Eileen 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au).

Sr Eileen Quade rsm, Solo Parent Ministry Coordinator, CCSS. P.O. Box 2023, North Parramatta Ph 99330205 0419 400 571

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - SUNDAY 1ST JULY**

**A DAY OF GROWTH** – for married, engaged and dating couples, priest and religious. The theme of the day is “Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti” (understanding & delighting in our gender differences).

From 11.30am-4.00pm at John the Baptist Parish, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, NSW 2177. BYO lunch to share.

Donation: \$5 per person. Details: 02 98238059 or [juliena@optusnet.com.au](mailto:juliena@optusnet.com.au)

# FAITH JOURNEY...

The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen (Rev: 22:21).



The 'Year of Grace' was launched in the diocese of Parramatta on Pentecost Sunday. Visit the website [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au) for the story and pictures of this event.

The 'Year of Grace' website is [www.parrayearofgrace.org.au](http://www.parrayearofgrace.org.au). You are invited to visit this site to search the many resources developed to assist you in deepening your relationship with Jesus and 'starting afresh' from Him.

To receive a daily prayer based on the Gospel of the day you can sign up to the following email address and it will be sent to you - [prayer@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:prayer@rok.catholic.net.au). Those with smartphones etc can access it and pray with Jesus during their train or bus journey to or from work.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

A number of children from Years 3-6 are preparing for their First Holy Communion. They will be involved in a preparation day on either Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June or Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. They will make their First Holy Communion on their designated day in July. We keep these children and their families in our prayers.

## **WINTER APPEAL**

A note went home last Friday outlining our school's participation in the St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal. Families are being encouraged to donate a new pair of socks, or beanie or scarf, which will be distributed through the Vinnies Van. It is preferred that these items be suitable for an adult male. We thank you in advance for your participation in this appeal. Children will be allowed to wear their favourite "Winter Woollies" on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June as part of this fundraising activity.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

Your first training session will be on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm – 4.45pm in the Meeting Room. *Sorry for the short notice.* Parents who have not attended the First Holy Communion Meeting and have a child who wishes to become an altar server please leave your details on the clipboard at the back of the church, even if you have phoned Sr. Christine.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Diane O'Shea who recently received an award from the Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS) for her contribution to training catechists. Diane also works closely with the children of our parish and school through the Sacramental Program. Congratulations Diane on the recognition of your work!

Rebecca Boidin  
Religious Education Coordinator



## EDMODO NEWS...

Are your children on Edmodo yet? Edmodo is a secure learning site for children in St Mary's Drama, Photography or Weather Club and for Tiny Techies. Parents use a 'Parent Code' to be sure to be in touch with their children's learning. At the moment we have activities such as a 'Safe Around Lightning' quiz on Weather Club, a hearing and colour blindness test on Tiny Techies. It is easy to join, just go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) and use the following codes:

Tiny Techies: g5gqz9

Weather Club: 19nnuv

Drama Club: o2p5n4

Photo Club: 76q9n4



### Photography Club

Children are encouraged to shoot for pleasure and for competitions. We have excursion Photo Shoots related to competitions a couple of times a year.

### Weather Club

All children in the school can participate in Weather Club and we look at events such as the La Nina, Aurora Australis and local weather. The children take turns giving the weather report at assembly.

### Drama Club

Children in Years 4-6 can attend Drama Club. Drama Club members develop and perform for school events and the children participate in workshops to extend their skills.

### Tiny Techies

Children in Years 4-6 can attend Tiny Techies. The group is designed to encourage children to learn about lighting, sound and stage management. They attend workshops about how equipment in the school works and are often called up by the teachers to do the 'back stage' stuff.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Jai Greenaway.



## ~ PJ DISCO ~



What a great night!!

We would like to thank everyone who came along to the PJ Disco. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves singing and dancing the night away. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped out on the night!! Nights like this can't happen without your support.