Father’s Day
This morning the undercroft was transformed into a Mexican Fiesta with colourful decorations, delicious food which included Marianna’s Mexican Cajeta (Caramel Crepes) and we were even serenaded by the Mexican Mariachis Band. Thank you to the wonderful team of Year 4 Mums who helped make today’s Father’s Day breakfast such a wonderful occasion and to all the fathers who attended.
Happy Father’s Day.

Welcome
We warmly welcome the Brinkley family to our school community, Tom in Year 3 and Harrison in Year 5/6E.

Maria Regina Art Show
Proudly sponsored by URM

You are invited to attend the Maria Regina Art Show on Thursday 18th September at 7.00pm. Come along and share an enjoyable night with the Maria Regina Community whilst you admire the many works which will be on display. Each child’s framed artwork will be on sale for $20.00. The money raised from the sale of the art work will be put back into the school for additional resources and experiences for the students. Cash and credit card facilities will be available on the night. (No Diners club or American Express)

Tickets will be on sale for our Art Show Raffle from the office next week. Tickets are $5.00 each. First prize in the raffle is an original artwork by our very own, internationally acclaimed Eva Frengstad (Mother of Maren, Year 4 and Lukas, Year 2). Eva was born in Norway and has lived, worked, and studied in Norway, Poland, USA and Australia. Eva studied at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco majoring in printmaking and fine arts. Eva has had three solo exhibitions in Norway and taken part in many group exhibitions. Other prizes include food and wine hampers and pamper packs. The raffle will be drawn on the night.

There will also be a children’s raffle and the prize will be a children’s art pack. Tickets will be on sale next week at 5 tickets for $2.00. The raffle will be drawn on Grandparents Day. The Art Show will be opened again on Grandparents Day so that the children can show their Grandparents their work.

New Playground
Work has begun on the new playground area next to the art room. This project has been in the planning stages for some time and we are very excited that work has finally begun. Plans include having access to an outdoor area from the art room. Performance, outdoor classroom and other play spaces will be incorporated into this area.
The Peninsula Learning Community of Catholic Schools is once again holding the "Catholic Worldview - Through the Lens of a Child" Photo Competition 2014. This competition is open to all students K-6 from every Catholic Primary School on the Peninsula. The students are invited to take a photo from one of the categories People, Places, Nature or Animals and lodge the photo online. The closing date for entries to be lodged is Monday 13th October.

School Procedures for Catholic Worldview - Through the Lens of a Child Photo Competition

The 2014 Photographic Competition categories are People, Places, Nature or Animals. Children are allowed to submit only one photograph. Once the photograph has been taken each child will be able to enter with an adult’s assistance on the website. Children will need to rename their photo with their name - category - name of artwork eg Jane Smith Nature Sunday Sunset. To enter the photograph parents need to go to the website – www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and click on the Peninsula Catholic Community of Schools logo. They will then be prompted to select their school from a dropdown list, enter the password photo and upload their photo.

Conditions of Entry

- 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.

A panel of judges from The School Photographer will choose winning photos in each category and an overall winner.

Prizes:

All winners will receive a framed print of their winning entry
- First Prize in each category - $50.00
- Second Prize in each category - $25.00
- Third Prize in each category – Framed print
- Overall winner - $100.00

Any enquiries please email Cathy Penning cathy.penning@dbb.catholic.edu.au
**Fathers Day Mass**

Thank you to all those dads, grandads and special friends who came to our Fathers Day Mass this morning. For those dads who weren’t able to make it... we prayed for you too and Bishop Bernard said this blessing for ALL our fathers:

> Fathers and those who are like fathers to children,  
> you are precious in God’s eyes.  
> May God bless and strengthen you,  
> be your hope and your guide,  
> and lead you gently all your days.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Upcoming Dates**

**Week 9**

Thursday 11th Sept  
Yr 5/6 Ocean and Year 1 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15  
Yr 5/6 Earth will be attending Reconciliation

**Week 10**

Friday 19th Sept  
Grandparents and Special Friends Mass

**FROM THE REC**

**Holiday borrowing**

Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Please help your child to look for any books they have forgotten to return.

**Lunch with the Stars**

The 8 students from Years 5 and 6 who attended this event on Wednesday had a fabulous time. They enjoyed meeting and talking with authors and illustrators. They were well-behaved and great ambassadors for our school. Belle’s report and some photos are below.

**Lunch With the stars**

On Wednesday, 3rd September, Harriet, Isobel, Laura, Colm, Harry, Matteo, Yannick and I from 5/6 went to a literary ‘Lunch with the Stars’.

First we got to decorate our table in Halloween theme and we dressed up in spy suits. With our black clothes and our black and white hats we were ready to meet some cool authors. I had bought some moustaches for some of us. I ended up giving Yannick and Matteo one each so we turned out to be the 3 Amigos.

All the authors introduced themselves and then moved to sit with us at our tables. The author that sat with us was Deborah Abela. She was great fun to have around. We had lots of talks from authors about their latest books. One of the authors thought he was so great at doing illustrations until another author stood up and said that she was definitely better than him. Two minutes later they had started a “draw-off”. Their challenge was to draw other authors but as superheroes in one minute flat!!! SERENA GENNES VS TONY FLOWERS.

