



Term 4 Week 10

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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2019

Tuesday 29th January	SDD—MAI Testing
Wednesday 30th January	SDD—MAI Testing
Thursday 31st January	Year s 1-6 Commence
Friday 1st February	Kindergarten Commence
Friday 1st February	Tea & Tissues 9:00am
Friday 8th February	Kinder in the Park from 3:30pm
Tuesday 19th February	P&F Meeting
Friday 1st March	Welcome Party 7:00pm Parents Only Evening
Friday 8th March	Open Morning for 2020 Enrolments 9:15—10:45am

Congratulations to all our graduating students in Year 6. We wish you all the very best of luck in high school!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Well – what an amazing year we have had and a busy few last weeks as well. In the past fortnight we have celebrated together Christmas in song, words and actions, we ran a hugely successful Swimming Carnival, our Year 6 students enjoyed an End of Year Disco celebration and this week we held a beautiful Graduation Mass as well as our End of Year Mass. Thank you to everyone who was about to attend one of these events.

Thank you to the many parents who have provided such lovely positive feedback on what they see have been the successes of the year for their child/ren. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback and encouraged by those families who have indicated where we could improve – most of this feedback has come via talking with parents, emails and letters over the past few weeks and we thank you most sincerely for the feedback.

As this is the last Newsletter of the year I would like to express my personal thanks for the hard work and dedication of the staff of our school. I am particularly indebted to the Leadership Team who have supported the learning and spiritual life of our school – my thanks to Mrs Gosper, Miss Boidin, Mrs Rheinberger, Mrs Akinson and Mrs Jordan. The teaching staff work tirelessly for the children of this school and I continued to be amazed at their talents – a very big thank you to each teacher. Our school is also blessed with an outstanding support team of Office Staff, Teachers' Aids, Maintenance and Cleaning Staff – my thanks to each of them. Being part of the Rydalmere Parish, we are also blessed to have Fr Peter who is always happy to work with us and make our faith community stronger.

Staffing for next year has also been finalised and we welcome Miss Rachael Menday to our staff from 2019. Rachael is currently working at John XXIII and brings a wealth of experience to our team. This week we will also farewell 4 members of staff and we wish them well for their future endeavours – Miss Tomasic, Mr Horne, Mrs Kemp and Mr Kroon. We wish Miss Boidin every success in Term 1 while she is on secondment.

Finally thank you to each of our families for your support and encouragement – I wish you and every member of your family a very happy and holy Christmas. May 2019 bring you much joy and many successes. For those families moving out of the area or changing schools, we wish you every success. I look forward to seeing all our other families in the New Year – refreshed and ready for learning.

Please find enclosed acknowledgement of student awards, a list of staffing for 2019 and information about starting the new school year.

Peace and Best Wishes.
Richard Blissenden
Principal



STUDENT LEADERS 2019

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team for 2019:

School Captains Gordon Boulous
 Hariclia Kolosakas

Mackinnon Leader London Ardeleanu
Tarrant Leader Marcus Scrivener
McCaffery Leader Luke Heiler
MacKillop Leader Zoe Anderson

Mission Leader Brianna Ward
Liturgy Leader Sierra Lake
Media Leader Stefanie Gabriel
Technology Leader Eric Mastronardo

SUPER SEVEN SUMMER

UK Headmaster Shaun Fenton shared his top tips to help children make it through the long summer holidays without being glued to electronic gadgets. The screens can act like the dementors in Harry Potter, sucking out children's minds and souls! he said. Shaun's Super Seven Summer is a list of activities which children should complete before picking up their smartphone, games console or disappearing to in front of the TV.

SUPER SEVEN HOLIDAY COMMANDMENTS

1. Get up, washed and dressed without being reminded.
2. Make, eat and clear away breakfast.
3. Take the dog for a walk (your own or a Neighbour's).
4. Get some exercise – a swim, bike ride or jog.
5. Play a board game.
6. Do a household chore such as stacking the dishwasher.
7. Read a book.

In an ideal world, every child would do everything on the list every day before venturing anywhere near a screen. Research shows the average teenager will spend at least seven hours a day on screens if allowed and will be distinctly less happy than others who mostly engage in face-to-face social interactions. Acknowledgement: Shaun Fenton, the headmaster of Reigate Grammar School, chairman-elect of the Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference – and the son of Seventies glam rocker Alvin Stardust.

4 QUESTIONS IN 4 WEEKS

The last two questions have been – “What Problem Did you Solve?” and this week the question is “What did you present today?”

CARE CARD TALLY

Congratulations to 2H, 5LV and 6B for winning the 2018 CARE Card tally. Well done!

