



St Mary's Rydalmere Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to tomorrow night when we expect to welcome hundreds of family members and our students to celebrate our Christmas Concert. Some reminders about tomorrow night...

Gates Open – 6.30pm for the concert that will be on the Marist Site of the school grounds. **Students are to arrive by 6.45pm. Concert Commences 7pm.** All students are required to attend and all family members are invited to the concert. **Students are to wear** clothing as indicated in the note sent home recently and repeated in this newsletter. There is no cost for the concert.

Parking - Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking around the school – please do not block driveways and be aware of noise as you arrive and leave the school.

We look forward to seeing you at our concert tomorrow evening.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



Did you see St Mary's in The Australian Newspaper today?

Our Year 4 students featured in the paper today – presenting in a very positive light the wonderful work happening in Year 4 especially in Science. My thanks to the Year 4 students for the way they shared so positively their learning this year with the journalist and to Mrs Kemp who was also interviewed. This is the photo that appeared today in the paper!



DIARY DATES

TERM 4 2016

Thursday 1st Dec	School Christmas Celebration 7:00pm
Friday 9th Dec	Swimming Program Concludes
Friday 9th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Disco
Monday 12th Dec	Awards Ceremony 9:00am
Monday 12th Dec	New Children for 2017 Orientation Day—2:00pm
Tuesday 13th Dec	Parent Helper Morning Tea 10:30am
Tuesday 13th Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm
Wednesday 14th Dec	Year 6 Award Day
Thursday 15th Dec	Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6
Friday 16th Dec	End of Year Mass 9:15am
Friday 16th Dec	School Concludes for Students
Monday 19th Dec	Staff Development Day PUPIL FREE
Tuesday 20th Dec	Staff Development Day PUPIL FREE

STAFFING NEWS

Our plans for staffing are continuing and in the past few days Mrs Claudia Queixalos has made the decision to return to full time teaching from 2017. To make this transition work she has accepted a position at Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill. This will mean she is closer to home and able to juggle the roles of full time mother and full time teacher. We wish Claudia the very best as she undertakes this exciting change in her career.

BABY NEWS

We would like to congratulate the Kim family, Olivia in 6B, on the birth of their baby daughter Alyssa.



PSSA BOYS CRICKET TEAM

Congratulations to Sam Schembri-Green (Year 6) on his selection in the MacKillop Cricket team, which will compete in Canberra in January 2017. This is the highest level of School Boy/Girl representation available to Primary school children. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Sam the very best representing at this level.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUPERS & ALTAR SERVERS

Completed forms and deposits are required **THIS WEEKEND** if you want to attend the end of year celebrations at Ten Pin City on 11th December. Please hand them to one of the youth group leaders, leave in the parish office or give to Fr Peter. The booking needs to be confirmed Monday. Any questions please contact Anne-Marie Hewkins - 0421 915 744 - ahewkins@yahoo.com

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| December 1 | Katelyn Johnson
Olivia Asfour |
| December 3 | Lorelai Tomasoni |
| December 5 | Jaime Camacho |
| December 6 | Patrick Bayeh |
| December 8 | Sienna Trovato |
| December 9 | Thesese Davidson
Nazario Lucarini |
| December 10 | Ethan Lee
Jorja Munoz
Jireh Samuel |
| December 11 | Luke Noy |
| December 12 | Dakota Prudnicki
Aimon Liu |

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

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING POOL

Due to work commitments, the Pre-Loved clothing pool will be open on **Monday mornings from 8:30–9:15am in Weeks 9 & 10, and on Friday afternoon at 2:30pm on the last day of school.** If you have any items of clothing you would like to donate, please drop them into the office.

