### FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs Jane Labone  
Ms Christine Dunk  
Mr Grant Colquhoun

**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 and 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.

**Upcoming Dates**  
**Thursday 26th June:** Year 5/6 Ocean will be attending Mass at 9:15.  
**Friday 18th July:** Maria Regina School Athletics Carnival. Please return your permission notes and carnival entry form to school as soon as possible. [Click here for the permission note.]

**Sunday 27th July:** Year 4 Family Mass in Maria Regina Church at 9:00am.

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**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
For children in year 2 and above for all children who have been baptised. **Note: Confirmation is the next Sacrament after Baptism.**

As we have a new Sacramental Program for Confirmation, all parents interested in enrolling their children into our Sacrament of Confirmation Program for 2014 need to attend one of the compulsory information sessions, in its entirety, even if they have had a child go through the program previously.

**Sessions starts punctually at the given time and runs for one hour** and will be held on:

- **Tuesday 15 July 2014 at 7.00pm** at Maria Regina Church, Avalon  
- **Thursday 17 July 2014 at 1.00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale  
- **Thursday 17 July 2014 at 7.00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale  
- **Wednesday 23 July 2014 at 7.00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

When you enrol in our program, 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 and all information for the sessions is provided. 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. The Sacramental team can help you with this.

You will also need a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate. If you don’t have it, you can contact the Church where your child was baptised to organise a copy. Other dates that you may wish to make note of are:

**The compulsory Reflection day:**  
**Saturday 11 October 2014 - 1.30pm-4.30pm** at Mater Maria College, Warriewood.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:**  
**Saturday 18 October 2014 at 9.30am** at Maria Regina Church, Avalon  
**Saturday 18 October 2014 at 11.00am** at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale  
**Saturday 18 October 2014 at 12.30pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

Full dates and more information can be found at [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org) by clicking '2014 Program' under the Sacramental Ministry drop down menu.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.  
**Suzy Caruso,** 9997 7311 (ext 13), [pittwatersac@exemail.com.au](mailto:pittwatersac@exemail.com.au)
Reports
Student reports were sent home today via email. Please let the school office know if you have not received it.

Band News

Training Band
Last Friday the training band performed for us at assembly. Here is what the children thought about the experience.

"It is fun in the band because you get to play lots of good songs." By Kyle

"It was a great experience. Not only it was our first performance at school but you get to see everyone progress and you can tell them how good they are at playing their instrument. As you get better at playing you can hear the rhythm in your head and you can play it really well." Leo

"It was a really good experience for all of us. We have been practising the songs for a long time. Every instrument had a different sound in the solos in Old MacDonald had a Band." Oliver

"It was fun and a great experience. It was a bit hard to keep the rhythm." Imogen

"It was a great experience playing in the band. We played at the Nursing Home and that was fun but it was even better playing for our friends. At the Nursing Home we made friends with the residents." Ethan

"We played Old MacDonald had a Band and Hard Rock Blues. It was a lot of fun. My favourite was Hard Rock Blues." Jack

"I only got to play one song but it was a lot of fun. I was very nervous because I have never played in front of an audience before!" Patrick

"I had a really fun time. I was really nervous but once I started it was fun!" Tahlia

"My favourite song was Hard Rock Blues. The trombone was great to play in Hard Rock Blues. I had fun because I could play in front of my friends." James

"It was a lot of fun. My favourite song was Hard Rock Blues. It was funny because I accidently did an extra note at the end! I liked it because it was the first time I played at assembly in front of my friends. I was really nervous at first but when I sat down I thought that this isn't that bad!" Charlie.

From the Library

Fund raiser for East Timor
During Library lessons in Kindergarten we have been looking at schools from other countries, to link in with the Unit on School the children have been studying in class. We discovered that some schools have nowhere near the facilities we have and the children thought they would like To make a difference. So after hearing Tamara Harding speak about schools in East Timor they decided they wanted to raise money to buy the children more books. With this in mind we are going to have a cake stall next Thursday 26th June at recess. The children from Kindergarten will supply the cakes and we ask you to support their efforts. Cakes will be 50c or $1.00.

Holiday Borrowing
Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Those children who have overdue books received a yellow stick-it note this week, with the missing titles listed. Please help your child to look for the book at home and in their classroom. If you are unable to find the book please sign the note and we will then look for it in the Library. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PRC
Congratulations to Charlotte and Isabella Fisk for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done girls! During Library this week the children in Kindergarten enjoyed Shutting the chooks in (Book id 10636) while those in Stage 1 continued with their author study of Mem Fox, delighted in A particular cow (Book id 528).

School Calendar

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July Holidays

| 30 June | 1 July | 2 July | 3 July | 4 July | 5 & 6 July |
| 7 July | 8 July | 9 July | 10 July | 11 July | 12 & 13 July |

Return to school Tuesday 15th July
SPORTS NEWS

Polding Cross Country
Congratulations to Harriet Beynon for her outstanding effort in the Polding Cross Country, held last week. It’s an outstanding achievement and we are all very proud of you. See below for Harriet’s reflections on the day.

"On Friday, 13th June, I competed for Broken Bay in the Polding Cross Country race. I came 16th. I also ran as part of the 11 year old girls Broken Bay team. The Diocese team which together had the fastest times got awards as well. Luckily, our Broken Bay team came first. It was really exciting standing on the podium receiving the gold medal."

Visit by Professional Soccer Players
On Wednesday two players from Manly United, Daniel and Nick, visited Maria Regina School and talked about team work. They explained their motto for teamwork which is Together Everyone Achieves More. All team members work together to achieve success. They taught us some drills and some children were selected to demonstrate them. These drills help develop your skills to become a better player. Daniel taught me “the rainbow” where you can kick the ball over your head. They gave us their autographs as they were leaving. By Sebastian.

Please check the school weebly for updated photos and video. http://mariareginaavalon.weebly.com/

CHOIR NEWS

There has been some interest from the Kindergarten and Year 1 children as well as other children from Years 2 and up to join the choir. If you are interested please feel free to attend choir practice next Thursday for the last choir session of Term 2 at 8am! Our new songs are "Que Sera" (Justice Crew) and "Am I Wrong" (Nico and Vinz). Next term I look forward to continued commitment from the choir by attending regularly, following school rules and expectations and having fun!

It's been a great year so far and I'd like to say a huge congratulations to the current choir for their wonderful performance last week at school assembly.

Thanks.

Sam Browne (Shaw)
**Awards**

**PBL EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK:**

At Maria Regina we Respect Self when we care for our appearance.

**MARIA REGINA BAND**

Kyle Johnson

Bayley Degotardi

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Jasmine Buckley

Maren McHugh

Ruby Keogh

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**NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

**2014**

**NOTICE TO ALL AT:** Maria Regina Catholic Primary School

Central Rd Avalon

A pesticide application will take place on: Friday 27th June at 3.00pm

Pesticide being used: Biflex, Coopex Powder, Cislin & Contrac Blocks

Pest being treated: Spiders / General Pest Spray / & Rodents

Areas of application: Exterior of Entire School, Hall, Canteen & stairways. Refill Lockable rodent boxes.

Re entry periods: Avoid contact with control agents while wet, approximately 4 hours

The pesticide is being applied by: The Professionals Pest Controllers P/L

Information about this notice

Under the Pesticides Regulation 1995, residents of multiple occupancy residential complexes and commercial premises must be given notice while a pesticide is being used to treat any common areas.

**Date of Notice:** 15th June 2014

The Professionals Pest controllers P/L

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Material Safety Data Sheets are available from the office at school or The Professionals Pest Controllers P/L