



Term4 Week 4

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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4 2019

Thursday 7th Nov	Coding Workshop 3:15pm For Students
Friday 8th Nov	Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm
Monday 11th Nov	Kinder 2020 Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm
Monday 11th Nov	Remembrance Day Liturgy 11:20am
Monday 11th Nov	OSHC Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday 12th Nov	Kinder 2020 Orientation 9:00–11:00am 12:30–2:30pm
Tuesday 12th Nov	P&F Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 14th Nov	Coding Workshop 3:15pm For Students
Thursday 14th Nov	Year 5 Personal Development Evening 7:00pm
Friday 15th Nov	Parents' Night Out 6:00pm Dundas Sports Club
Monday 18th Nov	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY "Pupil Free Day"

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

How do you measure up with the following: *"Peak performers have more than goals, they have a vision of what their life will mean to themselves and others. Peak performers do not live in the future. Peak performers make sure each step taken in the present keeps them on the road towards their life goal."* –Extract, "Peak Performers". Author Unknown.

One person who measured up to the criteria was a young Jesuit Priest named Miguel Pro. It took courage for this young Jesuit to stay in Mexico in 1927 and set up an underground church during the Mexican Government's persecution of Catholic people. Churches had been closed, public worship banned, many had been arrested and many had fled the country. Padre Pro stayed on, assumed a number of disguises and travelled throughout Mexico City, for more than a year, baptising, hearing confessions, administering the Last Rites to the dying, till on November 17, 1927, he was arrested and executed four days later.

Padre Pro was certainly a peak performer and showed great courage when he made his decision to stay in Mexico City. On September 25 1988, Padre Pro was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

The lives of the Saints down the ages question human priorities, particularly those that see death as defeat and staying alive as an end in itself. The saints redefine life and death by placing both within the purposes of God and His creation. We remember Saints because they point us to Jesus and inspire us to seek his spirit in our own lives and circumstances.

Probably, most of us think that saints are people who are especially good. Of course, they are; yet it is not because they love being good that has made them saints. Saints are those who have proved the power of the life of Christ within their own lives. They have achieved freedom from fear of loss or failure or death, because they live in the strength and hope of the life which Christ gives, the life of His Resurrection.

The life of Christ within us is God's gift to us. In a sense, we are all saints called by Christ to redirect our self-oriented lives. We are asked, no matter what our status or occupation might be, to be Christ to the people in our particular world.

This Friday evening 64 young members of our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and we remember them in our thoughts and prayers as they are called to be Saints in our world

*"God, my Father,*

*As we go about our day, may Your Spirit go with us. May our work be a vehicle for Your love. Be with us, show us how to love and forgive, show us the art of service. Draw to the surface of our lives the saint within each of us. Amen."*

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
PRINCIPAL



**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

A note was sent home this week with information about the upcoming Swimming Program, which will run from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December. We ask that you please sign and return the permission slip at your earliest possible convenience. We require a signed permission slip from **EVERY** student.

This Swimming Program is **compulsory** for every student.



**FROM THE P&F**

Our Term 4 meeting will be held next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, from 7pm in the Library. We hope to see you there.

**MUSIC—COUNT US IN**

Each year St Mary's Rydalmere is involved in Music - Count Us In celebrations along with hundreds of thousands of students in schools all across Australia.

This year the Senior and Junior Choirs will lead the school in singing this year's program song, "We Are".

This brief performance will take place on Friday 8th November at the morning assembly so parents are able to join us before the start of the school day.

We hope you can join us.

Mrs Dennis  
Music Teacher

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Regulation 234 of the Australian Road Rules 2014 makes it an offence to cross a road within 20 metres of a crossing or traffic lights. The offence comes with a fine of \$75, or up to \$2,200 if contested in court.
- Regulation 231 of the NSW Road Rules 2014 says you can only start crossing at pedestrian lights (eg the red or green man) if the light is green.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



November 8	Amarah K
November 11	Grace K
November 12	Samuel N
November 13	Chimamanda I
November 15	Laura O
November 16	Tara Q
	Hayden G
	Jacob H
November 17	Daniel R
November 19	Sophie C

