



Term3 Week 8
Wednesday 11th September 2019
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DIARY DATES

TERM 3 2019

Thursday 12th Sept	School Feast Day Mass 9:15am
Thursday 12th Sept	Coding Workshop 3:15pm (students)
Friday 13th Sept	Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day
Monday 16th Sept	MacKillop Athletics Carnival—Homebush
Tuesday 17th Sept	ICAS English Competition
Thursday 19th Sept	ICAS Maths Competition
Friday 27th Sept	Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
Friday 27th Sept	Term 3 Concludes

TERM 4 2019

Monday 14th October	Term 4 Commences
Wednesday 16th October	League Tag Gala Day
Monday 21st October	Kinder 2020 Parent Information Evening 7:00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week on Thursday, 12th September we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, which originated in Spain and is the name of our Parish. It is also our school's feast day. This year we mark the 130 year anniversary of our great school. We will commence our celebrations on Thursday with Mass at 9:15am. All parents and friends are welcome to join us. A picnic morning tea will follow on the Marist playground.

We are very fortunate to have our mother, Mary's protection. As we celebrate this feast day, you may like to pray this special prayer:

"Loving God, you are the home for our hearts' deepest longings. We find our way as families and as individuals only in you, through our brother Jesus, encouraged by the breath of your Spirit. We thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our school and parish family. May we continue to share our gifts of life and love with glad and generous hearts. May our world be somehow more alive because we have passed this way. May Mary our school and parish patron continue to inspire us as we give new birth to your Word. Grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, with confidence in her protection, may receive strength and comfort in all our needs. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen."

Our school motto for many years has been CARE - Care Always Respect Everyone. Respect towards each other is an important and admirable characteristic. The following reflection gives 10 simple points to always remember. Why not take the time to share this with your child:

- Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
- Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of their own name.
- Be friendly and helpful. Be a friend to all.
- Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
- Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
- Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.
- Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are always three sides to controversy – yours, the other person's and the right one.
- Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Rosemarie Gosper
ACTING PRINCIPAL



CONFIRMATION

Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation are at the entrance of the church. Confirmation is Friday 8th November. Confirmation is for children Year 5 and up who have made their First Communion. Enrolment weekend is the **21st and 22nd September.**

SCHOOL FEES

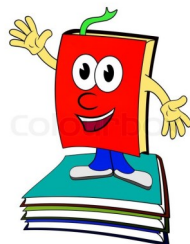
School Fees should now be fully paid for all those families not on payment plans. Please settle your account as soon as possible. School fee queries should be directed to Susan Albertini on the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the 108 students who completed the NSW Reading Challenge this year! You will receive your certificates at the end of the year.

If there are any parents who can help with covering, please come and grab a bag of library books. Any help is always greatly appreciated.

Lia Radocchia – Teacher Librarian



IMPORTANT LINDA'S LUNCHES INFORMATION

There will be **NO** Linda's Lunches in **Week 10 of Term 3, Week 1 of Term 4 or Monday of Week 2 Term 4.** Normal operation will recommence Thursday 24th October. Sorry for any inconvenience.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



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| September 11 | Matilda S |
| September 12 | Kristen D |
| September 13 | Arnav V |
| September 18 | Alyssa Di S |
| September 19 | Akito D |
| | Noah C |
| September 20 | Michael S |
| September 21 | Selina LaM |
| September 22 | Molly L |
| | Rosalea B |
| | Casey K |
| | Caitlyn E |
| September 23 | Keira D |
| September 24 | Elena S |
| | Chad C |

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS TERM 3–Week 8



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| KE | Qiuchi Z & Sienna G |
| KS | Sophie C & Olivia N |
| 1C | Ned D & Elliot I |
| 1R | Kira M & Jason D |
| 2A | Jack L & Jacob H |
| 2M | Grace H & Lara K |
| 3G | Olivia A & Joshua W |
| 3M | Aimon L & Hugh P |
| 4E | Ashley A & Robert F |
| 4J | Jake B & Ela T |
| 5L | Johnathan K & Lochlainn M |
| 5V | Elise S & Anthony S |
| 6E | Luke H & London A |
| 6KB | Sierra L & Nadia L |

CARE AWARDS TERM 3–Week 8



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| KE | Anvar V & Alice B |
| KS | Tyler N & Siyun K |
| 1C | Sarayah A & Anahita W |
| 1R | Anson Y & Charlie F |
| 2A | Josephine L |
| 2M | Alysha M & Justin H |
| 3G | Jacinta B & Riley W |
| 3M | Chimamanda I & Lachlan P |
| 4E | Nancy R & Flynn S |
| 4J | Lucinda B & Chloe M |
| 5L | John-Paul A & Amber A |
| 5V | Chad C & Joseph N |
| 6E | Keira G & Tara Q |
| 6KB | Eric M & Emma A |

FROM MRS GOSPER...

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

A reminder that the school policy for handling complaints and grievances aligns with the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta policy. If parents are concerned about a matter, they are advised to contact the school and make an appointment with the most appropriate staff member.

For classroom issues, please speak to the classroom teacher or the Stage Leader of Learning:

Early Stage One Leader of Learning – Emma Atkinson

Stage One Leader of Learning – Rosemarie Gosper

Stage Two Leader of Learning – Amanda Gierek

Stage Three Leader of Learning - Erica Rheinberger

For more serious matters, please make a time to speak with Mr Blissenden or Mrs Gosper. For any Child Protection related matter, Mr Blissenden or Mrs Gosper in his absence, need to be informed.

MORNING ASSEMBLY

A reminder that we encourage and welcome parents to join us for the Morning Assembly. We do ask that you sit or stand under the COLA near the office as this is less distracting for the children (especially the younger students). As students arrive at school in the mornings they place their bags on the lines and then move to the Ford Playground. Parents are welcome to stay for the Assembly but we ask that adults do not move to the Ford Playground as this makes supervision difficult. Thank you for your understanding.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL (where do I find my child if I am coming in to the school to collect him/her?)

Students being collected by an adult sit and wait to be collected under the COLA near the office. Siblings sit together in the centre of the COLA, while those children without siblings in K-2 sit on the map of Australia and Years 3-6 sit closest to the Mary statue. Students using Pick Up and Kiss sit on the seats and ground near the Kinder windows. OSHC students wait to be collected by the carers on the Ford Playground. Students walking to Park or Victoria Roads and students catching the bus wait on the silver seats near Myrtle Street. We ask that for safety reasons non-school age children do not sit with the students. At 3:10pm students will be able to leave the grounds.

RELIGION PARENT LEARNING WALK—Tuesday 10th September 2019

This morning we held our Religion Parent Learning Walk, the purpose of which was to view Religious Education in action. We had over 10 parents attend our session, which began and concluded in the library. We visited Year 1 and Year 4 where we saw students exploring scripture in age appropriate ways. Parents were impressed and amazed with the quality of the students' interactions with the scripture and the high levels of student questioning. One parent said she was inspired to go home and read some Bible stories! There was unanimous agreement that next term we'll hold a Numeracy Parent Learning Walk...watch this space!

Mrs Rheinberger, Miss Stevenson, Mrs Gierek



SHARING OUR LEARNING—KINDER...

On Monday Kindergarten had their first “Sharing our Learning Assembly”. They had the opportunity to share what they had learnt with other students from Years 1-6 and also to their parents and other family members. They were very proud and excited to explain what they had been learning about in all the Key Learning Areas this year. Well done, Kindergarten!

