Kids Matter

Yesterday evening the staff completed training in Component 3 of the KidsMatter Framework, Working with Parents and Carers. Topics covered included Home School Collaborative Relationships, Risk and Protective Factors for Children’s Mental Health, Support for Parenting, How to Respond to Parent Concerns and Collaborative Working Relationships. Information for parents can be accessed using the following links on the role of families Working Together and Building Partnerships.

During Week 7 of this term, 25th-29th August we will be participating in Wellbeing Week, a week where the whole community can slow down and relax and spend some quality time with your family after school. There will be no Home Learning and no staff meetings this week. We will be having the inaugural Staff versus Year 6 soccer match on Tuesday 26th August at 2.00pm on the grass area next to Barrenjoey Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Road safety

It is important to remember that road and pedestrian safety around Maria Regina is a high priority.

Please remember:

- School zones are in place between 8.00am -9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm and there is a 40km/h speed limit in place.
- The 40km/h school zone must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
- NEVER park across driveways and give way to pedestrians at all times.
- NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
- NEVER use dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three point turns.
- ALWAYS model safe and considerate behaviour.

Rugby League Gala day

Congratulations to all of the boys who participated in last week’s Gala Day. It was a big test for our players. The Avalon boys were small in stature but played with huge hearts. Thanks to the parents for coming along and helping and supporting on the day.

Athletics Carnival

If you’d like to re-live some of the memories of the school Athletics Carnival, video footage is now up on the school weebly. Once again, thanks to all of the parent volunteers and congratulations to Tyson Paine and his Red Colour house for winning the carnival.
Music Performance Evening

Congratulations to all the performers on Monday Night’s Music Performance Night. The feedback from everyone has been great and we are so privileged to have such talent in our school. Each year, the talent pool seems to be increasing with a great diversity of instruments being played. Congratulations to Olivia Smalley, our Band Captain, on being such a wonderful MC for the night.

Grant Colquhoun has created a DVD of the night and if you’d like a copy of this please let the office know. A small donation (of your choice) is asked to cover costs and will be put back into the music fund.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all of the students who delivered speeches to their class over the last week. On Tuesday, two students from each class were given the opportunity to deliver their speech in front of the school and the standard was extremely high.

Congratulations to the following students who presented their speeches to the school community:

Kindergarten: Pippa Connell and Byron Sergeant
Year 1: Allegra Stritt and Max Connell
Year 2: Zannah Dixon and Josh Kerr
Year 3: Manon Preziuso and Leo Barron
Year 4: Genevieve Kelly and Noah Wise
Year 5 Harriet Beynon and Cooper Johnson
Year 6: Jemima Guberina and Isobel Prandle

Special mention to Jemima Guberina and Isobel Prandle from Year 6, who will represent Maria Regina at the Peninsula Cluster Public Speaking Final next Tuesday 19th August.

We wish them both all the best.

Year 6 Fundraising – School Disco

Don't forget to send in your ticket orders for next Friday's Children's Disco, 22nd August. These orders are due in to Mrs Sprakel by Tuesday 19th August. The Disco will run from 5pm-7pm with a sausage sizzle provided. Children are required to bring their own labelled water bottle.
FROM THE REC

Feast of the Assumption
What a beautiful celebration! The church was filled with students from Maria Regina and Mater Maria, their families and parishioners. The music and singing was truly heavenly - special mention to Sam Browne's 'Ave Maria'. The children carried out their ministries confidently and with reverence. It really was a beautiful way to honour the Mother of our Lord.

Queenship of Mary
Next Friday, 22nd August, is the Feast of the Queenship of Mary - Maria Regina - our school and church feast day. Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary’s queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary’s Son would receive the throne of David. Her queenship is a share in Jesus’ kingship.

The whole school will be attending Mass at 9:15. (Students are to wear full school uniform.) Please come and join us for another special celebration.

FROM THE OFFICE

YEAR 5 AND 6 SCHOOL CAMP ACCOUNT
A reminder that the camp fee of $222.00 for Years 5 and 6 must be paid by August 22nd.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Please ensure that your account is up to date. Reminders were sent home yesterday in your child’s bag. The due date for paying by the schedule was July 25th. We have a lot of families paying by time payment please ensure your payments are up to date. The Catholic Schools Office do regular reviews on all our accounts. Please contact Mrs Sprakel in the office to organise any late payments. Thank you.

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PRC
Congratulations to Charlie Brown from Kindergarten who has completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Charlie! All reading records for the PRC must be completed by next Friday 22nd August to qualify for a certificate.

Book Fair
This will be held next Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd August in the Library. It will be open before and after school. Books can be paid for by cash or credit card. You are also able to pay online and then send your child with the receipt to pick their book. Simply go to www.carnivalbookfairs.com.au and use the Parent Payment link at the top right of the home page.

Dress up
This will happen next Thursday 21st August. Come dressed to represent a letter of the alphabet and have an alliterative phrase to go with your outfit, e.g. fabulous, ferocious fairy. The children will gather in the playground at 12.30pm and sit behind their letter of the alphabet. They will then get to stand up and say who they are.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

During Term 2, four Year 5/6 students represented Maria Regina in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.

These students were:
Ben King – Distinction
Jemima Guberina – Distinction
Harvey McLean – Distinction
Colm Holmes – Distinction

During the three week challenge, the students had to complete a series of 16 highly complex questions without teacher assistance.

The results were nothing short of outstanding and we would like to congratulate these talented mathematicians on their dedication and enthusiasm towards mathematics.

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

Please 'Save the Date' for the
'Children's Art Exhibition' and 'P&F Social Function'.

When: Thursday 18th September, 7pm.
Where: School Hall

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

CONNECT to
READING

Dress up as your favourite
letter of the alphabet!

Make up an alliterative phrase to match your costume!

Thursday 21st August