We would also ask parents to check the Lost Property bin for any missing items your child may have. Any items left at the end of the school year will be given to the clothing pool. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 4–Week 8



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| KA | Brody Newby & Alyssa Menin |
| KE | Charlotte Newman & Hugh Porter |
| 1B | Sarah Scott, Arsh Kanwar & Christina Lim |
| 1F | Madison Cantrill, Aaron Singh & Nate Nann |
| 2T | Alexander Teschke & Lochlainn Melville |
| 2Q | Lucas Laguzza & Abigail Tipones |

CARE AWARDS
TERM 4–Week 8



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| KA | Lachlan Donnellan, Finn Noone & Olivia Quinn |
| KE | John Choi & Paige Hewkins |
| 1B | Eddie Appleby, Robbie Flint & Lucinda Boulous |
| 1F | Misha Kim, William Sultana & Phillip Sclavos |
| 2T | Katerina Hart & Samuel Nassima |
| 2Q | Luke Porter & Isla Ballout |

A NOTE FROM OUR TECH DEPT...

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Our school has really taken to Twitter. Keep up with what's going on in your child's classroom and join in the conversation.



FOLLOW US ON :

@StMarysRydal
StMarysRydal_K
StMarysRydal_Y1
StMarysRydal_Y2
StMarysRydal_Y3
StMarysRydal_Y4
StMarysRydal_Y5
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YEAR 6 MILE PRESENTATIONS

Some recent postings include the MILE presentations in Year 6. Students shared with their parents their independent learning projects for this term in an evening presentation.

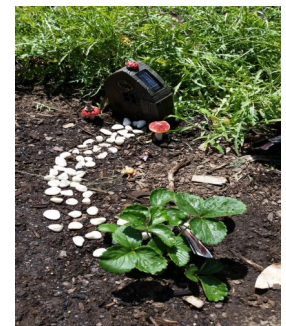


YEAR 2 JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Year 2 students took their nets and investigated what could be found in a wet environment.

DELIGHTFUL GARDENERS

Follow the Fairy Garden, the Pizza Garden and the Butterfly Garden. Students learn to plan, tend, grow and enjoy.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

St Mary's celebrates Remembrance Day with a lovely mass under the COLA.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE

Our school's Christmas concert is on this Thursday 1st December at 7:00pm. We hope that the night will be an informal, fun celebration that everyone will enjoy.

We will be praying, miming and singing the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary. We aim to finish around 8:00pm. The evening will be held on the Marist site under the COLA. Parents will be seated in the area where the children line up each morning. We ask that you bring rugs to sit on. There will be a small amount of room for picnic chairs, however this will be at the back of the rug area. In the event of wet weather, we will have the concert in our hall.

It is expected that all children attend and perform in the concert. Gates will open at 6:30pm and children need to assemble in the allocated rooms at 6:45pm. Please check below the allocated assembly and dismissal areas for each grade.

GRADE	ASSEMBLY POINT	DISMISSAL POINT
KINDER	KINDY ROOM	KINDY ROOM
YEAR 1	YEAR 1 ROOM	LIBRARY
YEAR 2	YEAR 2 ROOM	COLA AREA
YEAR 3	MUSIC ROOM	IN FRONT OF CLOTHING POOL
YEAR 4	LIBRARY	OUTSIDE OF LIBRARY- PINE ST
YEAR 5	KINDY ROOM	COLA AREA
YEAR 6	LIBRARY	COLA AREA

Here's a quick reminder of what the each Year Group should wear for the concert:

GRADE	COSTUME IDEAS
KINDER	Plain coloured t-shirts (black, yellow, brown or orange) shorts.
YEAR 1	Bethlehem people: Jeans/shorts and a plain t-shirt.
YEAR 2	Shepherds: Long robe type clothing with a waist tie. Tea towel with rope for headgear.
YEAR 3	Angels: White t-shirt and red or green or denim shorts. Halos made with tinsel.
YEAR 4	People from the Old Testament: Plain red, green or yellow t-shirts or a Christmas shirt. Shorts or jeans.
YEAR 5	Kings: Black jeans, pants, skirts or shorts. Yellow t-shirt.
YEAR 6	Innkeepers: Jeans or shorts. Plain white, brown or black shirt.