



Term 3 Week 8

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we celebrated the Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which originated in Spain and is the name of our Parish. Our students participated in a number of Super School Activities and our fantastic P&F provided a sensational BBQ lunch for the students. We finished the day with a beautiful Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

Of course, the name "Mary," being the name of the Blessed Mother, deserves special respect and devotion, and is thereby celebrated in four ways: First, *Mary* is a name of honour, since the faithful praise Mary as the Mother of our Divine Saviour; she is rightfully called "Mother of God," for Jesus true God, second person of the Holy Trinity entered this world becoming also true man through Mary. Second, *Mary* is a most holy name, because the very mention of her name reminds us she is full of grace, has found favour with God, and is blessed among all women. Third, *Mary* is a maternal name, because she is our Mother, whom our Lord gave to us as He was dying on the cross (cf. John 19:26-27). Finally, *Mary*, is a name of the mother who responds to all of our needs, protects us from evil, and prays "for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

As we celebrate this feast day, let us remember one of the prayers shared at today's Mass: "*Lord, our God, when your Son was dying on the altar of the cross, He gave us as our mother the one He had chosen to be His own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our mother, with confidence in her protection may receive strength and comfort in all our needs.*" May our Blessed Mother continue to protect us, especially those Christians suffering persecution, and help us celebrate all that is good in our community.

Have a fantastic week.

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



## 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 NOTICE ~ 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 in during this time. Normal operation will resume Week 2 Term 4. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**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>

**DID YOU KNOW**

The school provides access to counselling for all members of the community. Please contact Mr Blissenden for further information.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Final school fee invoices for 2018 are now DUE. Can you please make arrangements to pay outstanding amounts before the end of term. If you have any queries regarding your fees, please see Susan in the office.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the weather is getting warmer students have the option to wear either full summer or full winter uniform for weeks 9 and 10.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

September 12	Kristen Dixon
September 16	Vaiola Bogiso
September 19	Noah Collier
	Akito Doggett
September 21	Selina LaMacchia
September 22	Rosalea Brownlie
	Molly Lewis
	Caitlyn Ellard
	Casey Kaseke
September 23	Keria Dixon
September 24	Elena Sheslow
	Chad Craze
September 25	Harry Gilroy

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

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**TERM 3—Week 7**

KA	Nixon Zwatzka & Oliver Tomasoni
KT	Elizabeth Lee & Matilda Salter
1R	Chloe Chang, Celina Park & Ava Alim
1W	Oliver Hill & James Flint
2H	Scarlett Silvera & Alyssa Menin
2M	Isabella Ribera & Joshua Witham
3G	Imogen Piper & Doreen Dube
3S	Rachel Gilroy & Jessica Anlezark
4J	Dominic James & Samuel Nassima
4K	Rosalea Brownlie & Cooper Kennedy
5E	Nadia La Macchia & Leah Kolosakas
5LV	Olivia Marshall & Marcus Scrivener
6B	Sarah Iacono & Cristiano Sobral
6K	Larissa Laguzza & Emma Biviano

**CARE AWARDS**  
**TERM 3—Week 7**

KA	Matilda Casey & Zion Kim
KT	Natasha Moore & Alexander Johnson
1R	Grace Ban, Jacob Hayes & Maxwell Norton
1W	Mia Iacono & Yomika Dodampegama
2H	Thomas Lowery & Alessandro Brownlie
2M	Joshua Adams & Olivia Campos
3G	Flynn Smith & Hayden Green
3S	Sebastian Jalil & Sam Myhill
4J	Eugene Jung & Elizabeth Samuel
4K	Monique Gallagher & Stella Northwood
5E	Jacob Carr & Gianluca Alcuri
5LV	Eric Mastronardo & Keira Gad
6B	Annabella Canale & Massimo Cimillo
6K	Oscar Moy & Jacob Zaouk

## St Mary's Newsletter....

### MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING P & F PRESIDENT

At our AGM the following people were confirmed as committee members for 2018–2019.

