FROM THE PRINCIPAL

First Eucharist
We congratulate the children who received their First Eucharist last weekend at Maria Regina Church either at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass or the Sunday 9:00am Mass. As these children receive their First Eucharist it is a relevant time for us to reflect on the words of Joyce Kahle C.P.P.S. on the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives.

“We are each called to be Christ, to be Eucharist the Bread of Life in our world today. We know how very much this world of ours needs healing, needs gentleness, needs understanding and compassion, needs forgiveness. We are each called to be bread broken for others, and to allow another to be broken for us. We are invited to drink from the cup of blessing and pain, and to pass the cup around. We are challenged to pour out our lives in living service, to be humble and open and empty enough to drink in the experience, the compassion, the care of another.”

Student Reports
The student reports will go home today and parents would have received notification of their parent conference time. 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.

Staff Development Day
This will be the last newsletter for term 2. Next Friday all staff will be attending a staff development day at Our Lady of Good Counsel Forestville. Please note this is a pupil free day and there will be no-one at the school.

Golf Day
A big thank you to Steve Meacham and Michael King for their excellent organisation of a wonderful Golf Day last Friday afternoon.

Parking and student drop off in front of School
Please be mindful of the no parking and no stopping signs in front of and near the school. The handicapped car space cannot be used for dropping off students. Please do not drop students off behind cars parked in front of the school.

Catholic World View Photo Competition
Please send end of newsletter for information and entry forms for the Catholic Worldview Photo Competition.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Reports**
I hope you find the following table explaining each grade helpful. Your child’s teacher will discuss these grades in further detail at the Parent/Teacher interviews in week 9.

What does the grade really mean?

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<td>Your child is working <strong>well in advance</strong> of what can be expected at this year level. They have an excellent grasp of this subject area. They consistently <strong>provide evidence</strong> that is outstanding in quality and quantity.</td>
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<td>The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.</td>
<td>Your child is working <strong>just beyond</strong> what can be expected at this year level. They have a good grasp of this subject area. They provide evidence that is high in quality and quantity.</td>
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<td>The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.</td>
<td>Your child is working, or close to working, at what can be expected at this year level. They have a grasp of this subject area. They provide evidence that is satisfactory in quality and quantity.</td>
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<td>Your child is working below what can be expected at this year level. They do not fully grasp this subject area. They provide some evidence that is limited in quality and quantity.</td>
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<td>The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.</td>
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**PBL RULE OF THE WEEK:**

Year 2 created great posters displaying how to care for our belongings. Please view them on our notice boards entering the playground.
CONFIRMATION
A Message from the Sacramental Coordinator.

A friendly reminder that parents interested in enrolling their children into our Sacrament of Confirmation Programme for 2013 are required to attend one of the compulsory information sessions. Even if you are unsure if your family and your child are ready to join our programme, it is recommended that you attend one of the sessions, as attendance is compulsory if you do choose to enrol. Confirmation is available to all children in Year 2 and above who have been Baptised.

The information sessions will be held at the following times/places:
**Tuesday 23 July 2013 from 7.00pm-8.00pm at Maria Regina Church, Avalon or**
**Wednesday 31 July 2013 from 1.00pm-2.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale**
**Wednesday 31 July 2013 from 7.00pm-8.00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale**

If you choose to enrol in our programme, you will be asked to form groups to work through the weekly sessions. Each group should have around 6 children. One parent from each group will need to run each session. All sessions are provided by our Parish. It is a good idea to start organising your groups from now. Groups don’t have to be just with children from the same school. They can also include other children you may know from sporting teams, neighbours or friends who are also interested in joining our programme. The Sacramental team will help you with this at the information sessions.

You will also need a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate, so you may want to make sure that you know where that is, otherwise you will need to contact the Church where your child was Baptised in order to organise a copy.

Other dates that you may wish to make note of are the compulsory reflection date on **Saturday 7 September 2013 from 1.30pm-4.30pm at Mater Maria College, Warriewood and the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be held on Saturday 19 October 2013 at 9.30am at Maria Regina Church, Avalon and Saturday 19 October 2013 at 11.00am and 12.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.**

Full dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation programme can be found at [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org) by clicking “2013 Programme” under the Sacramental Ministry drop down menu.

Suzy Caruso (Sacramental Coordinator)
9997 7311 (ext 13) or 0411 54 33 66
pittwatersac@exemail.com.au

Parish Mass and Reconciliation
Next Thursday (27th June) Year 3 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9:15am. Year 5/6 Earth will follow with Reconciliation at 10am. All parents and friends are welcome to join the students.

