FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Reports.
Student reports for all classes will be emailed next Friday (Year 4 reports were emailed today). I would like to commend the teachers for the time and effort that has gone into the preparation of the student reports and parent teacher conferences. The teacher feedback displays an intricate knowledge of each child’s learning needs and abilities in a positive learning environment. In the area of achievement, the majority of children received the grading “sound”, which denotes positive growth in their learning in line with the developing curriculum. I know you will congratulate the children on their successes and I encourage you to support them in areas where effort needs improvement.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thank you to the parents who have already made their bookings online for the Parent Teacher Conferences. If you need assistance to make a booking please contact the school office.

Staff Development Day Term 3
The first day of term 3, Monday 14th July will be a pupil free day. All teaching staff will be attending a Professional Development Day on the implementation of the new NSW (Australian Curriculum) syllabus for Science & Technology K-6. Teachers will engage in a series of interactive and practical workshops aimed at increasing teacher knowledge and understanding of syllabus content and support materials.

Parent Kiss and Drop Roster
We still need parent volunteers for Kiss and Drop before school for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Two parents are required for each day of the week from 8:25 until 8:50. If you would be able to commit for one day a week for Term 3 please email mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au with Kiss and Drop as the subject.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage
I will taking renewal leave commencing next Thursday 19th June and will be travelling overseas with a group of 21 people which includes Father George, members of the Pittwater Parish and six Broken Bay principals, to participate in the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage. The Way of St James, often known by its Spanish name, the Camino de Santiago, is the pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in north western Spain where legend has it that the remains of the apostle St James are buried. We will walk the last section of the Camino de Santiago. This part of the Camino goes across the last 115km of the Camino Frances (French Way) from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela. We will celebrate the Eucharist each day with Father George and attend the Pilgrim’s Mass at the Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. After the pilgrimage I will be spending time in Europe with family and friends. While I am on leave Jane Labone will be Acting Principal and along with Christine Dunk and Grant Colquhoun will make up the Leadership Team.

Message from .......... Maria Regina Parents and Friends Team

Drinks – Monday 16th June
The P&F have decided to defer the drinks on Monday 16th June to another night in term 3 when the weather is warmer and more parents can come along.

Thank you to all those parents who RSVP’d.
FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week our Positive Behaviour for Learning Expectation is Speak and Act with Kindness. Year 3 have some examples about how we speak to others in a positive way.

PBL EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK:

OUR SCHOOL RULES

Respect Yourself
Respect others
Respect the place we are in.

Reading Assistance Program

We would like to implement a Reading Assistance Program at Maria Regina where parents, grandparents and friends volunteer to assist children with reading on a one-to-one basis. This intensive reading assistance will support the successful learning of students and increase the self-esteem and confidence of students of all ages.

The reading program will take place each morning for half an hour. Full training will be provided. If you would like to be involved please email Mrs Labone at jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

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FROM THE REC

Attention All Artists

Each year, Bishop David Walker invites the students of Broken Bay to enter an Art Competition.
This year’s theme is:
“A Scriptural person, event, passage or theme”.
Entries need to be submitted to school by Friday 1st August (end of Week 3, Term 3).
All the details and criteria are available at:
http://bdwsrap.wordpress.com

Staff Development Retreat

Last Thursday after school, you may have noticed the car park out the front of school was empty earlier than usual as the teachers all headed to an offsite venue to begin our Spiritual Retreat. We were very lucky to have Fr George lead us in reflection on our latest BE attitude – Service. We then shared Eucharist together before breaking bread together at an amazing meal prepared for us by Mrs King’s son!
On Friday, we continued to break open the beatitudes with Fr John Fraunfelder and Virginia Ryan. Who are the people we see around us, in our lives, in the media, who reflect the beatitudes? How can we use art and scripture to teach about the beatitudes? We finished with Fr John blessing us in our role as teachers and teachers of the faith.
We spend a lot of time in Professional Development for the latest pedagogy, the most up-to-date practices and implementing new curriculum. As teachers in a Catholic School, it is vital that we place the same importance on our own faith development.

Upcoming Dates:

Week 8  Thurs 19th June  Year 1 will be attending Mass at 9:15
Year 5/6 Earth will be attending Reconciliation
Week 9  Thurs 26th June  Year 5/6 Ocean will be attending Mass 9:15
You are very welcome to join us for Mass.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Donation

We thank Palm Beach RSL for their kind donation of books to commemorate Anzac Day. They will be a great addition to our Library.

PRC

Congratulations to Isabelle and Noah Wise who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done Children. During Library the last two weeks the children in Kindergarten listened to Sleepy Pendoodle (Book id 4047) and Olivia saves the circus (Book id 12262). The children in Stage 1 continued with books by Mem Fox which they are really enjoying: The magic hat (Book id 11464) and Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge (Book id 3273).
Have you ever judged a book by its cover? At the beginning of the day, the presenters asked us: “Who do you think is Australian?” It was a bit embarrassing – but we thought Zalman and Maha were not. The way they looked influenced our perceptions – they were all Australian! Zalman was very interesting and quite funny. We loved how he read out the scripture in Hebrew from a scroll of parchment (animal skin).

Maha gave us the perfect example of discrimination. We heard her story from when she arrived in Australia as a child. People still judge her by what she wears on her head – her hijab. We could ask any questions we wanted.

We thought that Greg’s story would be the most boring – but his was incredibly interesting. He had been in charge of a detention centre and had amazing stories. At first he thought it was just a job and then realised that that all these people had stories, too. Once he had to choose between families, where they would go, just by looking at photographs. We find it amazing that our national anthem says “for those who’ve come across the seas, we’ve boundless plains to share” but we don’t actually live that!

