FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Catholic Worldview Photo Competition - Through the Lens of a Child

Congratulations to all prize winners in the Photo Competition. As you can see Maria Regina was very successful and prizes were presented at today’s assembly by Garrick Dostine from the School Photographer. A huge thank you to Cathy Penning for co-ordinating the competition and displays.

![Peninsula Catholic Community of Schools ~ Broken Bay Diocese 2014 Photographic Competition](image)

**Encouragement awards**

Places - Alexia Simon ~ St Marys Manly
People – Stella Peterson ~ Maria Regina Avalon
Nature - Will Hotten ~ St Marys Manly
Animal - Kyle Johnson ~ Maria Regina Avalon
This week several students represented Maria Regina at the tennis gala days held at Wakehurst Couvret Tennis courts.

The Year 3 and 4 gala day was on Tuesday 28th of October. The following students participated: Aiden Flynn, Maren McHugh, Cody Johnson, Sienna Beaumont, Noah Wise, Genevieve Kelly, Lachlan Walls, Joey Oates, Toby Craw and Sarah Cassidy.

Over 100 students competed in the gala day and one of the Tennis officials said it was the best gala day she had ever run. Students of every level of ability were catered for on the day. Many students received on the spot coaching tips and the round robin experience benefited all players. All our students represented us proudly.

On Thursday 30th of October the Year 5 and 6 gala day was held. With the sun beaming on the courts it was a great opportunity for Maria Regina students to shine and that they did!

Thomas Kerr, Joel Neasmith, Matteo Fragasso, Belle Wise and Bella Encina all participated. Bella Encina was a stand out with her overall form. Matteo with his strong serve and Bella paired off to battle it out in the doubles competitive team winning most of their games. Belle Wise and Joel Neasmith were moved up into the competitive division due to their successes in the singles games. Thomas Kerr also did well in his matches.

The gala days are a great occasion for all primary students. We are fortunate to be able to take 10 students from both stages. If your child plays tennis, has played tennis or is interested in tennis and has a bit of ability, please let Mr C or Mrs Howard know this time next year.

It’s a great opportunity!

All Saints Day – November 1st

With many children (and certainly retailers) celebrating Halloween today, it’s always important for us as Catholics to reflect on what it really signifies.

Halloween is the “evening” before All Hallows, just as Christmas Eve is the evening before Christmas. All Hallows (we know the word hallow from the Our Father – hallowed or holy be thy name) began as a feast day in the 8th century as a day to celebrate “saints”. The Mass that the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1 was called Allhallowmas. This meant "Mass of all the hallowed [saintly people.]" It was commonly called "All Hallows' Day" which explains why 31 October became "Halloween".

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes’. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound (not so much speeding bullets and tall buildings, more conversions and cures). But to only focus on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven.

The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked.

The feast of All Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of our saints – those who’ve been known and loved by just a few.

Kinder & Year 6 Mass

Thank you to all the families who came to celebrate this special Mass. The church always has such a wonderful feel to it when it is full of our young people. It was great to see so many different ministries being undertaken by the children - sharing their talents to make our worship special.

If anyone took any photos of the children on the night, we would love to have copies of them. Just email them to christine.dunk@dbb.org.au.

Upcoming Dates

Week 5 Thursday 6th Nov
Year 5/6 Ocean and Year 1 will be attending Parish Mass at 9:15am
Year 5/6 Earth will be attending Reconciliation

Week 6 Thursday 13th Nov
Year 5/6 Earth and Kindergarten will be attending Parish Mass at 9:15am
Year 5/6 Ocean will be attending Reconciliation

Junior Altar Server Training

A note went home today to all the children in Years 3-6 who expressed an interest in becoming Junior Altar Servers. The training is available to all children who have made their First Communion and we will begin next Thursday 6th November.

A copy of the note has been sent out with this newsletter for anyone who missed out.
DEBATING NEWS
Debating is alive and well at Maria Regina!

Yesterday our debating team participated in the third of five debates against St Martin’s School, Davidson.

The topic this week was: That sportspeople are good role models.

It was our team’s job to convince the audience that this is not true!

They did so very convincingly and won the debate, receiving accolades from the adjudicators for their fine public speaking skills and ability to refute.

This means that Maria Regina has now won two out of three of their debates.

We wish the team all the best for next week.

Mrs. Pike

The School Team
Cooper Johnson
Jemima Guberina
Isobel Prandle
Stella Peterson

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Marcus Woods
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Altar Server Training

31 October, 2014

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed interest in becoming an altar server. This is a special ministry that allows your child to play a special role in the Mass but also requires commitment and maturity on their behalf. It is open to all children Year 3 and above, who have made their First Communion.

Trish Newman and Kathleen Feehely, senior acolytes of the parish have kindly offered their time and expertise to train the children. This training will enable the children to serve at our school Masses as well as at regular weekend Parish Masses.

The training consists of three 40 minute sessions to ‘learn the ropes’ and will be held at Maria Regina Church at 3pm (straight after school) on Thursday 6, 13 & 20 November.

Please pack a small snack for your child to eat before the training sessions.

I will accompany the children over and remain with them throughout the session. You will need to make arrangements for them to be picked up at 3:40pm.

The children will then be commissioned at the 9am Parish Family Mass on Sunday 30th November.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Monday, 3 November, 2014.

Thank you again for supporting your child in this valuable endeavor, please phone me if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,

Christine Dunk
(Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

I give permission for my child ____________________________ Class ______________ to walk over to the Maria Regina Church with the teacher at 3:00pm on Thursday 6, 13 & 20 November to participate in Altar Server training.

Signed: ________________________________________________