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

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**TERM 4—Week 3**



KE	Daniel L & Panos C
KS	Louis I & Olivia N
1C	Tahlia T & Mitchell B
1R	Tahlia P, Matilda S & William Z
2A	Joseph S & Minnie E
2M	Samuel C & Akito D
3G	Samantha G & Benjamin L
3M	Lachlan P & Joshua A
4E	Jessica A & Carey K
4J	Johan X & Ava C
5L	Samuel N & Kaisei D
5V	Leiden-Aree T & Elizabeth S
6E	Stefanie G & Brianna W
6KB	Sierra L & Joshua C

**CARE AWARDS**  
**TERM 4—Week 3**



KE	Sienna D & Hayon K
KS	Hope E & Theo M
1C	Elliot I & Zion K
1R	Christopher O, Nivaan S & Archer W
2A	Kristen D & Molly L
2M	Audrey T & Brandon E
3G	Alyssa M & Gus G
3M	Paige H & Hugh P
4E	Mya C & Cecilia H
4J	Madison C & Ava L
5L	Sienna T & Isla B
5V	Cooper K & Isabelle C
6E	Matthew O & Iago S
6KB	Joshua T & Isabelle P

## FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

### **HOLIDAY CHALLENGE LUCKY PRIZE DRAWER WINNERS**

Thank you to everyone who sent a postcard to the school as part of my Holiday Challenge. Over 120 postcards were received and they are now available to read in the Library. All entries went into a draw for a \$20 gift voucher per grade. The following students were presented with a gift voucher after the prize draw. Congratulations to Amandi (K), Zia (Yr 1), Thomas (Yr 2), Giulia (Yr 3), Luca (Yr 4), Amber (Yr 5) and Emma (Yr 6).

### **OMISSION**

Kelly and Daniel Lambert were also helpers on the BBQ on the morning that Sunrise broadcast from the school – apologies for their omission on the thank you list!

### **CLASSES FOR 2020**

Teachers will shortly commence the arrangement of classes for next year. If you feel there are some important pieces of information we need to know about classes for next year, you are invited to write to Mr Blissenden so that this can be considered in placements.

### **KISS AND GO**

This week we renamed the zone for drop offs and pick-ups to 'Kiss and Go' (it was previously Pick up and Kiss). This new name rolls off the tongue easily and aligns this name with other schools in the Diocese. Apart from a name change all the other rules and requests remain the same. A copy of our procedures handout has been sent home with this newsletter.

### **BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – INFORMATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS/ CONTRACTORS**

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

**Volunteers**—please complete the '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)', then complete the '[Child Protection Training Module](#)'.

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

**Contractors** – please complete the '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)', then complete the '[Child Protection Training Module](#)'.

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change



We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

## LIMERICKS FROM YEAR 2...

Year 2 wrote limericks in English during Week 1 of the term. Here are some of our favourites:

There once was a girl named Kate  
Who was always running late.  
Her bunches of foxes  
Were stuffed in boxes  
And her brother refused to wait.

By Lara K

There was once a girl named Kitty  
The boys thought she was so pretty.  
She felt like a dove  
The boy fell in love  
Until she was in a pity.

By Grace H



There was once a girl with a curl  
Who thought she wanted a pearl.  
Then the girl visited the Pope  
Who gave her some hope  
So off her dress whirled and twirled.

By Imogen S

There once were three girls named Mia, Molly and Mina  
Who thought to grow some carrots with Pina  
The four girls planted carrots  
They were all stolen by rabbits  
And the four chased the rabbits for dinner.

By Giorgia T

There once was a cheeky boy named James  
Who thought to do the same.  
So he dressed up as small rabbits,  
Stole some juicy carrots  
And ate until he was blamed.

By Joseph S

There once was a goat named Note  
Who thought he had a boat and a coat.  
He also bought a mat  
And a drink for his cat  
And a bag of oats.

By Isabella M

## 6 QUESTIONS IN 60 SECONDS...

Did you know the following about Miss Brimfield?

What is your favourite thing about working at St Mary's? *The students.*

What is your favourite book, song or movie? *I really love the book 'Diary of a Wombat' – everyone should read this book.*

Do you have any pets? *I have two cats.*

What hobbies do you have? *I enjoy playing sports. I play soccer and netball. My favourite position in netball is Wing Defence (I am not tall enough for the goal circle!)*

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? *I would love to visit Antarctica – it looks amazing but cold!*

What are three words that best describe you? *Funny, 'Smily' and Loves Teaching*