Welcome back everyone to the 2013 school year. We would especially like to welcome all the new children and their families. The following new families are warmly welcomed to the Maria Regina School Community, Boon Family, Briggs family, Clayton family, Collis family, Keogh family, Osborn family, Prideaux family, Sanders family, Woods family, Kaiser family and Watkins family.

Staff 2013
Principal – Mrs Kathy Gee
Assistant Principal – Mrs Caitlin Remeeus / Mrs Jane Labone
Religious Education Coordinators – Mrs Kate Wright /Mrs Jane Labone
Senior Administration Officer – Mrs Denise Sprakel
Newsletter publication and Website – Mrs Janette Lamb
Kindergarten— Miss Zoe Hulme
Year 1— Mrs Rebecca Billing
Year 2—Mrs Caitlin Remeeus/ Mrs Angela Westerway
Year 3— Mrs Jane Labone
Year 4 – Mrs Alexis Conn/ Mrs Kate Wright
Years 5/6 Ocean - Mr Grant Colquhoun
Yr5/6 Earth—Mrs Lynne Pike/Mrs Cathy Penning
Visual Arts – Mrs Cathy Penning
Teacher Librarian – Mrs Fran Jones
Learning Support- Mrs Chris King
PE—Mrs Nicolette Farrell
Art – Mrs Cathy Penning
Japanese - Mrs Amanda Kibby
Learning Support Assistants – Mrs Kathy Bell, Mrs Liz Daly

Parent Information Evening
Next Tuesday evening 12th February all parents are invited to attend a Parent Information session in your child’s classroom. The first session will commence at 6:30pm and will go for 30 mins. There will be a repeat session at 7:00 pm to allow parents to attend 2 different sessions.
NB Kindergarten and Year 1 will only have 1 session which will commence at 7:00pm.

Parent and Friends Meeting
After the Parent Information sessions at 7:30pm there will be the first Parent and Friends meeting for 2013 in the school hall. Please come along and support your Parent Team.

Welcome Drinks for New Parents
Thank you to the Year 1 parents especially Jules Dixon and Michelle Kerr and their team for hosting a wonderful evening last Tuesday. The hall was transformed, creating a chic ambience and the food provided by the Year 1 parents was outstanding. A big thank you to all involved.

Condolences
We send our condolences and ask you to pray for the Browne family. Sam Browne’s mother, Olivia Shaw passed away on 30th January 2013 - beloved grandmother of Oscar (yr 5/6) and Milo (yr 3).
As the funeral is in the UK there will be a special Mass held at Maria Regina Church at 9.15am on Monday.
From the Rec

Reconciliation Sacramental Program for 2013
If your child has made their Confirmation in 2012 they are now eligible to make their First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

Enrolments will take place after our Family Mass this Saturday the 16th February 6pm or Sunday the 17th February 9am at Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on -

Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 5.00pm at Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

Suzy Caruso is the Sacramental coordinator and can be contacted on 9997 7311 ext 13 or 0411 543 366 if you have any queries.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 13th February is Ash Wednesday and signifies the beginning of Lent. The whole school will attend the 9.15 Mass at Maria Regina Church. You are very welcome to join us. During Lent we are encouraged to give generously to the Project Compassion Appeal to help alleviate the poverty faced by many people throughout the world today.

Family Masses in 2013

Our first Family Mass is on Saturday 16th February at 6pm. Year 3 will be coordinating this Mass. Our Family Masses aim to provide an opportunity for all of our school families to celebrate together within our local parish with our fellow Maria Regina parishioners. We hope you can join us!

Parish Mass

Year 5/6 E will be attending the Parish Mass next Thursday 14th February at 9.15am. You are welcome to join us!

Reconciliation

Year 4 will be participating in Reconciliation next Thursday 14th February at 10.00am.

From the Office

School Accounts

All school fee accounts were sent home this week. Please be aware that all accounts unless otherwise organised are 30 day accounts only. If you feel that you need to discuss your payment plan please contact Mrs. Sprakel in the school office.

Canteen

The canteen will be closed this Monday February 11 2013. This is due to the freezer breaking down during the school holidays. We are waiting on a new freezer from Unilever that will be delivered within the next two weeks.