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
Thank you to the families that have finalised their accounts. We still have a lot of outstanding accounts that need to be completed some of these are still from Account 1. Families paying by time payments are requested to make sure that they are up to date. If payments are not up to date the full outstanding amount is requested to be finalised. Please remember when paying by BPay it takes up to 2-3 days to appear on our bank statement.

COSTUME LEVY
The costume levy of $15.00 per students is now due for payment. Please send in your slip with your child’s name and class together with the $15.00.

YEAR 5/6 SCHOOL CAMP
The camp fee of $190.00 is due for payment by June 28. This account is separate to the school fee account and is not an amount that can be broken down with the time payments. Please contact Mrs. Sprakel in the school office to organise payment after June 28.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Thank you very much to the volunteers who answered the SOS telephone call last Monday. The staff and children appreciated your help. We still have a few spare spaces for Term 3 and 4. If you can help out even if it is from 9-11.15am it is of great assistance as the main rush time is 9am to just after recess. Three people are required at first and then two people can run the canteen after the morning rush time. If you can assist please let Mrs. Sprakel know to have your name added to the roster.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We have placed an order for uniforms that are stocked at school these should arrive either in the last week of term or early in Term 3.

SOS BOYS POLO
If anyone has a spare size 12 and size 14 boys winter polo tops that are not being used could you please send it in to Mrs Sprakel as we have two students’ in year 6 who are in need of them. Thank you in anticipation.
**Soibada Blanket News**

Thank you to all the knitters who sent squares and finished blankets into school or have given them to Tamara. Our knitters range from wonderful Grandmas, some of whom have not only knitted the squares but have sewn them into a blanket, to young children. The effort everyone puts in is wonderful. Tamara is going to Soibada in July and she will be able to take lots of blankets with her.

The very bright, colourful squares look great when they were made up into blankets. I am sure the people of the Soibada Community, who receive them, will always feel very cheerful when they look at them and be very thankful for warmth they get from their blanket. They are having their winter now just like us.

As you know the holidays start next week, so if you have any squares finished would you mind sending them into school so they can be made up, please? It is important to knit the squares to the dimensions of 25 x 25 cms or 10 x 10 inches in the old imperial measurements using 8 ply wool or yarn. 28 squares make 1 blanket.

Thank you.

Liz Daly
Wrap With Love

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**Book your stall at**

**Avalon’s BIGGEST garage sale EVER**

on the **26th October** from 7am - 1pm
at Maria Regina 42 Central Rd AVALON

We will do all the hard work making the Northern Beaches aware of the event.

**All we need is you, and your trash or treasures to convert into $$$’s.**

Stalls are $70 and limited so don’t hesitate.
To book your stall please e-mail mra@dbb.catholic.gdn.au
OR for further information call 9918 2608

**MARIA REGINA BAND**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Maren McHugh
Ruby Keogh

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**Holiday Borrowing**

Thank you to all those who returned overdue books this week. It was good to have them back as some children have been waiting to borrow them for some time. This week is the last week of borrowing for the term. However, those who haven’t returned overdue books this week can bring them in next week and then they will be able to borrow over the holidays.
And the winners were...

The Northern Beaches engravers are being challenged this week - trying to fit the names of three families (The Walshes, Dwyers and Burffit-Williams) onto the delicate Maria Regina Golf trophy. How those families won is a mysterious story in itself, far too long and complex to be retold here.

Suffice to say, the event was a great success with 100 children and parents taking part. Fortunately the showers held off, though it became a bit cold later on - thank goodness for all those hearty sausages, provided at a special price for the school by Lasse Hansen and his colleagues at our local butchers, Avalon Village Meats. If you are in there, please thank them for continuously supporting our school.

Also congratulations to the Eden Family on winning the Golf Day Raffle and Joey Oates who managed to walk away with a bag of goodies after winning the Guessing Competition.

The event was meant to be a social occasion rather than a fund-raising function. Yet we still managed to raise around $800 for P and F funds.

That was mainly due to our fantastic parent sponsors who all paid to have their names connected with such a prestigious event.

So a drum roll please to the golf hole sponsors to the Guberina's (G Brothers), the Encina's (Fast Performance), the Paine's (Brendan Paine Plumbing), the Sander's (Global IP Services), the King's (McCarr Homes), the Watkin's (108 Espresso), the Walsh's (Walsh Landscapes) and the Hendra's (Insight). Also our prize sponsors the Johnson's (Mitre 10), McLean's (Dee Why RSL) and Beach General.

Great effort everyone. Many thanks to all involved.

