FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Stronger Families, Stronger Communities National Families Week May 15 – 21 2014

“We are called to acknowledge how beautiful, true and good it is to start a family, to be a family today; and how indispensable the family is for the life of the world and for the future of humanity.” Pope Francis February 20, 2014.

The theme of National Families Week for 2014, the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family, is ‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’. This theme highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing. National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.


The Flynn family are featured in today’s Manly Daily in a special feature on Catholic School enrolment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michele and David Kerr on the birth of their beautiful baby son. Thomas in Yr 5 and Josh in Yr 2 are very proud of their new baby brother.

Internet and Network Services User Agreement

At Maria Regina Catholic Primary School, internet and network services are used to enhance teaching and learning through the use of digital communication and technologies for communicating, publishing, research and for learning skills. Maria Regina provides students with access to Information, Communication and Learning Technologies (ICLT) and internet and network services that may include computers, iPads, the internet, intranet, e-mail, chat, bulletin boards, weebly, google apps and google docs. Our current Acceptable Use Agreement will be replaced with a new Internet and Network Services Agreement which includes all the current technology we access at school. There will be an Acceptable Use Agreement for students K-2, an Acceptable Use Agreement for Students 3-6 and a Parent/Guardian Agreement ICLT. The Acceptable Use Agreement forms will go home today with every student. Please sign the relevant sections (K-2, 3-6, Parent Guardian) and return to the class teacher. The Acceptable Use Agreement will also be available on the school website in OUR SCHOOL / Forms and Permission notes.

Staff Development Day Friday June 6th

All staff will be attending a Staff Spirituality Development Day on Friday 6th June. Please note that this is a pupil free day and there will be no staff onsite. Children will return to school on Tuesday 10th June in winter uniforms.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Positive Behaviour for Learning.
Every week at our PBL assembly the children are reminded about the expectation for the week. On Monday Kindergarten reminded us about safe and caring hands. They shared an acrostic poem with us.

S is for safety first
A is for always be gentle
F is for feet as well as hands
E is for everyone should follow this rule

A is for act with kindness
N is for nice manners at school and home
D is for dare to be giving

C is for care for each other
A is for at all times
R is for reach out to others
I is for include everyone in games
N is for never hurt others
G is for gentle hands and gentle words

H is for helping each other
A is for asking for help
N is for need to be careful
D is for do what is right
S is for see the needs of others

Uniforms
Just a reminder that the official day to change into the winter uniform is Tuesday June 10th after the long weekend. The children are welcome to change before this date if the weather gets colder but the correct uniform must be worn. The school policy is that children must wear a hat at morning tea, lunch and sport lessons. Please check that all children have their hat with their name clearly marked in their bag everyday.

MARIA REGINA BAND 9/5/14
Toby Craw
Imogen Watkins

MARIA REGINA BAND 16/5/14
Colm Holmes
Patrick Brennan

BIRTHDAYS
Jack Dixon
Harvey McLean

OUR SCHOOL RULES
Respect Yourself
Respect others
Respect the place we are in.

Awards

K
Jasmin Buckley
Alec Johnson

1
Sam Prideaux
Allegra Stritt

2
James Breen
Mila Hendra

3
Joey Taylor
Ava Hartard

4
Tom Prandle
Noah Wise

5/6 Earth
Maya Preziuso
Jackson Walls

5/6 Ocean
Asher McLean
Claudia Norkett
FROM THE REC

Timor Leste Independence Day Liturgy
You are warmly invited to join us for a Special Liturgy to celebrate this important event. We will be holding a special liturgy in the hall next Tuesday 20th May at 8:45. Please check the attached flyer for more details on the day.

Parent Reflection Morning
When was the last time you stopped and took time out for yourself? On Friday, 30th May, you have the opportunity to do just that right here at Maria Regina. The morning is open to all family, friends and parishioners. If you know someone who would be interested, please let them know.

First Eucharist
Please keep the children making their First Eucharist in your thoughts and prayers as they finalise their preparation for receiving this important Sacrament in just a few weeks’ time.

Upcoming Dates
Thursday 22nd May
Year 5/6 Earth will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am.
Parents and friends are very welcome to join us.
Year 3 will be attending Reconciliation at 10:00am.

Sunday 24th May
School Parish Mass – 9:00am. Year 1 are hosting this Family Mass.
This Mass will also be a special celebration for Timor Leste Independence Day followed by morning tea. All families are invited to be a part of this Mass.

FROM THE LIBRARY

PRC
The new PRC user names and passwords have finally arrived. The children in Kindergarten and Year 1 received theirs today along with anyone else who said they wished to participate in the Challenge. During Library this week the children in Kindergarten listened to Giraffes can’t dance (Book id 11929). The children in Years 1 & 2 enjoyed Possum magic (Book id 3467).

National simultaneous story-time
On Wednesday 21st May National Simultaneous story-time is celebrated around Australia. The children will listen to the story or watch a video of Too many elephants in this house by Ursula Dubosarsky. This is a great way to encourage reading.

Scholastic Book Club
The catalogues were given out last week and are due back by next Friday 23rd May. Payment is by credit card or cheque made out to Scholastic Australia NOT to the school. No cash payments will be accepted. Thanks for your support for this as we are able to choose a number of free books based on what is spent at the school.
FROM THE OFFICE

CANTEEN MENU
There is a change to the menu for the delicious pizza’s. The pizza muffins will now be 2 for $2.00 as the volunteers in the canteen noted that one side of the muffin was smaller than the other and everyone who ordered the new pizza said how yummy they were.
Don’t forget the homemade fruit muffins for 50cents. They sold like ‘Hot Cakes’ last Monday.