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

December 19	Maddison Fairall Daniel Appleby Rena Adams
December 20	Tabitha Machimbidza
December 23	Giovanna Younis
December 24	Min Ho Kang
December 25	Misha Kim
December 26	Natasha Smith
December 28	Michael Kolosakas
December 29	Lester Wu
December 30	Sienna Percovich
December 31	Blake White Gus Gilroy Alexander Teschke

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



We would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe break. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2019!!

STAFFING FOR 2019...

Kindergarten	Stephanie Eid Amanda Stevenson
Year 1	Jana Clarkson Erica Rheinberger Chris Morgan (Tuesday)
Year 2	Emma Atkinson Laura McFarlane Kristy Goetz (Tuesday)
Year 3	Amanda Gierek Rachael Menday Ida Orlandi (Term 1—even Tues, every Wed)
Year 4	Maree Jordan Maree Elias Chris Morgan (Wed/Thurs)
Year 5	Michael Wheadon Troy Loudon (Mon, odd Tues, Fri) Adele Violaris (even Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Year 6	Deb Egan Belinda Kirkness (Term 1) Rebecca Boidin (Terms 2-4)
RFF Team	Michelle Dennis (Music), Jenna Boulous (Sport) Belinda Kirkness (Terms 2-4 Dance (CA)/Sport)
Diversity Team	Trish Waterhouse Rosemarie Gosper Mary Tarfon Dianne Woods, Dianne Sabat Helen Lupis Jeanette Mansour
Library Team	Lia Radocchia Angela Karam
Office Team	Susan Albertini Stacey Crismale Angela Karam Kris Muir
Maintenance Team	Ben Gately
Leadership Team	Richard Blissenden—Principal Rosemarie Gosper—Assistant Principal Amanda Gierek—Acting REC Term 1 Rebecca Boidin—REC Terms 2-4 Emma Atkinson—Leader in Learning—Numeracy Erica Rheinberger—Leader in Learning—Literacy Maree Jordan—Learning Technologies Support Teacher & WHS

2018 AWARD RECIPIANTS...

CLASS	ACADEMIC AWARD	CONSISTENT EFFORT AWARD	CARE AWARD
KA	Matilda Casey Anahita Wu	Anson Yang Zion Kim	Paris Sclavos Tahlia terWisscha
KT	Veer Dogra Matilda Salter	Archer Weeden Alexander Johnson	Natasha Moore Nivaan Singh
1R	Tabitha Machimbidza Imogen Samuel	Lucas Nassima Akito Doggett	Chloe Chang Renae Adams
1W	Joseph Sun Molly Lewis	Nicholas Kim Xianjin Bugarin	Amelia Marsh Giorgia Trovato
2H	Thomas Lowery Scarlett Silvera	Olivia Ribera Michael Kim	John Choi Torie Shi
2M	Lester Wu Daashan Wu	Isabella Ribera Riley Watson	Olivia-Rose Boumalhab Sienna Carr
3G	Johan Xie Nathaniel Nann	Cecilia Homann Roseline Hwang	Doreen Dube Nate McKinnon
3S	Eleanor Park Jake Ban	Rachel Gilroy Eddie Appleby	Ashley Adams Sebastian Jalil
4J	Sanderson Keyser Elizabeth Samuel	Lochlainn Melville Paradis Nikparvar	Samuel Nassima Sienna Trovato
4K	Alexander Teschke Keira Dixon	Lucas Piper Maiya Hughes	Gabriel Mansour Stella Northwood
5E	Kimiko Cooper Nadia La Macchia	Gordon Boulous Michela de la Roche	Leah Kolosakas Liam Storey
5LV	Brianna Ward Eric Mastronardo	Stefanie Gabriel Casey Kaseke	Luca McGilly Maddison Fairall
6B	Cristiano Sobral Beau Myhill	Arabela Martinez Chloe Williams	Sanjana Norris Zechariah Acosta
6K	Mia Northwood Larissa Laguzza	Emma Biviano Andrea Leon	Christopher Mansour Jacob Zaouk

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR AWARDS...

Academic Achievement	Cristiano Sobral
Jo Skinner CARE Award	Sanjana Norris
Barbara Curran Award for Excellence in Literature	Annalies Marsh
Reg Kline Lions Club LEADERSHIP Award	Chloe Williams
St Mary's Award for Writing	Catherine Lim and Mia Northwood
St Mary's Award for Oral Expression	Emma Biviano and Cristiano Sobral
St Mary's Award for Drama	Sarah Iacono and Beau Myhill
St Mary's Award for Maths	Sarah Nam and Raymond Zhang
St Mary's Award for Citizenship	Larissa Laguzza
St Mary's Award for Application	Arabela Martinez
St Mary's Award for Sport	Lukas Luburic