One of the best parts was when the cloth of messages from children all over Australia was held over our heads.

On the day we had the chance to meet children from other schools – and we even met students going to the high schools we are going to. We got to talk with Sacred Heart and Mater Maria about working together on future Outreach Projects. So watch this space!

Isabeau, Kira, Laura, Libby, Maya & Isabella

SPORTS NEWS

Eagle Tag and Rugby League Gala Day

Well done to everyone who was involved in yesterday’s Gala Day. It was an outstanding day that captured the spirit Maria Regina demonstrates on the sporting fields. Every team performed exceptionally well and only had the one loss. The years 3 and 4 rugby league team played exceptionally well on a very short preparation and with only 10 players, only losing the one game to finish second in their pool. The year 5 and 6 rugby league boys joined forces with Manly and Freshwater and achieved some great results. The years 5 and 6 girls competitive team only lost one game and finished second in their pool and the years 5 and 6 boys competitive team won their pool and were narrowly defeated in the grand final 4-3. Thanks to Jed Johnson for giving up his time to help out with training and for his inspiring leadership on the day. Just before the Grand Final I did hear one of the opposition players look up to see our team and say, “They’re just a bunch of soccer players.” A special mention to all of the parents who came out and supported on the day, the students really love seeing you there and I am sure this inspired them to great overall performances.

For some photos, thanks to Peta Wise, and video footage of the day, please visit our school Video Gallery on our School Weebly.
Canteen Roster for term 2

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Awards

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**K**

- Pippa Connell
- Mikkel Goodare

**1**

- Max Connell
- Sofia Encina

**2**

- Zannah Dixon
- Killian Mulcahy

**3**

- Kyle Johnson
- Evan Flynn

**4**

- Xavier Harding
- Marcus Woods

**5/6 Earth**

- Thomas Kerr
- Harrison Schaut

**5/6 Ocean**

- Jemima Guberina
- Yannick Marot

**MARIA REGINA BAND 6/6/14**

- Luke Vitigliano
- Jesse Amoah

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Joseph Taylor
What causes a sinkhole?  
By Harrison Schaut

**Phenomenon**
Sinkholes are depressions that appear over time due to erosion and gravity. They may appear gradually or suddenly.

**Explanation Sequence**
Firstly, sinkholes occur due to recent water exposure to the ground, depending on the types of soil and rock. Most sinkholes form in areas where the bedrock is soft and resembles evaporate or carbonate rocks such as salt, gypsum, limestone, dolomite, or others belonging to the evaporate or carbonate classes of rocks.

Secondly, water turns into acid, burning away the rock and forming a hole. While the rock is burning away underground, rain can play a role in making the sinkhole form by dampening the ground above. This makes it lighter, and without hard rock underground, the ground above can easily collapse, forming a sinkhole as shown in the diagram.

The results after a sinkhole can include: destroyed houses, no electricity, people trapped, and if water pipes caused the sinkhole, the drinking water supply would be infected.

**Background Information**
Sinkholes can occur anywhere where there's hollow ground. Sinkholes are caused by a lot of things that are mostly underground. If your house is destroyed in a sinkhole, immediately contact your home insurance so you can at least not be homeless forever.

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**Tornadoes- By Aidan McKechnie**

**Phenomenon**
Tornadoes are destructive wind storms that can reach up to 482.8032 km per hour, forming a tube-like funnel that has catastrophic consequences on people, structures, and nature.

**Explanation Sequence**
There are three steps for a Tornado to form.

Firstly, rapid moving cold air at a high altitude crosses over slow-moving warm air near the ground. The two air currents start to swirl until they form giant tube inside some clouds called cumulonimbus clouds.

Secondly, warm air rises up to the cloud and pushes into swirling air, tipping it over, causing a wind funnel.

Thirdly, the funnel shape that is formed at the base of the cloud creates a violent vacuum that sucks up ground air at an increasingly faster rate. As a result, the funnel stretches downward, growing longer until it reaches the ground and becomes a tornado.

**Background Information**
Daulatpur- Saturia Tornado, Bangladesh storm was about 1.609344 km wide and travelled for 80.4672 km through poor areas of the Dhaka region of Bangladesh which is a long with the U.S. and Canada is one of the countries frequently hit by tornadoes. The death toll is estimated around 1300 due to the shoddy constructions in the slums that couldn’t withstand the brutal force of the twister which is left around 80,000 people homeless and more than 20 villages were completely destroyed.

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NSWCPS GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Individual Entries Invited to Register

(Conducted in conjunction with JNGF)
MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2014
ENTRY CLOSING DATE 26TH JUNE 2014

Registrations MUST be completed online – www.csss.nsw.edu.au Go to GOLF - REGISTRATIONS.
(NB: You must have a CSSS Online account to register - Go to HELP to create an account)

18 Hole handicap players hit off 9.00am, players MUST be at the course by 8.30am.
18 hole players must have a Golf Australia Handicap and be able to provide a Golf Link number
9 Hole non-handicap players Hit off at 9.30am, players must be at the course by 9.00am.

NSWCPS NORTHERN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Hawks Nest Golf Club, Sanderling Ave, Hawks Nest

NSWCPS SOUTHERN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Highlands Golf Club, Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong

Cost:
$20.00 per player for 18 holes
$10.00 per player for 9 holes.
Cost payable on line when registering

Additional Information
1. Closing date for nominations is 26th June, 2014
2. Participants should bring their own lunch, dress in school sports polo shirt & appropriate golf clothing
3. Sunscreen and hat should be worn
4. Stroke and nett competitions will be conducted
5. The rules of golf and local rules will apply
6. Please note – this is not a pathway to MacKillop or Polding selection event.

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