**President:** Vacant

**Vice President:** Elise Norton

**Treasurer:** Caterina Cipri

**Secretary:** Catherine Dolle-Samuel

**Parent Co-Ordinator:** Kelly Alcuri

**Mother's & Father's Day Committee:** Linda Smith & Katy Noonan

**Social Committee:** Victoria Lucas

**Clothing Pool:** Suzie Hana

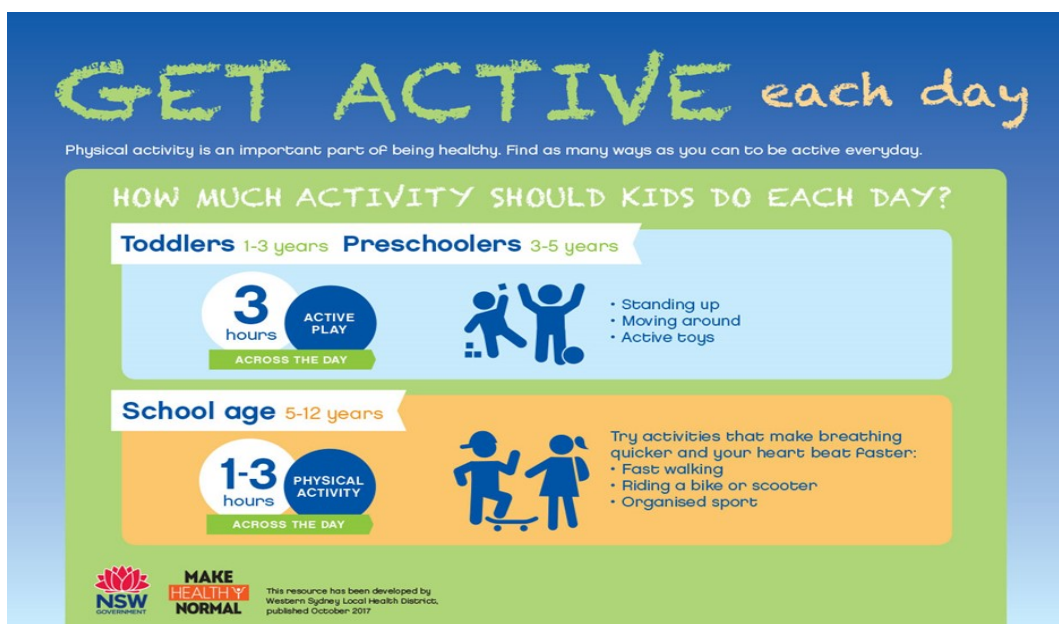
Our **Diocesan Parent Representatives** will be decided at our Term 4 meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th October in the Library. We did not receive any nominations for **President**, and we would very much like to fill this role as soon as possible. If you think you could take on this role, with lots of support from the existing team and past two Presidents, please contact Catherine at [c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au](mailto:c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au).

Some of our committees need additional volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of the Mother's and Father's Day Committee and Social Committee, please come along to our Term 4 meeting.

We have ratified the Fundraising Agreement for 2018–2020 with the P & F levy being set at \$150 per family per year in lieu of holding major fundraising events. We will still call for a Fundraising Committee at the Term 4 meeting to consider smaller events with a community focus.

Thank you for all the parent community support over the past year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being President and am resigning only as I have taken on a full time job.

The incoming committee looks forward to working with a new President to contribute to our children's school community.



### YEAR 2 EXCURSION

Earlier this term Year 2 braved the cool blustery winds for a lovely day surrounded by the weird and wonderful creatures of Taronga Zoo. The day provided an exciting opportunity for the students to discover and observe some of God's wondrous creatures. We were amazed by the acrobatic skills of the seals, entertained by the mischievous meerkats, cringed at the size of the snakes and spiders, held our breath through the farm animals, looked jealously at the peaceful koalas and were shocked back to life with the roar of the tigers. The students were given the opportunity to observe the animals in their habitat and to ask questions of the knowledgeable Taronga Zoo staff. The day was a wonderful success as the students were able to interact with a variety of animals from all over the world. Many thanks to the parents who joined Year 2 without whom the day would not have been possible.

An illustration of two children in a library. A girl with long brown hair is holding a book titled "KITTIES" which features a cat on the cover. A boy with curly brown hair is standing next to her, gesturing towards the bookshelves. The bookshelves are filled with books and have labels: "Picture", "Animals", "Math", and "Science".

Buy a book from

 **SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

to help build  
our classroom  
resources



## Smart City - Safe School Parking in Parramatta

**Child safety is greatly affected by speeding and illegal parking around school drop off and pick up zones.**



The City of Parramatta teamed up with Sydney start-up Spot Parking to use technology to better educate people driving their children to and from school.

The Safe School Parking Finder is a pre-journey planning tool to show drivers where they can park safely around schools. Parents new to a school, or people who don't normally drive the children will find it extremely useful.

Many drivers do not realise that there are increased fines and demerit points in active 40 km school zones. The Safe School Parking Finder can show busy parents the safe options, and avoid any risks and fines.

The Safe School Parking Finder covers over 60 schools and includes translation in over 15 community languages.

Check out the Safe School Parking Finder online [parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools](http://parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools)

For more information, contact 9806 5050.



**CITY OF  
PARRAMATTA**



**Rides!  
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including Disco Show,  
Sizzler, Giant Slide  
Cup and Saucer, Crazy Maze  
Jumping Castle  
and much much  
more....

**CTK SPRING FAIR**

Christ The King, North Rocks School & Parish Spring Fair  
**Saturday 15 September**  
**9am-3pm**

**Chocolate Wheel, Live Entertainment,  
Major Raffle and much much more...**

International foods | BBQ | Cakes | Coffee Cart  
Devonshire Tea | Drinks | Fairy Floss | Popcorn  
Hot Chips | Lollies | Chocolate Wheel | Talent Show  
Mystery Key Competition | Showbags  
Chocolate Toss | Plants | Craft | Kidz Corner  
Pass the Footy | Photo Booth | Bottle Tombola  
and more...

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