



# St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, St Luke records the account of when Jesus questioned his disciples about who the people thought he was. We are educated through our faith that Jesus is God. Peter in this account makes reference to our Lord as "the Christ of God" – the Greek translation of Christ as the Messiah, the one whom the people of the time were longing for. Luke makes reference to Jesus as the Son of the living God – the Holy one of God. Our Lord, through Luke's gospel this week, encourages us to take up our cross through our own faith and follow in footsteps of the risen Christ.

On Friday the children will receive their reports for semester one. Thank you to the teachers for preparing these over the last few weeks. Please take the time to sit down with your children and discuss their report prior to the parent teacher interviews, which will take place next week. It is important to highlight and celebrate your child's successes as well as identify the challenges for the second half of the year. It is imperative that you are punctual for your interview next week and that you keep to the allotted time. If you require an extended time please make an appointment convenient to both you and your child's teacher for early next term.

Grandparents day will be celebrated on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July [Wk 2] next term. The day will commence with Mass and open classrooms followed by morning tea. Our focus this year will be on reading and storytelling. Please place this most important date in your diaries.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> our school will undertake an educational audit by the Parramatta Catholic Education Office. This review of our school's educational programs, facilities, administrative management and religious identity takes place every six to seven years. A panel made up of principals and staff from other diocesan schools and the Catholic Education Office will spend the day examining documentation, visiting classrooms and inspecting the school site.

From Monday of the first week of next term, the Myrtle Street pedestrian gate will be closed when the first bell rings in the morning. All children who are not on lines when the bell rings will be considered late and **parents** will be required to drop into the office to complete a late arrival note. Far too many children are arriving late to school, missing important information disseminated at assembly. Your co-operation is required to ensure that our children appreciate the importance of being punctual.

As we draw near to the end of the term please check the lost property bin before next Friday. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to the second hand clothing pool early next term. Please ensure that all your children's clothing is clearly labeled and that your child only has their own jacket, hat etc. **Please ensure that your child only takes their own clothing from the lost property bin.**

Enjoy the holidays and the time with your families!

Tony Hughes  
PRINCIPAL



## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2013

**Thursday 20th June** Yrs 5&6 visiting St Patricks for Musical

**Sunday 23rd June** Communion candidates presented to the Parish 9:30am Mass

**Mon-Tues 24-25th June** Peer Support Training Yr 6 (some Yr 5)

**Mon-Thurs 24-27th June** Parent Teacher Interviews

**Tuesday 25th June** Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day

**Wednesday 26th June** Stage 2 Girls Soccer Gala Day

**Thursday 27th June** Winter Woollies Day

**Friday 28th June** Term 2 Concludes

### TERM 3

**Monday 15th July** Term 3 Commences

**Friday 19th July** Year 4 Excursion to "The Rocks"

**Friday 26th July** Grandparents Day

**Friday 26th July** Book Fair

**BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATIONS**

June 19	Joshua Tetto Cristiano Sobral
June 23	Stephanie Brooks Annalies Marsh Sophia Parsons
June 24	Camille Delos Reyes Massimo Cimillo Cooper McGlashan
June 26	Jack Brady
July 4	Oscar Moy Sarah Jalil
July 6	Jacob Carr
July 7	Brendan Ipwanshek
July 8	Gabriela Villena
July 9	Ashlee Liwanag Julie Saba Eric Mastronardo
July 10	Samuel Schembri-Green Caoimhe Coffey London Ardeleanu
July 11	Andrea Leon
July 12	Elissa Bayeh
July 13	Dayne Hird
July 15	Rebecca Donaghy
July 16	Ben Duguid
July 18	Hovig Melkonyants Nadia LaMacchia
July 20	Sarah Ryan
July 21	Elie Saba
July 22	Eliza Arathoon
July 23	Liam Fitzgerald

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The children who will be receiving the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion this year are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) before they receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament is available every Saturday from 4.00pm-5.15pm. Parents are also encouraged to receive the Sacrament.

**Fr. Peter.**

**St Mary's Rydalmere OSHC Vacation Care**

1st–12th July 2013

The July school holidays are only weeks away and St Mary's Rydalmere OSHC have released their exciting Vacation Care Program.

If you need care during the holidays, or your kids just want to have fun in the school holidays, send them to St Mary's Rydalmere OSHC Vacation Care! Some of the fun activities that are planned include an excursion to watch the Circus, a pyjama party, a mini Olympics program, an excursion to the Golden Ridge Farm in Dural, and many more exciting activities!

Places are limited so don't miss out as bookings close on **26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013**. Please head to our website

[www.stmarysoshc.com.au](http://www.stmarysoshc.com.au) to download the program. To make a booking or enquire about Vacation Care, please contact Maureen or Luke on 9638 2401 or [stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stmarysoshc@optusnet.com.au)

**YEAR 6 CAKE STALL**

Thank you to all members of our school community who supported our Year Six graduation cake stall fundraiser last week. The children and staff enjoyed a plethora of baked delights for morning tea. All funds raised will go towards their graduation outing at the end of the year.

**Congratulations to our 2013 Age Champions and Runners Up**



## FAITH JOURNEY...

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last weekend the children from our parish participated in a preparation weekend for First Holy Communion. The children will be presented to the parish community this weekend at either the Saturday Vigil or Sunday mass.

