



Term 4 Week 10  
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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4 2019

**Tuesday**      **Staff Development Day**  
**28th January**      **MAI Testing**

**Wednesday**      **Staff Development Day**  
**29th January**      **MAI Testing**

**Thursday**      **Years 1-6 Commence**  
**30th January**      **Term 1 2020**

**Friday**      **Kinder Commence**  
**31st January**      **Term 1 2020**

**Friday**      **Swimming Carnival**  
**31st January**      **Years 2-6**  
**Twilight—5:00—7:00pm**

**Friday**      **Kinder in the Park**  
**7th February**      **3:30pm**

**Tuesday**      **School Photos**  
**3rd March**

**Friday**      **P&F Welcome BBQ**  
**6th March**



*Congratulations to all our  
graduating students in  
Year 6.*

*We wish you all the very  
best of luck in high school!*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 action, our Year 6 students enjoyed an End of Year Disco and Rewards Day celebrations and this week we held our Awards Assembly, a beautiful Graduation Mass as well as our End of Year Mass. Thank you to everyone who was able 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. 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, Mrs Gieriek, Mrs Rheinberger, Mrs Atkinson 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 Catherine Doyle and Mrs Fiona Mead to our staff from 2019. Catherine is currently working at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Mona Vale while Fiona is working at a Primary School in New Zealand and each brings a wealth of experience to our team. This week we will also farewell two members of staff and we wish them well for their future endeavours – Miss Boidin and Miss Eid. Miss Boulos, last week, accepted a position at St Charbels in a PDHPE 7-12 role and we wish her well for the 12 month position.

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 2020 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 2020 and information about starting the new school year.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
**Principal**



**SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2020**

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team for 2020:

|                    |                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| School Captains    | Alexander Teschke<br>Ruby Northwood |
| Mackinnon Leader   | Sanderson Keyser                    |
| Tarrant Leader     | Gabrielle Mansour                   |
| McCaffery Leader   | Joseph Nam                          |
| MacKillop Leader   | Monique Gallagher                   |
| Liturgy / Mission  | Keira Dixon                         |
| Media / Technology | Kaisei Doggett                      |

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Roberts family, Nancy in Year 4, on the birth of their baby daughter Kristina.



**GUITAR FOR SALE**

One of our parents has a preowned Bass Guitar with amp for sale. If you are interested please call Trish on 0410498095.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Some found items are being held in the office – there are two pairs of glasses and a Zebra Purse containing “ooshies” – please claim them from the front office.

**TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO**

Over the past few weeks the staff have completed training in Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Emergency First Aide and CPR. Mrs Gosper and Mrs Waterhouse attended a Mathematics data analysis day. Last week we also hosted Mr Michael McDowell, a Canadian Educator with experience in Inquiry. He worked with Mrs Violaris, Mrs Gierek, Miss Kirkness and Mr Blissenden to refine our work in the area of Inquiry.

**TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Friday 31st January 2020  
Years 2-6  
5:00–7:00pm  
Merrylands Pool

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



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|-------------|--|
| December 19 | Renae A<br>Aaron A<br>Maddison F<br>Daniel A |
| December 20 | Tabitha M                                    |
| December 24 | Sienna G<br>Louis I<br>Min Ho K              |
| December 25 | Isabella M<br>Misha K                        |
| December 26 | Natasha S                                    |
| December 28 | Michael K                                    |
| December 29 | Lester W                                     |
| December 31 | Alexander T<br>Gus G<br>Blake W              |

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

**SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Kimi (Yr 6) on her award at the recent Parramatta Catholic Primary Schools Sports Awards Evening. Kimi was recognised for her outstanding efforts and results in representing her school, the Diocese and her state (NSW). Mr Blissenden and Mrs Gosper were lucky enough to be present on the night.



