



Term 1 Week 6
Wednesday 6th March 2019
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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2019

Friday 8th March **Open Morning for 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments 9:15–10:45am**

Tuesday 19th March **Cross Country Years 2-6**

Monday 25th March **"Sharing our Learning" Assembly - Stage 3**

Wednesday 27th March **NSW CPS Swimming**

Friday 5th April **Choir Concert—Lunchtime**

Friday 12th April **Term 1 Concludes**

TERM 2 2019

Monday 29th April **Term 2 Commences**

Friday 3rd May **Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am**
Mother's Day Liturgy 9:00am
Mother's Day Wrapping

IMPORTANT NOTICE LINDA'S LUNCHES

There will be **NO** Linda's Lunches on **Friday 15th March**. Please do not send orders on this day. Normal operation will resume Monday 18th March. Sorry for any inconvenience.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) in all schools in our Diocese. Dioceses across NSW and the ACT are joining together to celebrate CSW. During Catholic Schools Week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing learning. Catholic Schools Week strengthens connections between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. We commenced CSW this week with a beautiful liturgy and Open Spaces for our current families. On Friday we will welcome new families looking to enrol in our school for Kindergarten in 2020. Here are some images from our liturgy...



We are expecting a large number of enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. We already have 10 applications for next year and so a reminder for existing families to **collect, complete and return** an enrolment form if you have a child who will come to Kindergarten in 2020.

Have a great week!

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



THANK YOU FROM THE P&F

The P&F Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to parents for volunteering to assist at the Catholic Schools Week morning tea. They are very grateful we have so many people willing to help out!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
CONDITION OF USE—STUDENT OPAL CARD

Parents of children who catch the school bus, we are asking you to reiterate the information below with your child/ren. It is of utmost importance that they do this on every trip.

It is a condition of use that students tap on at the start and tap off at the end of each trip with their Student Opal Card. This is important to ensure accurate patronage data is recorded. This data is used to plan school special and regular route bus services and assists State Transit in ensuring adequate capacity is provided, so students can travel to and from school safely.

Current statistics indicate that many students have failed to tap on or off the Opal readers when travelling. If students do not tap on and off the school bus, it may appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card call 131500 or apply online at <https://www.opan.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>.

ZUMBA CLASSES

To help raise funds for the Presbytery refurbishment, there will be **ZUMBA** classes held every Friday night in the School Hall. They will commence at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The cost per person is \$10.00. Please register at the door on the night. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| March 8 | Indiana L Olivia G |
| March 9 | Samantha G |
| March 13 | Jayden terW Tahlia terW Genevieve B |
| March 14 | Beau H Ezekiel M |
| March 17 | Jacinta B |
| March 18 | Harrison W |

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

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club catalogue number 2 for 2019 will be sent home this week. You can order and pay online for your child's Book Club purchases using a credit card via LOOP. The order will be electronically linked to our school. Please order and pay via the website. Orders for Issue 2 close 19.3.19.

HOW TO ORDER USING LOOP

- * Sign in or register an account at: [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App store or Google Play.
- * Click on ORDER and select school and child's class.
- * Add child's name and last initial (so we know who the book is for).
- * Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- * Make payment via credit card.
- * All orders will be delivered to St Mary's and distributed to the children.

Any questions please contact Kristine Muir—Book Club Organiser on 8844 5700.

P&F FAMILY PICNIC

The P&F Committee would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came along last Friday night for our first ever "Family Picnic Night", and what a great night it was. It was a wonderful way to come together as a community at the beginning of the year.

We will be holding other events throughout the year, so keep an eye out in the Newsletter for details!

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

CAN YOU HELP?

We have one family looking for some transport support. Currently the family (with one child) catch the bus along Victoria Road from the Ermington Area in the morning and then back again in the afternoon. If you live in that direction and would like to be put in contact with the family to car pool or assist with transport, please let the office know of your availability.

YOUTUBE

Our next how to video has been posted on our YouTube channel. Search You Tube for St Mary's Rydalmere and view our videos – the most recent is about accessing google drive.

DID YOU KNOW??

The **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT IS ON SATURDAY JUNE 29th 2019**. 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Venue is at the Parish Hall. Mark this date in your diary.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

The family is where we begin our journey through life. As we grow, we learn to love, to celebrate, to forgive, to share joys and support each other. Families have their own unique celebrations and rituals that are rich in storytelling and traditions. Celebrations and rituals add to the life and the joy of belonging to a family, they teach us how to love and they teach us that we belong.

The same is true for our journey in faith. Families are the place where we learn about Jesus Christ through stories from scripture, experiencing the liturgical cycle and sacramental life through community, symbols and rituals. It is through our family's example and teaching that we learn about Jesus Christ.

The next place of learning, alongside the family, is our parish and our school, which assist and provide support in the ongoing faith formation of the child and family. An essential part of this faith formation is preparation for and celebration of the sacraments.

Celebrating the Sacraments is our way to receive grace. Grace is God's gift to us; it allows us to become closer to Him and to eventually get to heaven. Participating in the sacraments is one way of receiving God's grace.

- *Bishop Terry Brady*

The dates for Holy Name of Mary Parish Sacramental programs can be found below.

All details regarding the preparation for these sacraments can be found in the Church.

| | Sacrament of Penance – Reconciliation | First Holy Communion | Confirmation |
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| Celebration of the Sacrament | This will be held in small groups, in the Church on, either: Tuesday 25 th June – 3.30 – 4.30pm Wednesday 26 th June – 3.30 – 4.30pm Thursday 27 th June – 5.00 – 6.00pm | Sunday 11 th August – 12 noon OR Sunday 18 th August – 12 noon | Friday 8 th November – 7.00pm |

COMMUNITY NEWS...

ST MARY'S OPEN DAY—KINDERGARTEN 2020

On Friday 8th March we will be holding our Open Day for new families wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten 2020. If you know of any family with a child eligible to start school in 2020, please let them know to come along on Friday. They will be given an enrolment pack full of information on our school and the Diocese and a tour of the school.

Also for any existing families with eligible children, please remember to collect an enrolment pack from the office or print one from our website. The deadline for accepting enrolment forms is Friday 15th March, so please make sure you get your forms in on time.

\$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS GO LIVE

As parents begin planning for the year ahead, they can now access Creative Kids vouchers, providing them with \$100 for every school-age child to help cover the cost of enrolment for creative and cultural learning activities.

Parents can use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design.

Minister for Finance, Services and Property Victor Dominello said the NSW Government's Creative Kids program builds on the success of the Active Kids program, which is back this year, helping to reduce the cost of registration for sport and organised physical activity.

"Involvement in creative and cultural learning activities is critical to a child's growth and development but the enrolment costs all add to the family budget and can be prohibitive. The NSW Government recognises that cost of living is a major issue for families and because of our strong budget position, we are proud to be providing this extra assistance for children to participate in these valuable creative and cultural programs.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app. Further information on how to register as a provider and the program is at www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids.

CARLINGFORD NETBALL CLUB



We have vacancies in our U8 and U9 teams and are looking for players (born 2010-2012) to join us on Friday nights (May-August).



Interested??

Please contact our Registrar Sue Oliver on 0419 406 004 or email: registrar.carlonetball@gmail.com

Further information can be found on our website www.carlingfordnetball.com.au.