Soon after the “draw-off” we had lunch. Chicken schnitzel, chips, salad (on the side), soft drink and for a mini dessert we had ice cream! It was very YUMMY! Following that, we got to go around to all the other authors and get their signatures signed on our card. We also got to buy books from the stall that they had with hundreds of books stocked. They even signed your book with their name if you wanted. I bought a book called The Impossible Quest. I was the 22nd person to have bought that book in the world!!! We had lots of fun and I can’t wait for other people to experience the feeling of the literary ‘Lunch with the Stars’. Have Fun In The Future!

Yours Sincerely,  
Your Library Monitor,  
Isabelle Wise
FROM THE OFFICE

HEAD LICE
Head Lice are on the move again….We have been notified by parents that in a few of our classes head lice are appearing again. Please check your child’s hair and where necessary please treat.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORMS
All students return to school in Term 4 – Tuesday October 7th in their summer uniforms. If you need to order a new summer uniform please do so before the end of term 3.

ATHLETICS SPORTS SHIRTS
Please return all shirts to the office. We still have a few outstanding.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
Attached to this newsletter is the roster for Term 4. Please if you can help let Mrs. Sprakel know in the office. If we do not have 3 volunteers for the tuck shop day we will not be able to open that day. Thank you to the volunteers who have answered our SOS.

SPORTS NEWS

Thomas Kerr – Polding Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Thomas Kerr in representing Broken Bay at Polding Athletics Carnival in Newcastle today. Thomas finished 3rd in his 200m heat, however among very stiff competition, he did not qualify for the final. Maria Regina is very proud of your efforts and I am sure you have inspired many other students to train hard and to have fun with athletics. Well done!

“DANCE FEVER” FEVER…..
We are all busy with our last minute practices for next week’s performance. The program has been an important part of both our creative arts and sports curriculum this term. A note came home earlier this week for all Year 3-6 children who are participating in the performance at Homebush next Wednesday night with details. Please contact the office if you did not receive this note.

Dear Parents,
Next term marks an exciting start to Vocal lessons being offered at Maria Regina!
In light of the success of the drum and guitar lessons offered by Mr C, I will be starting singing lessons in Term 4 this year (Grades 2-6).
Lessons will be Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm onwards and will cost $25 for 30 minutes.
There is no need for the children to bring anything but their voices and a passion for music!
Please let me know if your child is interested by emailing me at caroline.mulvenna@dbb.catholic.edu.au before the end of Term 3 (September 19th) so that I can organise a suitable timetable for next term.
Caroline Mulvenna (Year 2 Teacher).

BIRTHDAYS
Colm Holmes
Charlie Johnson
Tyson Paine
Oliver Fisk

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
7-13 SEPTEMBER 2014
PROTECTING CHILDREN MATTER!
IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS
PLAY TO PLAY
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### School Calendar

#### Week 9
- **8 September**: Yr 5/6 Camp Bathurst
- **9 September**: Yr 5/6 Camp Bathurst
- **10 September**: Dance Fever, Spectacular Yrs 5-6 Homebush
- **11 September**: Parish Mass Yr 5/6 & Yr 1 10am Yr 5/6 Reconciliation
- **12 September**: 8.45 Assembly

#### Week 10
- **15 September**: Cricket/Netball, Gala Day (3&4) (Nolan’s Reserve & John Fisher)
- **16 September**: Cricket/Netball, Gala Day (3&4) (Nolan’s Reserve & John Fisher)
- **17 September**: Cricket/Netball Gala Day (3&4) (Nolan’s Reserve & John Fisher)
- **18 September**: Children’s Art Exhibition & P&F Social Function, MR School Hall 7pm
- **19 September**: 9.15 Grandparents & Friends Mass and Morning Tea, Children’s Art Exhibition, Last Day of Term 3

#### Sept/Oct Holidays
- **22 September**
- **23 September**
- **24 September**
- **25 September**
- **26 September**
- **27 September**
- **28 September**
- **30 September**
- **1 October**
- **2 October**
- **3 October**
- **8 & 5 October**

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**Return to school Tuesday 7th October**

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**Canteen Volunteers for Term 4 2014**

If you can help at canteen during Term 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. Dad’s, Grandparents and special friends are also welcome. To help run the canteen smoothly it is good if we have 3 volunteers each Monday. Unfortunately if we do not have enough helpers the canteen will not be able to open on that date. The last day of canteen will be Monday December 1.

On Monday December 8 the canteen will need to be cleaned – this includes cleaning out cupboards, defrosting freezer if needed and washing down benches and floor. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours a roster can be made up.

If you would like to join this fun team of volunteers please complete the tear off slip below and return to Mrs Sprakel in the school office. This year we plan to have some extra yummy special items on our canteen menu. Please tick when you are able to assist in the canteen and return the form to the office. Thank you.

**TERM 4 Mondays 9am – 1.30pm**

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