Michael King & Steve Meacham.

In 2014 we intend to run a similar Tennis Fun Day at Careel Bay Tennis Club. Details later (but this time it will be warmer!!!)

ALSO HERE'S ADVANCE WARNING THAT THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 19 IS GOING TO BE A SOCIAL WHIRL.

APART FROM THE SCHOOL CONCERT ON TUESDAY AUGUST 20, PLEASE RESERVE THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY AUGUST 24 FOR OUR BIG 2013 PARENTS NIGHT OUT (WITHOUT CHILDREN!!!). YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE WILD AND EXTRAVAGANTLY THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT ARRANGED BY YOUR GLAMOROUS HOSTS, BRUCE MCLEAN AND KATH MACKENZIE. FULL DETAILS NEXT WEEK!!!!
PLCCS Photo Competition 2013
Catholic Worldview – Through the Lens of a Child
Photo Competition for students K-6 attending PLCCS
(Peninsula Learning Community of Catholic Schools)

Prizes
Overall Winner $100
plus framed print of their winning entry
1st prize of the remaining categories $50.00 each
plus framed print of their entry.
2nd prize of the remaining categories $25.00 each
plus framed print of their entry.
3rd prize of the remaining categories a framed print of their entry.
Sponsored by The School Photographer

Please read the Conditions of Entry below carefully before signing.
All entries must include a signed Entry and Declaration Form.
Seek your parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter the competition by having them sign in the place
provided on the Consent Form. (If your parent(s) or guardians do not agree with you entering the
competition then you cannot enter.)
The entry form must be completed in order to have the photo accepted. There are four categories
People, Places, Animals, Nature
One photo per child may be entered in the competition

⇒ Public exhibition and/or publication of selected photos will occur; photos may be displayed on
the school’s websites.
⇒ Entrants in the competition agree that PLCCS ‘schools’ reserve the right to use all images
entered in the competition for on-going promotional and educational purposes.
⇒ The ownership will remain that of the photographer, however by entering the competition, you
agree all rights to payment for copyright, royalty or any other purpose are waived for each and
every photograph entered.
⇒ All efforts will be made to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the photographer
whenever photographs are used for the purposes outlined in the Conditions of Entry.
⇒ If people appear in your photos, please gain permission for the photo to be displayed and
published.
⇒ The Entrant indemnifies the ‘Schools’ against all damages, losses, costs and expenses in the
permissions mentioned above.
⇒ By entering the Competition, all entrants and/or their representative(s) consent to the use of their first
name, schools and year level, photograph, voice and/or image for any publicity and marketing
purposes, commercial or otherwise, in all media used by the ‘Schools’ without payment or
compensation, throughout the world in perpetuity.
⇒ Each entry must be jpeg format and saved as the child’s name and category
eg. Peter Brown – Nature
(Children can bring their photos to school on a CD, Jump drive etc)
All entries must be received at your child’s school by
Friday 26th July, 2013

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Student Entry and Declaration Form

To be completed and signed by the student and their parent or legal guardian.

I, (print name) __________________________________________

Age __________________________ Grade __________________________

School ______________________________________________________

Category _____________________________________________________

agree to my photograph to be publicly exhibited at the discretion of PLCCS ‘Schools’.

The details about the photo/s as they appear on the entry form are correct and may be used by the schools and/or the sponsors as well as my first name, school and year level.

I understand that the photo/s may be published on the Internet and used for promotional purposes.

Licence to PLCCS: I hereby grant to PLCCS I ['Schools'] worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual licence to edit, encode, reproduce and display the photo/s on the ‘Schools’ websites under the direction of the ‘Schools’, as well as in publications, and that I will be credited as the creator of the work.

I __________________________ hereby declare I am the creator of the entry called

(insert title) __________________________________________________________

Signature of student: __________________________ Date: __________________________

I hereby consent to my child signing the above declaration and licence to PLCCS and schools

Signature of parent/legal guardian ____________________________________________
**Canteen Volunteers for Terms 3 and 4 2013**

If you can help in canteen during Terms 3 and 4, on a Monday, please complete the form below and return to school so a roster can be made up. These are always fun days for the volunteers plenty of cooking tips and laughs. Thank you for your continued support and assistance....3 volunteers makes the day go faster and that way if someone is running late or sick it makes it easier for the other volunteers.

Please return the completed slip below to Denise in the school office.

Unfortunately if we do not have volunteers to help on a date we will not be able to open the canteen for recess or lunch orders.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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Name: __________________ (Please print)

Contact Number __________________ Signed __________________
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