FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

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.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 15th July in their winter uniform.

Parent Kiss and Drop Roster
We have not had enough parent volunteers to run Kiss and Drop before school each day. We will have to postpone the commencement of Kiss and Drop before school until we have the required number of volunteers.

Maria Regina Athletics Carnival
The Maria Regina Athletics Carnival will take place on Friday 18th July 2014 at the Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway Narrabeen. We look forward to a fantastic day.

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
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 and are up to date.

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS
We are still finding that parents are changing their mobile numbers or other contact information 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.

HEAD LICE
Head Lice is on the move again in a few classes. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

CANTEEN

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Included is the roster for next term and help is still needed some weeks. Please contact the school office if you are able to help as unfortunately the canteen will not be able to open if there are not enough helpers.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Cake stall
The cake stall was a great success. We raised $203.30 for Soibada. I am sure they will be able to purchase a number of books for the children with this money.
Thank you to the Kindy parents who provided us with such delicious treats and to everyone else who bought the cakes. It was a great way for Kindy to show how we can “Make a difference” for others in our world and a great connection with their learning about Schools in both their classroom and the Library.
A big thank you also to Isabelle Wise, Jemima Guberina and Matteo Fragasso for helping with the selling of the cakes and the clean-up.
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.

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**BIRTHDAYS**
William Neufeld
Jack Martin

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Classroom News
It has been a busy semester for our Japanese students! Year 3s, having only just started learning Japanese, have shown much enthusiasm for the language: the class can by now greet one another properly in Japanese, tell you a little bit about the geography of Japan, introduce some famous Japanese festivals and icons (such as sakura and shinkansen), tell you a little about the items found inside a traditional Japanese home and write some Japanese Hiragana characters.

Our Year 4s, proving that they are just as passionate about the subject, have completed their revision unit and further expanded their repertoire to answer simple questions regarding personal information. Ask them questions such as “Onamaewa?” and “O genki desu ka?” to see what their answers are in Japanese! If Japanese speaking is not really your cup of tea, you can always ask them to tell you the story on how the 12 Lunar Zodiac came to be or explain how the Japanese celebrate Girls’ Day and Children’s Day.

Our Year 5 and 6 senpai (upperclassmen) also produced some amazing work to prove that they are the model students of Japanese. Both year groups started the year with revision on reading and writing Japanese Hiragana, exchanging personal information and celebrating famous festivals. Recently in Term Two, Year 5s finished their unit on the season of Spring and Japanese colours and the Year 6s had a brief introduction to the unit “Talking About My Family”.

Want to know how to say the colours of the rainbow in Japanese? Our Year 5 students can teach you!

Watashi wa dare? (Who am I?)
As a part of their “Talking About My Family” unit, all Year 6 students have created secret profiles for their favourite book/movie/cartoon characters. Starting next term, one secret profile will be presented in the newsletter each week, and readers (with the exception of the Year 6s!!) can try guessing who the secret character is by using the word bank provided to translate the Japanese information shown.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are encouraged to try guessing, as those who come back to Miss Lee with the correct answer the next week can receive a FANTALE lolly!! *

Debuting this section of the newsletter is the secret profile by Laura Piacentini. Who is this secret character? The answer shall be revealed in the next newsletter!! Happy reading and good luck with your guesses.

(* Note: Lollies given out only to the first three students who come in with the correct answer at recess on Tuesdays. Lollies will not be given to Years 5/6 students as all of them were present during the production process and therefore know most of the answers already!)
Not many of us in Australia know this, but the official mascot of the Japanese soccer team in this year’s FIFA World Cup is PIKACHU! All over Japan, you can see official merchandise that shows Pikachu and his friends cheering on the Samurai Blues!

And so, as a bit of holiday fun, here is a simple template you can use to make your very own paper model of Pikachu! Enjoy your holidays.