



Term 1 Week 4
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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2019

Friday 22nd Feb	Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown
Friday 1st March	P&F Welcome Family Night 5:00 - 7:00pm
Monday 4th March	Catholic Schools Week Commences
Monday 4th March	Liturgy 9:15am
Monday 4th March	Open Classrooms for existing families 9:50– 10:50am
Monday 4th March	Morning Tea for Parents/ Carers 10:50–11:20am
Wednesday 6th March	Ash Wednesday Mass for Years 3-6 - 9:15am Class Liturgies for K-2
Friday 8th March	Open Day for Kindergarten 2020 enrolments 9:15–10:45am
Tuesday 19th March	Cross Country Years 2-6
Friday 5th April	Choir Lunch Time Concert

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There has been a delay in the posting of school fee statements to all families. We will advise you of updates when information becomes available from the CEDP. Thank you for your patience with regard to this.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the many parents able to attend the first P&F meeting of the year (22 families were represented last night). There was very good discussion around many topics and great plans are in place for P&F events this year. We also had an excellent presentation from the Road Safety Officers at Parramatta Council – some of their presentation is shared in this newsletter.

In the Principals report I shared some of the plans for 2019 including:

- Fantastic start to our Year with 60 Kinder students plus 12 new families joining us in Years 1-6.
- There was great support again from the P&F for our Tea and Tissues morning. – thank you!
- Beautiful start with our Opening School Mass – thanks to Fr Peter & Father Pio.
- Our goal in Religious Education this year is a deeper understanding of our faith, in literacy it continues to be 'writing' and in numeracy it is around 'thinking mathematically'.
- Continue to expand our resources in the area of STEM / STEAM – robotics
- Playground improvements - Marist Playground especially under the trees along the fence line
- Sunrise weather – this Thursday – all welcome
- Enrolments are steady across the board
- Parental Education Planned 'Think You Know', literacy, numeracy sessions
- Some projects for 2019 include devices that no longer connect to our network are being replaced. This is being deployed this week including 40 iPads, 10 Chrome Books and a new laptop
- Sick Bay has been renovated (completed in the last week of last term) better storage and more space for students. The next project will be the front office and foyer with renovations planned to be completed during the next holidays.
- Catholic Schools Week will include a Liturgy, Open Classrooms, Tours
- Parish Trivia Night 29th June – all welcome

Have a great week!

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



SUNRISE WEATHER

Suzanna and Bill Adams will be having Sunrise visit and broadcast the weather live from their house this Thursday. The address is 16 Patricia Street Rydalmere. Students with their parents are invited to attend the broadcast and be on live TV. There are live crosses from the Adams house on the hour and half hour (approximately) from 5.30am with a lot of fun planned around 7 and 7.30am. The last live cross is at about 8.30am so you can be on TV and still get to school on time! Bring a sign to wave (maybe about being 'The Best We've Ever Been in 2019' or 'I love St Mary's!') Hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW??

Our Parish Primary School, St Mary's was opened in 1889 – meaning this is the 130th Anniversary of our school. We owe a debt of gratitude to both the Sisters of Mercy and the Marist Brothers who ran and worked in the school for decades. For more information about St Mary's log onto our website <http://www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au/>

PRC MEETING

Helping your child manage anxiety – the next meeting of the PRC will be held at St Patricks Blacktown on 4th March 7-9pm. A flyer with details is on the back of the Newsletter.

ST MARY'S P&F WELCOME NIGHT PICNIC

The P&F would like to invite you to attend our first ever Community Picnic Night on Friday 1st March from 5pm till 7pm. Bring your picnic blanket, picnic food and the family and come and share a meal with the St Mary's School Community. More information will be provided at the parents nights or check the SchoolBag App. No RSVP is required, just turn up and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing many St Mary's families there!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| February 20 | Isabella W
Romasia M |
| February 26 | Brian L |
| February 27 | Gordon B |
| February 28 | Hannah P
Mitchell R
Chang Hwi S
Alice B
Charlie F |
| February 29 | Ava A |
| March 1 | Stephen A
Ava L
Sarah S |
| March 2 | Sienna C |

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

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JUNE 29th 2019

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Venue is at the Parish Hall. Holy Name of Mary is having its second Trivia Night. Last year was a great success and we hope to have an even better night this year. Details for teams and registration will be announced closer to the date. This year there will be a Raffle and Silent Auction. ALL funds raised will go towards the building project. Donations for the Silent Auction and Raffle would be gratefully appreciated. Any boxed items (unwanted Christmas presents), bottles of wine, books, cafe/restaurant vouchers or Department Store vouchers. A box will be placed at the back of the Church during Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings starting on February 16th or you can drop them at the Parish Office. You might like to attach a monetary value to your donation that we can put along side the prize. Further information can be obtained by contacting Allison Markarian 0411 013 032 or Cathy Saad 0408 669 138.

ROAD SAFETY...

Parramatta City Road Safety Officers presented some very good advice for keeping our children safe around traffic. Some of what was shared included:

DO

- Familiarise yourself with the parking restrictions around your school using SPOT Parking Finder
- Allow enough time each day
- Teach your child to use the traffic lights or pedestrian crossing
- Always hold your child's hand when you are crossing
- Drop and collect your child from the kerbside
- Consider parking further away and walking
- Slow down to 40kph

DON'T

- Call out to your child from across the road to come to you
- Use your mobile phone whilst driving
- Conduct a U-turn in a school zone
- Rush or speed

SPOT Parking Pty Ltd in conjunction with Council has developed an online portal for every school within the LGA, it includes;

- User walkthrough/tutorial
- Translated to 13 languages (in addition to English)
- Interactive maps displaying;
- School boundary
- Green areas - where parking is allowed
- Yellow areas - drop off/pick up zones
- Red zones - no parking permitted at any time
- Penalty amounts for each offence
- Information is relevant to the time/day chosen

Check it out at - <https://parramatta.schoolparking.com.au>

SPORT AND LIBRARY DAYS

There was a bit of confusion last week with the Sports Days for each grade. Please find below the correct list of days students are to wear their Sport Uniform and bring in their library bag. Sorry for any confusion.

GRADE	WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM	BRING LIBRARY BAG
Kinder	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday & Thursday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday

HARRY POTTER CLUB...BY SANDERSON KEYSER-5W

Harry Potter Club is a place where stories are shared and people combine ideas to win exciting activities and participate in lots of fun.

What really happens at the lunchtime club is more amazing than what you may think..... You create wands and take part in trivia but most of all, you work in teams to get the best result for your group. You will also get assigned to a House like Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff.

These things all are amazing but what I particularly loved the most about it so far was the trivia. Everyone tried their best to win the trivia but the team with the best score was Gryffindor!

All of these amazing factors make the Harry Potter Club a **MAGNIFICENT CLUB!**