Please continue to pray for our communicants who will celebrate their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Dates for First Holy Communion Masses:

29<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm, 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am, 6<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am

### WINTER WOOLLIES

This winter we are working together with St Vincent de Paul in raising awareness for our less fortunate brothers and sisters who live in the local area. We have been collecting personal items to donate to the Vinnies Van. We will participate in a short liturgy next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 12:35pm under the Marist COLA.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY

225 pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese will travel to South America next month to participate in World Youth Day. Pilgrims will travel to Lima and work with Caritas in an outreach program. They will then travel to Iguazu Falls and then on to Rio for World Youth Day.

Four (4) students from St Patrick's Marist College will be travelling in this group. Please keep all of the pilgrims in your thoughts and prayers as they journey together to deepen their personal relationship with Christ.

### GOSPEL OF THE WEEK

I encourage you to read the Gospel reading for this coming Sunday with your family. Make it part of your weekly family prayer time.

#### Lk 9:18-24

Reflection:

- Jesus asked the disciples 'Who do people say I am?' What are some words you would use to describe Jesus?
- Jesus wants people to 'take up their cross' and follow him. What does that mean?
- What are some of the 'crosses' that people carry?

## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS...

### SAYING "NO" IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE

Students are taught that they can say "No" to anyone if they feel unsafe, if they are getting their Early Warning Signs. There are five ways of saying "No".

1. "no" Is a playful no, said with a smile (a dog licking you or being tickled) you may not really mean it.
2. "No" Is a polite no (no thank you).
3. "NO" Firm assertive no (they mean it).
4. "NO" Angry No
5. "NO" Emergency NO (danger)

### SECRETS

What is a secret? Something that is not known by everybody.

Good secrets will make somebody happy when the secret is revealed and are only kept for a short time.

Bad secrets will make you feel unsafe and you will be told you must never tell. You may also be told they must be kept forever, for a lifetime. Bad secrets may or may not give you your Early Warning Signs, but children should never keep Bad Secrets. They should always tell someone on their Network. Children are taught that they should never have to keep a secret about any kind of touching, tickling or caressing, even if they like the touch or the special little secret game. In the beginning they might like it, but it could develop into an uncomfortable touch, but then they might feel guilty that they didn't know how to say stop.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013...

On Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, St Mary's held their annual Athletics Carnival at Wyatt Park. What a wonderful day was had by all! Well done to all children who displayed their fantastic athletic skills and great sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to assist on the day. Whether it was assisting with set up/pack up, field events, timekeeping, place judging, novelty games, recording results or running around making tea and coffee. An event like the Athletics Carnival would not be successful without the efforts of the volunteers. You are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to the following children who broke records on the day:

Samuel Schembri-Green: Junior Boys 800m (3min11sec); 9 Year Boys 100m (15.83sec)

Luke Gosper: Senior Boys 800m (2min49sec)

Rebekah Meafou: Senior Girls Shot Put (9.11m)

Congratulations to the **Tarrant House** who were the overall colour house winners.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tarrant 447 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - McCaffery 367 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - MacKillop 365 points

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Mackinnon 363 points

**A wonderful effort by all houses!**

Below are this year's Age Champions and Age Runners Up:

	2013 Age Champion	2013 Age Runner Up
<b>8 Years Boys</b>	Patrick Cleary	Lachlan Callaghan
<b>8 Years Girls</b>	Katelyn Johnson	Lillyan Ward
<b>9 Years Boys</b>	Samuel Schembri-Green	Liam Watson
<b>9 Years Girls</b>	Mikeeli Lake	Holly Fulton
<b>10 Years Boys</b>	Liam Fitzgerald and Hamish Davidson	
<b>10 Years Girls</b>	Sophie Vaughan	Priya Palaiyan
<b>11 Years Boys</b>	Gregory Grugan	Jonathan Campos
<b>11 Years Girls</b>	Madison Sloane	Eliza Byrne
<b>12 Years Boys</b>	Luke Gosper	Timothy Greig
<b>12 Years Girls</b>	Rachael Dick	Rebekah Meafou

**Congratulations to all of these children!**

There will be 42 children representing St Mary's at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival to be held next term on the 7<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations and good luck to the following children:

Patrick Cleary	Tinashe Musukutwa	Luke Gosper	Siddhant Kalra
Lillyann Ward	Bronte Frain	Rebekah Meafou	Julie Saba
Mikeeli Lake	Vincent Genner	Shaun Cassidy	Jurgen Martinez
Hamish Davidson	Chloe Belford	Thalia Lake	Samuel Markarian
Sophie Vaughan	Liam Fitzgerald	Marcus Spinetti	Liam Hardman
Gregory Grugan	Teagyn Ward	Chelsea Gruber	Jack Callaghan
Clare Kuys	Jacob Cotsinis	Jonathan Campos	Lachlan Callaghan
Jack Martic	Madison Sloane	Eliza Byrne	Katelyn Johnson
Rachael Dick	Timothy Greig	Ryan Field	Max Luburic
Alexander Johnson	Isabella Waterhouse	Josh Tetto	Samuel Schembri-Green
Anthony Bayeh	Hovig Melkonyants		