Welcome back to the 2014 school year.

New Staff
We warmly welcome new staff members Christine Dunk, who is the Acting Religious Coordinator and Year 4 teacher, Caroline Mulvenna Year 2 teacher and Stephanie Munro PE Teacher.

New Students
We warmly welcome the following new students and their families to the Maria Regina community, Sebastian Boross (Yr 1), Honey Wiepjes (Yr 2), Hamish Blake (Yr 4) Jack Thompson (Yr 5), Yannick Marot (Yr 5) and all the Kindergarten students who commence next Monday.

MAI Assessments
This week all children have been involved in individual assessments. The teachers have been administering a diagnostic assessment called the MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interview) which involves teachers conducting a one-on-one Mathematics interview to ensure instruction is targeted to meet student learning needs. Teachers administered the MAI on Wednesday and will use the information to ensure point of need learning.

This week Kindergarten children have been having individual MAI and Best Start assessments. The kindergarten children will commence school next Monday.

Important Dates

Wednesday 5th February 1pm
Reconciliation and First Eucharist Information Session Sacred Heart Mona Vale Church.

Thursday 6th February 7:00pm
Reconciliation and First Eucharist Information Session Maria Regina Church Avalon.

Friday 7th February – Beginning of Year Mass 9:15 Maria Regina Church

Please try and join us for this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the 2014 school year. Our Year 6 school leaders will be commissioned and receive their badges during the Mass. It will also be the first school Mass for our Kindergarten children.
Monday 10th February Parent Information Evening, P and F Welcome Drinks

On Monday evening 10th February the teachers will be presenting a parent information session in the classrooms. Yrs 3-6 will have 2 sessions one at 6:00pm with a repeat session at 6:30pm. Kindergarten, Yr 1 and Yr 2 will have one session at 6:30pm. At the conclusion of the information sessions the P and F Team will be hosting welcome drinks in the school hall. In previous years the welcome drinks have been held on a different night and was specifically only for Kindergarten and any new parents. This year we are changing the model and inviting all parents at attend, so that as a community we can meet the new families and reconnect with current families. Please note that these information sessions and drinks are for the parents and the children are not required to attend.

Tuesday 18th Maria Regina Swimming Carnival

The School Swimming Carnival will be held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre Aquatic Drive French’s Forest on Tuesday 18th from 12 noon until 3:00pm. The children will come to school as usual and buses will transport them to the Aquatic Centre in time for a 12noon start. Please Note there will be no buses booked for the return journey. Information and entry forms will be sent home next week.

Christmas Hampers Thank You letter.

Please see attached letter from The Uniting Care at Burnside.

Parent Calendar
2014 Parent Calendar is attached.

Uniform Days
This list below is for your information regarding the days that the students need to wear their sports uniform, bring their library bag and art smock for their lessons.

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Kathy Gee
Principal
14 January 2014

Mrs Kathy Gee
The Principal
Maria Regina Catholic Primary School
42 Central Road
Avalon NSW 2107

Dear Mrs Gee,

I would like to sincerely thank yourself, the staff, students and parents of Maria Regina Catholic Primary School for the wonderful donation of Christmas Hampers to those families we work alongside.

We appreciate the amount of time and effort by all concerned that goes into a project such as this, and you may be assured of the gratitude and welcome these hampers bring.

The families we work alongside are the most disadvantaged in our community and the hampers you supply bring joy and a real sense of the Christmas season – especially to the children.

We wish you and the whole school community a blessed 2014.

Kind regards,

Deborah Lilley
Manager
Integrated Child and Family Services
Campbelltown Camden Wollondilly