



Term 1 Week 8
Wednesday 16th March 2022
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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2022

Wednesday 16 th March	Backflip Bullying Incursion
Friday 18 th March	Year 6 Leadership Day (on site)
Friday 18 th March	Mark Taylor Shield
Tuesday 22 nd March	St Mary's Cross Country Carnival
Saturday 26 th March	P & F Family Event The FC Social from 3:30pm
Tuesday 29 th March	Back Up day for Cross Country Carnival

CARE ALWAYS



RESPECT EVERYONE

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week we have an opportunity to put into action our School Motto CARE: Care Always, Respect Everyone as we look to support the victims of the recent devastating floods. Tomorrow students may wear green (St Patrick's Day and a sign of new life after the rains) while donating to the Vinnies Flood Appeal. All money donated through the Qkr! App will be donated to the Appeal. More information on the Appeal can be found [here](#).



We pray for the people whose lives have been devastated by rain and flood.

Bring them comfort, we pray.

Protect the vulnerable.

Strengthen the weak.

Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry.

And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise.

For we ask it in Jesus' name,

Amen

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Take CARE this week!

Richard Blissenden
Principal

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is back on Tuesday's from 9:30am until 11:30am in the hall. Enter from Myrtle St. Come along to meet other families with pre-school aged children. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Natalie Richardson 0418 600 358.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding our School Cross Country on Tuesday 22nd March (with a backup in case of rain on the 29th March). Students in Years 2 to 6 will take part with the event being held at UpJohn Park. Parents and spectators along with volunteers will be able to attend.

STAFFING

As you would be aware staff in schools are able to access a variety of leave including Long Service Leave, Sick Leave, Carers Leave and so on. Where we know of leave being taken by a member of staff in advance – like Long Service Leave, the class/grade are informed. Other short-term leave is generally not advised to families given the nature of the timing of the leave and the need to respect the privacy of the member of staff. Staffing has been particularly difficult over the past two weeks given the prevalence of COVID, family matters and other illnesses of staff. We plan learning in advance to ensure that the 'casual' or relief staff are able to continue the planned learning without interruptions for your child. Thank you for your understanding and support of our staff facing their own challenges at this time.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

March 16th	Roy b
March 17th	Aiden H
March 18th	Chloe Z
March 20th	Cooper D
March 21st	Kyah K
March 22nd	Brandon E Thomas H
March 23rd	Sienna A Manuel S Caleb F Sebastien P
March 24th	Eric Z
March 25th	Nishaan V Thomas L
March 27th	Alice L

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

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

COVID-19

Over the past week we have seen an increase in positive cases of COVID. We continue to reinforce good hygiene practices – including the use of hand sanitizer and enhanced cleaning during the school day. While masks are optional for staff and students they may be worn and we encourage their use indoors, especially. A reminder that **if you are waiting for a PCR result for your child, they may not attend school** until they receive a negative result.

DRIVER AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Despite an improvement in driver behaviour over the past week we have had a serious incident on the pedestrian crossing this week. Fortunately, the pedestrian was not seriously injured but they were hit by a car at low speed while crossing the pedestrian crossing. **It is a timely reminder that we want everyone to be safe around our school.** For that reason the following reminders are shared:

- When using Kiss and Go – do not allow your child to retrieve or place bags in the boot of your car.
- Do NOT Park behind the pub either in the morning or afternoon.
- Do NOT join the Kiss and Go queue from Myrtle Street
- Do NOT queue in Pine Street to join Kiss and Go

Please consider the safety of every member of our community and keep one another safe.

RECENT PURCHASE

We continue to expand our technology resources and recently took delivery of 45 new ChromeBooks for use in Stage 2. Here is an example of a device in action this week.



BACKFLIP AGAINST BULLYING

As part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying (which is being held nationally on Friday) students enjoyed an energetic and entertaining performance today. Some key messages of the performance included –

- Empowering the Bystander
- Exit strategies for the victim of bullying
- What is social exclusion



FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

A reminder to check labels are on all of your child's belongings. If in doubt - label it twice. Additionally if you purchase an item from the second hand uniform shop please make sure you remove the old name and make sure your child's name is visible. Checking items - especially jackets which may have been washed a few times - means you can re-label any items that have become too hard to read. Please make it as easy as possible to get your child's belongings back to them!

UPDATES

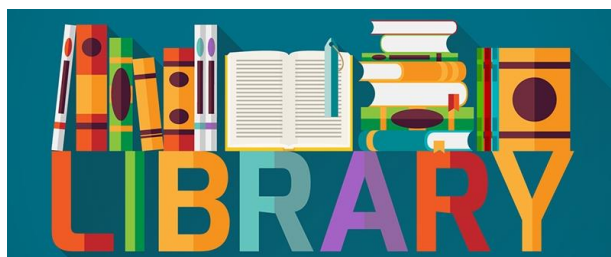
This week in our Music Room we will start a minor upgrade - we are installing new carpet and new furniture to replace some very old pieces! Some updated musical instruments are on order and a new Air Conditioner was recently installed in the space. Our new Archive Storage Room has been completed and our new Sports Store Room will be filled with our Sports Equipment from this week. Finally, playground equipment for the children to use at Lunch Time is making a return after being sorted during the pandemic. Already the Giant Lego and Hula Hoops have been put out for the younger children and Basketball has made a return for the older children. More equipment will be put out including the giant Chess and Checkers sets, giant Jenga, cars, an outdoor library and blocks - all for the students to engage with during their lunch break.

THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS (3WI'S)

3WI's will be conducted in Week 10 of this term. This is an opportunity for parents (and your child) to meet with your child's teacher to discuss learning to date and set goals for Term 2. Some schools call these student led conferences - the key is that the student is part of the process and parents and teacher are on the same page. Students enjoy talking about their learning and setting goals. More details to follow but mark it in your calendars - Week 10 is 3WI's.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking for parents to help cover new books with contact. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out, please see Miss Orlandi in the Library Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Your help with this is much appreciated.



LINDA'S LUNCHES CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **Linda's Lunches will not be operating for the remainder of term 1.** Lunch orders will resume again on Thursday 28th April 2022. Thank you for your understanding.

2023 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2023 are now open.

If you have not seen inside the Kinder Space – please watch this video – scan the code to watch.





YEAR 7, 2024

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, 29 March 2022

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you and your family to attend our Year 7, 2024 Enrolment Information Evening. Hear from our College Principal, Ms Lucie Farrugia and other key members of the College Leadership Team and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life.

Time: 6:00pm (Registration from 5:30pm)

Enquiries: Enrolments Office **T** (02) 8838 1222 **E** enrolments@olmc.nsw.edu.au

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Kindergarten to Year 7

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Nutrition Snippet

PEAR AND YOGHURT CAKE



Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 125gm margarine
- ½ cup raw sugar
- ¾ cup natural Greek yoghurt
- 1 tbsp vanilla essence
- ½ cup reduced-fat milk
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ½ cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- 1 400g tin pear slices in natural juice, drained

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease and line a 20cm x 20cm square baking tin.

Place the first six ingredients into the bowl of a food processor, blender or stand mixer and mix until combined. Add the flours and coconut and mix until just combined. Dice half of the pear slices, add to the batter and mix through.

Spoon into the baking tin. Arrange the remaining pear slices on top to decorate. Bake for 25 minutes until golden and cake bounces back when touched. Allow to cool and then slice.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au

 **Cancer Council**
Healthy Lunch Box