



Term 2 Week 8
Wednesday 20th June 2018
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to winter!! For many of us winter signifies cold mornings, going to work in the dark, coming home with the headlights on or open fires and marshmallows! For teachers the start of winter is report writing time and over the past week I have been reading of the successes our students have been achieving to date this year.

June is also the time of year when students, parents and teachers come together to discuss progress, the Semester One reports and to set goals for the remainder of the year. Letters about the Three Way Interviews went home yesterday and I would encourage you to make a time, suitable for your family, to meet with your child's teacher in Week 10 of this term.

Three Way Interviews (3WI's), in which students present their learning to their teacher and parents, are an opportunity for students to formally reflect on the learning that has taken place over a period of time. This reflection occurs as students prepare for the conference, as well as during the conference itself when they show and explain to their parents what they have learned. During the 3WI's some, but not all the work students have done in class over this semester, will be shared. It will demonstrate both strengths and weaknesses and it will help students, teachers and parents to state clear goals for future learning, based on the areas where students need to make more progress.

We look forward to welcoming you to school during the final week of this term!

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2018

Wednesday 20th June	Keyboard Concert 6:30pm
Saturday 23rd June	Parish Trivia Night
Sunday 24th June	First Holy Communion 12:00pm
Tuesday 26th June	Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 27th June	Chamber Music Concert 6:30pm
Friday 29th June	School Disco Session 1: 5:30–6:30pm Session 2: 7:00–8:30pm
Sunday 1st July	First Holy Communion 12:00pm
Monday 2nd July	3 Way Interviews (3WI's)
Tuesday 3rd July	3 Way Interviews (3WI's)
Wednesday 4th July	3 Way Interviews (3WI's)
Thursday 5th July	3 Way Interviews (3WI's)
Friday 6th July	Term 2 Concludes

GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are seeking a caterer to make sandwiches and deliver them to our Grandparents Day Celebrations (Thurs 26th July). If you are able to help us please contact Catherine from the P&F via c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Bianca Tandean from Year 6. Bianca won 3 National Titles at the National Judo Championships. A Gold and Bronze medal in Technical Demonstration and a Silver Medal in the Fight Competition. Well done!

3WI'S BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Yesterday you received instructions on how to book your 3WI's. We suggest you do this at your earliest possible convenience so you secure the time that best suits you. All bookings **MUST** be finalised by 4:00pm on Wednesday 27th June.

UNDERSTANDING FAITH

We have a subscription to a great resource that you can use to support your child's understanding of our faith. Go to the Understanding Faith website - www.understandingfaith.edu.au User: ceo.parra.1864 Password: ceo.parra.2018



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



June 21	Jasmin Simon
June 23	Imogen Samuel Annalies Marsh
June 24	Massimo Cimillo
June 26	Olivia Quinn Eugene Jung
June 27	Celina Park Sami Boustani
June 29	Isabel Kable
July 2	Antony Del Duca

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 7



KA	Anson Yang & Gabriella Lampasona
KT	Nathan Dinesh & Oliver McNamara
1R	Oscar Libbert & Imogen Samuel
1W	Lara Kable & Oliver Hill
2H	Lachlan Williamson & Aimon Liu
2M	Sirat Ghangas & Benjamin Lambert
3G	Nicholas Fleitas & Benjamin Rust
3S	Francesca Cimillo & Vaoila Bogiso
4J	Ruby Northwood & Johnathan Kolosakas
4K	Amber Adams & Isla Ballout
5E	Gianluca Alcuri & Jacob Carr
5LV	Eric Mastronardo & Stefanie Gabriel
6B	Sarah Iacono & Sarah Nam
6K	Bianca Tandean & Annalies Marsh

CARE AWARDS
TERM 2—Week 7



KA	Tahlia terWisscha & Kira Mayer
KT	Maxim Avenarius & Nivaan Singh
1R	Zei Ke Au & Celina Park
1W	Mia Iacono & Samuel James
2H	John Choi & Gus Gilroy
2M	Charlotte Newman & Antonious Mansour
3G	Nathaniel Nann & Christina Lim
3S	Arsh Kanwar & Chloe Munoz
4J	Connor Percovich & Brian Lim
4K	Kaisei Doggett & Joseph Nam
5E	Ellen Watson & Sarah Jalil
5LV	Matthew Ogrizek & Isabelle Pericaud
6B	Jack White & Arabela Martinez
6K	Angela de le Roche & Jacob Zaouk

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

CHANGE OF HOME OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please advise the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren). You can also update your details via the school's Skoolbag app under the eForms tab.

STAFFING

Mrs Gosper will be taking a short period of Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of this term and the first three days of Term 3. Miss Boidin will be Acting Assistant Principal for this period. Miss Tomasic and Mrs Clarkson will work with Mrs Gosper's Reading Recovery and EMU students during this time. We welcome Mrs Eva Turkington, an experienced teacher who is familiar with our school, who will release these teachers during Mrs Gosper's leave. We wish Mrs Gosper a safe trip during her leave.

DAYS ABSENT REPORTS

As you know reports will be sent home at the end of next week and in one section of the report the number of days absent for the first half of the year is listed. I am often asked about the number of days absent as parents wonder 'how many days off is too many'? The evidence is very clear about school attendance – **every day counts**. We know that from time to time illness and unexpected events will prevent students from attending school but on the whole children need to be at school at every opportunity. As a guide – multiply the number of days absent on this report by 14 (being the number of reports you will receive during their Primary years) – this will be the number of days (at this rate) that your child will miss in his or her Primary schooling – there are about 200 days in a school year – **so 100 absences is the equivalent of half a year of lost learning** – which might answer the question 'how many is too many'?

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. It is a requirement that all volunteers must complete an online 'undertaking form' that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

The Child Protective Training module is a compulsory two-step process for all volunteers working in our schools and can be accessed via the following link: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> Click onto VOLUNTEERS. Complete STEP 1-Volunteer Form - Complete online. STEP 2-Training Module Read through the presentation then complete and submit the quiz questions. After successful completion of both steps, two notifications will be sent via email to the school and also to the volunteer's email address. The Volunteer Form and Training Module will remain valid for two years.

ADVANCE NOTICE—STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MONDAY 30TH JULY

There will be no school for the children on Monday 30th July as the staff will be engaged in some professional learning with a Scholar from the United States – Dr Edward Sri as we continue our work on our formation goal. We will be working, off site, with two other schools on this day.

THANK YOU TO OSHC

A big thank you to OSHC who recently funded the purchase of three new large picnic tables for the deck on the Mercy Site. Mr Frank assembled the last two tables last week and the children have been enjoying them ever since!



THE MAGIC WORDS...

Brainstorm Productions

On **Monday 23rd July** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'The Magic Words' for **K-6 students**.

The Magic Words is a live educational theatre show of comic adventures, which helps students discover the true meaning of using magic words - "sorry", "thank you", "please", "excuse me" - and come to understand that having good values and showing respect are an important and essential part of growing up. Students will also learn the value of using their 'magic words' online and how to safely share information about themselves and others in an increasingly digital world. 'The Magic Words' will charm and captivate students while revealing the magic and power of kind and gentle words.

The Magic Words is part of our student wellbeing curriculum (PDHPE) and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

St Mary's Playgroup & Mother's Group



Tuesday 9:15—10:30am
(during the school term)

In the Parish Hall
1 Myrtle Street Rydalmere
(access hall from Myrtle St)



Playtime, art & craft, music and movement for ages 0 to 5 years.

Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends!

For more information contact: Pauline 0412 159 763

~ FIRST SESSION BEGINS TUESDAY 24TH JULY ~