



Term 3 Week 10

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DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2018

Friday **Term 3 Concludes**
28th Sept

TERM 4

Monday **Term 4 Commences**
15th October

Monday **Kinder 2019 Parent**
22nd October **Information Evening**
7:00pm

Tuesday **K2019 Transition 1**
23rd October **9:00–10:30am**

Tuesday **K2019 Transition 2**
30th October **9:00–10:30am**

Thursday **All Saints Day Mass**
1st Nov **Years 5 and 6**

Friday **All Saints Day Mass**
2nd Nov **Years 3 and 4**

~ IMPORTANT REMINDER ~ LINDA'S LUNCHES

There will be **NO Linda's Lunches** in **Week 10 of Term 3** and **Week 1 of Term 4**. Please do not send orders on during this time. Normal operation will resume **Week 2 Term 4**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of a fantastic term I extend my thanks to the hard working staff of St Mary's for all their work this term. This term we have enjoyed a fantastic book week, a visit from Healthy Harold, enjoyed some pirates and treasure work, experienced success in sport and public speaking competitions as well as welcoming Grandparents, Fathers and visitors for a number of events across the term. Thank you to the parents for your support of all that we do here at St Mary's.

With the holidays almost upon us it is time for the next Holiday Challenge which we have called - Mr Blissenden's Holiday Reading Challenge. The next Holiday Challenge is to read as many pages of great books as you can. You can help us. All you need to do is to read 5 pages of a book every day in the holidays. Our target is to read 30 000 pages as a whole school. Details, a reading log and ideas for reading will be sent home this week! Good luck with reading 5 pages a day these holidays!

Have a fantastic and safe break these holidays.

Richard Blissenden
Principal

VOICE OF YOUTH

Congratulations to Emma Biviano who presented her speech "Deforestation" at the Voice of Youth Grand Final. Emma did an amazing job and from the 2600 Year 6 students in the Diocese it was an amazing effort for to be a Grand Finalist today. We were very proud of her efforts.



LIBRARY

As you know, every year we purchase new and exciting books for the children to borrow from the Library. We are now looking for parents to help cover these new books. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out, please see Lia in the Library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Your help with this is much appreciated.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 32 students who participated in the English International Competition. We were awarded 2 Distinctions, 11 Credit, 1 Merit and 18 Participation Certificates

CHILD PROTECTION

We greatly appreciate all the help we get from parents. Just reminding you that Online Child Protection Courses must be completed every 2 years. To complete these training sessions please go to:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Scroll down the page until you see volunteers, and then there is two parts to complete, the Training and the Undertaking for Volunteers. After doing so you will receive to separate emails advising you that you have completed both. If you are having trouble please contact, Mrs Angela Karam in the school office.

Thanks for buying
books from

Book Club
they help build our
classroom resources



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



September 26	Carey Kaseke Robert Flint
September 27	Jessica Anlezark
September 28	Christina Lim
September 30	Josephine Keyser
October 2	Paige Hawkins
October 3	Nivaan Singh
October 5	Doreen Dube
October 6	Phillip Sclavos
October 7	Nicholas Fleitas
October 8	Leah Kolosakas
October 9	Cooper Frain
October 10	Xavier Cooper Maximus Ghest
October 13	Grace Henstock
October 14	Isabella Cipri
October 15	Zia Kim
October 16	Jackson Norton Liam Storey Cooper Storey Stella Northwood Ruby Northwood Paige Bailey Zechariah Acosta
October 17	Alexander Johnson Gabriella Lampasona
October 18	Alessandro Brownlie
October 20	Isla Ballout Johan Xie
October 21	Samuel Calveley Daashan Wu Joshua Witham
October 22	Francesca Cimilio
October 23	Lachlan Williamson Cooper Twyford

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

St Mary's Newsletter....

PRINCIPAL AWARDS **TERM 3—Week 10**

KA	Kira Mayer & Isabella Cipri
KT	Nivaan Singh & Pricilla Miller
1R	Zi Kei Au & Minnie Elliott & Abraham Samuel
1W	Wylie Lockhart & Molly Lewis
2H	Sara Sangachhe & Lachlan Williamson
2M	Andrianna Simmonds & Riley Watson
3G	Luca Biviano & Nathaniel Nann
3S	Sam Myhill & William Sultana
4J	Vivian Kim & Elizabeth Samuel
4K	Alexander Teschke & Kiera Dixon
5E	Joel Heiler & Mathew Cotsinis
5LV	Joseph Lim & Cooper Storey
6B	Zechariah Acosta & Catherine Lim
6K	Cooper Twyford & Angela de la Roche

CARE AWARDS **TERM 3—Week 10**

KA	Ned Dowdell & Isabella Ward
KT	Eva Carr & William Zaw
1R	Tabitha Machimbidza & Alexander Melville & Mina Simili
1W	Eunice Kim & Giorgia Trovato
2H	Hannah Peaty & Donnie Yang
2M	Hugh Porter & Daashan Wu
3G	Irene Baek & Cecilia Homann
3S	Eddie Appleby & Robbie Flint
4J	Sienna Trovato & Dominic James
4K	Joseph Nam & Gabriel Mansour
5E	Gordon Boulous & Sarah Jalil
5LV	Luca McGilly London Ardeleanu
6B	Annabella Canale & Beau Myhill
6K	Amilia Garcia & Christopher Mansour

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.

CAPTIVATE 10th Anniversary Performance – FYI – photos of the event can be viewed at:

<http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au/Whats-Happening/Gallery>

Diary Dates –

Friday 28th September – school concludes for Term 3.

Monday 15th October – school resumes for Term 4.

Message from Parramatta City Council - Council, in conjunction with Spot Parking Finder, have developed an online portal which outlines the parking restrictions outside all Primary Schools in the City of Parramatta Local Government Area for any given time in the day. This portal is designed to be used as a *pre-planning tool* for parents, grandparents or guardians to park safely and legally near their child's school, particularly during drop off and pick up times. It is not available as an 'app' as we do not want to encourage or appear to endorse the use of a mobile phone whilst driving, nor provide the temptation! In the coming weeks Council Officers will be handing out the attached pamphlet when conducting school safety patrols in an effort to encourage parents to use the site and become familiar with the parking restrictions around their school. You can access the site here -

<https://parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools>

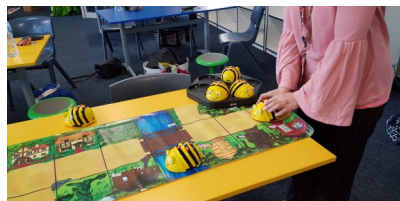
Hair Styles – We have noticed the current fashion for boys of having a very close hair cut on one side of the head is becoming quite popular. This is **NOT** a normal school boy's haircut and is to be avoided. No shavings, undercuts or patterns are to be cut into the hair. Thank you for your support of this policy.

Technology Update Coding @ St Mary's

Welcome to the future where coding will be a basic skill.



Staff exploring the new coding resources:
Makey Makey in Stage 3
Spheros in Stage 2
Bee-bots in Stage 1
Cubetto in Kinder



Students across the school have had the chance to explore and experiment with our new coding resources. They have been designed to build on students' understanding of simple coding - asking a device to perform specific tasks.



In Term 4 we will be running a parent workshop to give you the opportunity to see these in action, and have a try yourself.



Some of our students will be acting as instructors. Take the opportunity to come and learn from your children.



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!