Canteen Roster

Attached to this newsletter is a canteen roster. There are a lot of spare spaces that need to be filled. If we do not have volunteers offering their services to help unfortunately the canteen will not open on that particular date. If you can help please return your form to Mrs Sprakel in the office for you name to be listed on the roster. Thank you in advance.

SOS – Freezer Removal

The old box freezer has died in the canteen and Unilever are going to replace it with a new one BUT they can’t take dead one away. If someone could help us remove the old freezer and take it up to the tip, we will pay the tip fees it would be of great assistance. Please let Mrs. Sprakel in the office know if you can help.

Delivery

If anyone has a ute, truck or large van you may be able to help us. We have been offered a television that is still boxed and in a crate. The crate is only in the Avalon area so it would not be a long way to transport it. Again if you can help please let Mrs. Sprakel know in the office so it can be arranged.

Second Hand Clothing Pool

The second hand clothing pool will be open every Monday. Sarah Van Reyswood has been sorting and folding all the items. Please if you have any unwanted uniforms please send them into the office so Sarah and organise them.

Headlice Message

Headlice is on the move again. Please check your child’s scalp tonight and each night for the remainder of the week.

The lice are difficult to see because of their pale colour, but the nits (white specks near the root of the hair) are easily seen. They are often found at the nape of the neck, under fringes and behind ears. The lice should be treated immediately because they are contagious. They are transmitted from one person to another by head to head contact as children play together, borrow, combs and hair brushes, or borrow school hats. They can infest bedclothes, towels etc. The lice do not cause serious illness, but are a common cause of head itch and scratching which may lead to infection of the scalp.

If you find lice on your child, go to your local Pharmacist who has a range of Head Lice Treatment which can be purchased without a prescription. One treatment is generally sufficient to kill the lice. The dead nits can be combed out with a fine toothed metal comb, which is also available at your local pharmacy.
**BIRTHDAYS**

**December**
- Asher McLean
- Sahara Collis
- Zannah Dixon
- Oliver Irvin
- Olivia Smalley
- Max Connell
- Jayden Haselbach
- Tara Banford
- Xavier Boon
- Johanna Brent
- Laura Piacentini

**BIRTHDAYS**

**January**
- Harry Briggs
- Harrison Schaut
- Matthew Fowler
- Ethan Heyes
- Patrick Brennan
- Jackson Walls
- Matteo Fragasso
- Sebastien Dekker
- Manon Preziuso
- Caitlin Sanders
- Imogen Watkins
- Oscar Browne
- Yasmin Heyes
- Tegan Mullis
- Isabella Fisk

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**FROM THE LIBRARY**

**Borrowing:** The children began borrowing this week. Children in Kindy – Year 2 require a bag for borrowing. This can be either the blue bag, a calico or fabric bag, or even an old pillowslip. The children in Years 3-6 are not required to have a library bag for borrowing.

Thank you to all those who found books over the holidays and returned them. We still have over 30 books not returned. As a number of them were new books we will have to use part of this year’s budget to replace them before we can spend money on recently released books. So if you find any stray Library books please return them promptly.

**Helpers:** The library is looking for helpers to assist in shelving and processing books on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.45 am. If you are helping with reading in the classroom, you may like to spend the first 5 minutes in the Library while waiting for the children to be ready. We also would like to have people who are willing to cover new books at home. If you are able to assist, please fill in the form below and return as soon as possible. Having helpers in these ways will enable us to get books onto the shelves quickly for our children to borrow. Thank you for your assistance.

NAME........................................................

CHILD’S NAME.............................. CLASS...........

I will help shelve and process books on

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I will cover books at home.
Canteen volunteers for Term 1 & 2 2013

If you can help at canteen during Terms 1 and 2, on a Monday, please complete the form below and return to school so a roster can be made up.

These days are always fun days for the volunteers with plenty of cooking tips and laughs. Dad’s, grandparents and special friends are also very welcome. Unfortunately if we do not have enough helpers the canteen will not be able to open on that date.

If you would like to join this fun team of volunteers please complete the tear off slip below and return to Mrs Sprakel in the school office. Please tick when you are able to assist in the canteen and return the form to the office. Thank you.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Name: _____________________________ (Please print)

Contact Number _____________________ Signed ________________