FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Digital Child—Apps for Learning and Creativity
Dr Kate Highfield presented a very worthwhile seminar last night on how families can support their children with the use of technology. Kate explained how Technology allows the child to:

Represent and create - for example to create or capture images, or represent thinking
Communicate - such as typing text, sending emails or messages
Link to specific curriculum content - for example games that allow the player to practise specific skills or demonstrate knowledge
Simulate and model - this includes toys that simulate behaviours - for example a baby that ‘cries’ until it is fed
Manipulate - toys that the child can handle in some way.
Problem solve and think strategically - this would include games and toys that encourage the learner to complete tasks such as a maze.

Kate’s Favourite Apps are:
Creatorverse, Imag.N.O.Tron, StarWalk, Monster Physics, Pick A Path (NICTM), Inspiration Maps, My Story, Explain Everything

Staffing Update
We warmly welcome Glenda Walsh to the Maria Regina Staff. Glenda has been working in different classes for the past few weeks and will replace Rebecca Billing on Year 1 from 21st August for the rest of the year.

Peter Hamill
Peter Hamill, director of schools attended our staff meeting yesterday. Liz Heffernan from the CSO presented a session on the importance of Risk Assessments for excursions and other activities. Mr C presented a session on technology showing us the content of the new (soon to be launched) website. Mr C also presented some professional development for staff on the use of the iPads in the classroom.

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Boffa family on the recent death of Brian Haylen, father and father in law of Monique & Nathan Boffa and Papa to Grace, Lily, Alice and Sofia. Our prayers are also with Tyler, Kirra, Cody and Kyle Johnson on the recent death of Jennifer’s Grandmother in Canada aged 104 years.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Public Speaking!

Congratulations to all students who participated in our whole school Public Speaking Competition. It's always a great success. Overall it was commonly reported that all students communicated their message effectively. All students were awarded certificates for their efforts.

The teacher’s marking criteria focused on the following areas:

- States the purpose
- Organises content
- Supports ideas
- Incorporates stories and examples
- Summarises the main idea
- Demonstrates awareness of listener’s needs
- Speaks clearly with appropriate vocabulary and information
- Uses tone, speed and volume as tools.
- Demonstrates thought
- Appears comfortable with the audience

Our finalists presented their speeches today to the whole school. Sophie Sheppard and Natalia Woods will now go on to represent Maria Regina in the Peninsula Public Speaking Competition held at an amazing establishment “Maria Regina” on Wednesday 21st August.

| Kindy          | Caitlin Sanders  
|                | Dashiell Osborn |
| Year One       | Zannah Dixon     
|                | James Holmes    |
| Year Two       | Manon Preziuso   
|                | Jayden Stewart  |
| Year Three     | Coco Guberina    
|                | Milo Browne     |
| Year Four      | Maya Preziuso    
|                | Joel Neasmith   |
| Year Five      | Isobel Prandle   
|                | Jemima Guberina |
| Year Six       | Sophie Sheppard  
|                | Natalia Woods   |
FROM THE REC

St Mary of the Cross – Australia’s First Saint.

Yesterday we gathered as a Catholic school community to celebrate the feast day of Mary MacKillop: Australia’s first saint.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. She had three sisters and four brothers. Mary cared about the people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola.

There she met Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph’s School in an old stable. Two of Mary’s younger sisters also taught in the school and other young women came to help them.

On 19 March, 1866 – St Joseph’s Day – Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God’s work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcome at their schools, even if they couldn’t pay. In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay.

Mary died on the 8th August, 1909 in the convent in Mount St North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started. In today’s world, she stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God’s loving and compassionate care of those in need. St Mary was cannonised on 17 October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. Mary MacKillop became Australia’s first Saint.

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop

To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And constant in bringing hope and

Encouragement

To those who are disheartened, lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence

And through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop

We ask that you grant our request

We ask that our faith and hope be fired

Afresh by the Holy Spirit

So that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live

With courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen

Feast of the Assumption

Next Thursday 15th August there will be a whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Students from Mater Maria will be joining us for the Mass. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Please join us for Mass at 9.15 in the Maria Regina Church.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
All parents received a hard copy of the school account last week. In the next few weeks you will also receive an emailed copy of the account. It is the preferred way now of sending out accounts. Please make sure that your email address is up to date and that if you would prefer your account to be sent to a different email address please let Mrs Sprakel in the office know. Thank you.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PEPEFORMING ARTS (ASPA)
On Tuesday August 13 the girls from years 1 – 6 have the opportunity to try out for the Australian Girls Choir. Flyers were sent home on Wednesday August 7. Parents are asked to return the permission slip to the school office if they are interested in having their daughter involved. Interested girls will be assessed as a group by one of the ASPA tutors on Tuesday August 13 at 12.45pm. Each girl will be sent an individual assessment report.

THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER
The school photographs were sent home on Wednesday and the feedback we have received is excellent. The following photographs are available to view and may be ordered by completing a Re-Order envelope that can be collected from Mrs Sprakel in the school office. Please place payment either Cash or Cheque in the envelope provided. Credit Card payments can be made Online through the School Photographer website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please enter your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope and return to SCHOOL by 2nd September 2013.

The photos are $14.00 each, 2 for $26.00, 3 for $36.00, 4 for $44.00 or 5 for $50.00. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are $10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order. Maxi sized photos which are A3 in size are $20.00 (e.g. whole School)

PLEASE NOTE: IF PAYMENTS ARE NOT RECEIVED BEFORE PHOTOS ARE SENT TO THE SCHOOL A LATE FEE OF $5.00 WILL BE INCURRED

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
We are still in need for volunteers in Week 7 August 26, Week 8 September 2, Week 9 September 9 and Week 10 September 16. Unfortunately if we do not have extra helpers for these dates the canteen will not be open as it is too hard for just one volunteer. Please if you can spare a few hours we would really appreciate it very much. The children love seeing their parents behind the counter.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Poster Competition
We had some terrific entries in our poster competition of what reading means. Many children defined this really well. First prize goes to Sarah Cassidy, 2nd prize to Jack Dixon and 3rd prize to Leo Barron. Well done children.

You still have a couple of weeks to finish your alien. Don’t forget to include the name of your alien, where it comes from, why it is coming to Earth and a good book for it to read.

PRC
For those children doing the PRC independently you have 3 weeks to finish the challenge. Once you have completed the Challenge, please email the PRC asking them to validate your records. Include in your email that you are doing the Challenge independently. Please let me know when your child has completed the Challenge so we can recognise them at school.

Reading is exciting, takes you out of this world and makes you happy. Sarah Cassidy
**BIRTHDAYS**

Manon Garner
Sienna Amoah

**MARIA REGINA BAND**

Asher McLean
Sebastian Meacham
Joshua Sergeant

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**Canteen Volunteers for Terms 3 and 4 2013**

If you can help at 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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Contact Number __________________ Signed __________
Parents here’s a hot tip to help you prevent your children from accessing harmful sites.

Google Preferences

In google.com.au, type in ‘Google Preferences’.

Under ‘SafeSearch Filters’, check the ‘Filter explicit results’ box and select ‘Lock SafeSearch’ and SAVE. (see below)
The DPC invites you to the following presentations by Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, Education Officers.

A Parent Guide – Helping with Literacy at home K-6
Presenter: Virginia Outred / Jane Denny - Education Officer / Literacy

In this session you will gain a basic understanding of how your children learn to read, develop comprehension skills and how you can help the process at home.

Date: Friday 9th Aug  Time: 9.30am-11.00am  Venue: St John the Baptist, Freshwater
Date: Tues 27th Aug  Time: 8.45am -10.15am  Venue: St Brendan’s, Lake Munmorah

Early Years Learning (3-8yrs) Outside the School Wall
Presenter: Sally Harrison – Education Officer / Early Childhood

The early years are critical for lifelong learning and social and emotional development. This session will provide families with strategies to develop play based enquiry learning at home and how this relates to learning at school.

Date: Tuesday 6th Aug  Time: 7pm-8.30pm  Venue: Sacred Heart, Pymble
Date: Tuesday 13th Aug  Time: 9am -10.30pm  Venue: St Mary’s Manly
Date: Tuesday 20th Aug  Time: 11am-12.30am  Venue: O.L.S.S, Terrigal

Student Support – Every Child Counts
Presenter: Marie Seafor – Education Officer / Student Support

This session will provide strategies to support students with disabilities / special needs, and learning difficulties in the Broken Bay Diocese. It will also include an outline of the disability framework.

Date: Tuesday 3rd Sept  Time: 7pm-8.30pm  Venue: O.L.R, The Entrance
Date: Friday 6th Sept  Time: 9am-11am  Venue: St Joseph’s, Narrabeen

To R.S.V.P. Please press Ctrl then click here
No child minding will be available but children welcome
www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com