WINTER UNIFORMS
The students return on Tuesday June 10th in their full winter uniform. We do have in stock some winter tunics and blouses, some long pants in a few sizes but we have only a limited number of boy’s polo shirts. The second hand stall is open on most Monday mornings from 8.30am – 9.00am.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
On Tuesday reminders were sent out for overdue fees. We have a large amount of fees still outstanding. The school relies on parents honouring their commitments so we too can honour our commitments. Thank you to the families that have paid since the reminder was sent out.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES
A gentle reminder that after the bell has rung at 8.45am students need to come to the office for a late note to be taken up to the classroom to give to their teacher. After 9am a Late Arrival form needs to be completed by the parent/adult and if departing school you are requested to come to the office to complete an Early Departure form. The office staff will then contact the class for the student to come down. We request that you don’t go to the classroom to collect your child. It is a safety issue so we are aware who is on the school premises. All visitors must sign in at the office.

GOING HOME PLANS
Please remind your child/children of their going home plans. If there is a change please tell them in the morning or maybe put a special item on their bag to remind them. Sometimes we can have up to 8 students in the office not knowing how they are getting home. If plans change during the day and you need to contact the school to notify your child/children please do not ring on bell time (2.50pm) as it is hard to get the message to the students as they may have already left their classroom.

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS
We are constantly finding that parents are changing their mobile numbers or otherwise disconnecting their home lines and we have not been notified. If your child/children are unwell it is really hard to contact you if we do not have the correct information.

SICK BAY
We have had a large number of students coming into sick bay complaining they are sick and were sick before they came to school. Please if your children are unwell it is advisable to keep them at home. Thank you for your understanding.

MEDICATION
All medication is to be handed into the school office to be placed in the first aid room. Students are not to keep medication in their bags, this includes paracetamol and creams.

Lockdown Drill change of date
Lockdown Drill has been changed from Tuesday 27th May to Monday 26th May.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
It’s Timor Leste (East Timor) Independence Day on the 20th of May 2014.
The staff, parents and students of Maria Regina will be celebrating the 12th anniversary of this special day this coming Tuesday!

This year Maria Regina will be celebrating Timor Leste Independence Day a little differently! In line with this year’s Outreach focus on water, we are aiming to raise enough money to buy a water filtration system for our sister school in Soibada.

Students will experience one aspect of life as a child from Soibada where water does not come by simply turning on a tap.
We will be filling the children’s drink bottles from jerry cans. (So make sure your child has a drink bottle on Tuesday!)
We will even have a filtration system available for the day so the children get a sense of how it works. This will help the children gain a better understanding of how not everyone in the world has access to clean drinking water by simply turning on a tap!
The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for this very worthy cause.
As well as the traditional Timorese items, we will also be selling stationery sets which include notepads, pencils, etc. Everything will be $5 and all proceeds will help us raise money for the water filtration system. These will be available for sale at recess and lunch time.

Mum. Dad. family and friends are welcome to join us in the school hall for a liturgy at 8:45am.
Students are to be dressed in their full school uniform.
See you all on Tuesday.

Regards
The Outreach Team

TRIVIA NIGHT!
To support projects in Soibada, Timor Leste

When: 7.30pm Saturday 31 May

Where: Avalon Recreation Centre, 59a Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon

Cost: Tickets $25

Book your table of ten now!
Contact: Paige on 0425199521 or email paigeelizabethgeorge@hotmail.com
Tamara 0403226699 or email tamara.harding@bigpond.com

Byo drinks and nibbles.
Raffles!
There will be great prizes!

Come along and hear the latest about our community’s work in our sister village Soibada, Timor Leste!
www.pittwaterfriendsofsoibada.org
Morning Tea Specials

Garlic Bread $0.50
Cheese Toasty $0.50
(Melted cheese & tomato paste on Lavish bread)
 Pikelets with butter/plain/honey or jam $0.50
Home made fruit muffins $0.50

Lunch - Rolls only

Salad (lettuce, tomato, avocado, cucumber & carrot) $3.50
Ham $3.00
Ham and Salad $4.00
Ham and Cheese $3.50
Tuna $3.00
Turkey $3.00
Cheese $3.00
Baked Beans $3.00
Egg & Mayonnaise $3.00
Cheese and Tomato $3.50
Vegemite/Jam/Honey $2.50
Extra filling per filling $0.50
(betroot/avocado/mayonnaise/cheese/
Tomato/ham)

Please note that no matter how much filling is in the roll the cost is $4.00.

Hot Food

Hot Ham/Cheese/Tomato Roll $3.00
Hot Roll Combo (same fillings as cold rolls) Same price as cold rolls
Hot Chicken Burger
(Chicken, mayo, lettuce on a bun) $4.00
Hot Pie with or without sauce $1.50 90grm size

Special Pizza Muffins 2 muffin halves for $2.00

Ham & Cheese $2.00
Cheese $2.00
Ham Cheese & Pineapple $2.00

Salad Box -
lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, cheese,
beetroot with your choice of Ham, Tuna
or Turkey - choice of Mayo or Italian dressing

Drinks

Flavoured Milk (Chocolate/Strawberry) $2.00
Fruit Juice (orange/apple) $1.50

Snacks

Reduced fat popcorn (plain) $1.00
Frozen Snacks
Streets Paddlepops (chocolate/banana) $1.50
Moosies (chocolate/strawberry) $1.00
Calypso $1.00
Fruit Stacks $.50