*We would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing and safe break. We look forward to seeing you all back again in 2020!*

# STAFFING FOR 2020...

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| KINDERGARTEN     | Samantha Brimfield<br>Katarina Tomasic / Kristy Goetz   |
| YEAR 1           | Emma Atkinson<br>Catherine Doyle<br>Christine Morgan (every Tues)   |
| YEAR 2           | Rachael Menday<br>Fiona Mead  |
| YEAR 3           | Amanda Gierak<br>Maree Jordan<br>Maree Elias (even Wed)   |
| YEAR 4           | Amanda Day<br>Erica Rheinberger<br>Maree Elias (every Tues)   |
| YEAR 5           | Deb Egan<br>Vincent Knight<br>Christine Morgan (every Wed and even Thurs)   |
| YEAR 6           | Belinda Kirkness<br>Troy Loudon / Adele Violaris  |
| RFF TEAM         | Michelle Dennis—Music   |
| DIVERSITY TEAM   | Trish Waterhouse<br>Rosemarie Gosper<br>Dianne Woods<br>Helen Lupis<br>Dianne Sabat<br>Jeanette Mansour   |
| LIBRARY TEAM     | Lia Radocchia<br>Angela Karam   |
| OFFICE TEAM      | Susan Albertini<br>Stacey Crismale<br>Angela Karam<br>Kristine Muir   |
| MAINTENANCE TEAM | Barry Lincoln   |
| LEADERSHIP TEAM  | Richard Blissenden—Principal<br>Rosemarie Gosper—Assistant Principal<br>Vincent Knight—Religious Education Coordinator<br>Emma Atkinson—Leader in Learning—Mathematics<br>Erica Rheinberger—Leader in Learning—Literacy<br>Maree Jordan—Learning Technologies Support Teacher & WHS |

# 2019 END OF YEAR AWARDS

| CLASS                                    | ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD | CONSISTENT EFFORT AWARD | CARE AWARD              |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| KE                                       | Alice B<br>Shane B         | Sienna D<br>Olivia W    | George C<br>Jessica B   |
| KS                                       | Cooper S<br>Julie L        | Alyssa M<br>Dominic H   | Marcus R<br>Hope E      |
| 1C                                       | Anahita W<br>Matilda C     | Oliver T<br>Eva C       | Amy L<br>Aurelia R      |
| 1R                                       | Archer W<br>Isabella W     | Harry G<br>Nivaan S     | Alexia J<br>Tahlia P    |
| 2A                                       | Joseph S<br>Josephine L    | Molly L<br>Jacob H      | Giorgia T<br>Samuel J   |
| 2M                                       | Imogen S<br>Akito D        | Grace B<br>Lucas N      | Amelia M<br>Audrey T    |
| 3G                                       | Antony W<br>Michael K      | Finn N<br>Olivia R      | John C<br>Olivia-Rose B |
| 3M                                       | Thomas L<br>Daashan W      | Scarlett S<br>Hannah P  | Mia L-B<br>Hugh P       |
| 4E                                       | Charlotte L<br>Rachel G    | Robbie F<br>Cecilia H   | Carey K<br>Doreen D     |
| 4J                                       | Johan X<br>Lucinda B       | Ryder A<br>Genevieve B  | Chloe M<br>Jacob N      |
| 5L                                       | Sanderson K<br>Keira D     | Alexander T<br>Kaisei D | Stella N<br>Sienna T    |
| 5V                                       | Elizabeth S<br>Tadhg O     | Ruby N<br>Leiden-Aree T | Joseph N<br>Chad C      |
| 6E                                       | Kimiko C<br>Brianna W      | Luke H<br>Leah K        | Maddison F<br>Liam S    |
| 6K                                       | Nadia L<br>Sierra L        | Casey K<br>Joseph N     | Ana O<br>Dylan N        |
| Helen Turner Award for Community Service |                            | Minnie E and Audrey L   |                         |

| YEAR 6 END OF YEAR AWARDS                         |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Academic Achievement                              | Nadia L                |
| Jo Skinner Care Award                             | Ana O                  |
| Barbara Curran Award for Excellence in Literature | Eric M                 |
| Reg Kline Lions Club Leadership Award             | Sierra L               |
| St Mary's Award for Writing                       | Brianna W and Kimiko C |
| St Mary's Award for Oral Expression               | Sierra L and Luke H    |
| St Mary's Award for Drama                         | London A and Zoe A     |
| St Mary's Award for Maths                         | Joseph L and Cooper S  |
| St Mary's Award for Citizenship                   | Mathew C               |
| St Mary's Award for Application                   | Liam S                 |
| St Mary's Award for Sport                         | Kimiko C and Gordon B  |
| Sharon Collette Band Member of the Year           | Brianna Ward           |