FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our New Bishop has been Appointed
To the Catholic Community of Broken Bay,

I am writing to you as a valued member of our community to let you know that today (20 Nov, 10pm) we were advised that Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev Dr Peter Andrew Comensoli as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Peter is currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney, and has most recently been Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese.


I ask you to join with me in welcoming Bishop Peter Comensoli to the Diocese of Broken Bay as we continue our journey together.

Yours in Christ,
Father Vincent R Casey
Diocesan Administrator
Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Parent Forums
Thank you to all the parents who participated in the forums yesterday. Mike Gaffney will be working with us to report the findings to the community and inviting participation in the next steps.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Greta and Kirk Briggs on the birth of baby George Austin. Harry (Yr1), Thomas and Zac are very excited to welcome their new baby brother.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Every week the students focus on an expectation from our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. This week we are focusing on **Safe and Caring Hands**. Year 1 presented role plays at our Monday PBL assembly and they completed posters to remind us about this important way to respect others.

FROM THE REC

**Christmas Hampers**
Today, the children have bought home the notes with all the details for this years’ Christmas Hampers.

**Junior Altar Server Training**
We have a terrific group of students who are undertaking altar server training with Trish Newman, one of our Parish Senior Servers.

Sophie, Luke, Manon, Armelle, Genevieve, Coco, Noah, Seb and Orlando will be commissioned at Mass on 30th November.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Week 8**

- **Monday 24th November**  Mary Rajca will be coming to update us on of friends in Candela, Peru. She will bring the beautiful handcrafts made by the women and these will be on sale before school on Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri morning next week.

- **Sunday 30th November** at 9:00am
  **Parish Family Mass – Blessing of 2015 Kindergarten Children**
  This will be our final Parish Family Mass for 2014 and is a very special opportunity to welcome the newest members of our school community. The children who are training for the ministry of Junior Altar Servers will also be commissioned at this Mass. We hope that as many families as possible will be able to join us for this celebration.

**Week 9**

- **Thursday 4th Dec**  Year 4 will be attending Parish Mass at 9:15am
  Year 3 will be attending Reconciliation

You are warmly invited to join us for these celebrations of our faith.
Wellbeing Week
We have certainly had a wonderful week of wellbeing – we have been physically, culturally and spiritually uplifted!

We started with a fabulous musical performance from Year 5/6 of The World’s Greatest (and they were!).

Tuesday was a really active day and we learnt some fabulous skipping tricks – skipping is now a favourite lunchtime activity and we are really good at it! Then in the afternoon Year 6 challenged mixed teams of Year 3, 4 & 5 students to a soccer challenge at the park. The cheer squads supporting both teams (often simultaneously!) were fantastic.

On Thursday, Lyndall Paine was our very own Gary Mehigan, holding Master Classes for Years 1, 2 & 4. There is something very special about making quiches, stir-fry and fruit infusions from ingredients grown in our own garden.

We have enjoyed a lot of activities like Bucket Filling, You’re a Star and Emotional Heads in our classrooms as well as the peace and tranquillity of meditation.

We finished the week with an art installation in the playground of Year 3 & 4 art – Picasso in the Gardens, a teachers’ baby photo guessing competition and ice creams at lunch time, which was perfect in the heat.

Wow, what a week!
Isabelle Wise entered the Wombat Books Illustration Challenge.

The Challenge has been established in order to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children’s book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.

The illustrations are for the children’s book “Zoo Ball”, a children’s book written by Aleesah Darlison. Isabelle has entered multiple pages, and one entry has been chosen to be posted on her very own blog page.

You are invited to vote for Isabelle’s picture. Please follow the following process to vote.

To place your vote, visit the Challenge Blog and select the entry you wish to vote for:

ISABELLE - Maria Regina Primary School

1. Give the illustration 5 stars! (click on the yellow stars underneath her illustration)
2. 'Like’ the illustration on Facebook
3. 'Share’ the illustration on Facebook

You can vote more than once!!

The illustrations that have the most votes from the public will be considered as finalists and submitted to the judging panel for selection, which includes the selection of the cover illustrator. The judging panel is made up of educators as well as the publishing team.

We encourage you to vote for Belle at: www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions

VOTING RUNS FROM 17 – 28 NOVEMBER (2 WEEKS)

On Monday, Lesley Gibbes, a children’s author, came to visit Year 6 for a 2 hour writing workshop. She came in into our school because I had won a writing competition after attending ‘Lunch with the Stars’ in September this year. She was part of my special prize along with 2 brand new books written by Kate Forsyth in her ‘Impossible Quest’ series books.

Lesley complimented me on my writing style saying that I had a bright imagination and a sharp insight into people, although she told me I had only used 2 out of our 5 possible senses when telling my story.

We began brainstorming using; touch, sight, sound, taste and smell. We used ‘A Bushfire’ as our inspiration in writing a short paragraph. I definitely think that our class got a lot out of the 2 hours with Lesley and she has been a big inspiration for me to keep on writing.

I hope everyone enjoys reading my story as much as I enjoyed writing it.

By Isabelle Wise.
At the end of last term, Belle Wise in Year 6 took place in this year’s ‘Lunch with the Stars’ Writing Competition. Isabelle’s story, ‘Down in the Deep Dark Forest’ was a winning story.

The judges stated: “Isabelle, you have a lovely writing style that shows a bright imagination and sharp insight into people. I encourage you to keep writing.”

As a prize Isabelle won two novels and a two hour writing workshop for the Year 6 students with local children’s author, Lesley Gibbes.

Take some time to read Belle’s lovely tale.

**DOWN IN THE DEEP DARK FOREST**

**BY BELLE WISE**

Down in the forest, where it’s misty and bare, where all creatures lay in their homes, lived one small creature camouflaged in the leaves. His name was Cameron the Chameleon. Cameron was very shy and didn’t like to be seen by other animals except for his family, the ones he loved.

One day, Cameron took a walk down to the edge of the forest where there was a village. He saw what seemed to him to be a celebration going on. There were people dancing and singing and eating little cupcakes. Suddenly Cameron found a bottle on the ground in front of him. He was very thirsty from his walk to the village so he decided to drink up. He drank and drank and drank until the bottle was empty.

Cameron felt a bit peculiar after drinking so he decided to go to a nearby puddle to wash the terrible taste in his mouth. When he went over to the puddle he found something strange in his reflection. He had grown horns, long thick wings, a longer tail, spines up his back and when he shouted from fright, fire blew out from his mouth! Soon he realised that he had turned into a dragon and he became very scared.

He started scurrying back into the forest but tripped over his giant feet. He quickly got up and sprinted like a cheetah in a running race. Soon he found that his wings took over and he suddenly found himself up in the clouds. Cameron was not usually seen because he lived so far down in the forest and could camouflage himself with his surroundings, but today he was seen by all. He felt wild and free but at the same time he felt lonely and sad because he wasn’t sure how he was going to get back to his family, particularly looking like this.

He enjoyed weaving in between the soft white clouds. He enjoyed looking down at all the beautiful creations in the world. He enjoyed the peacefulness of the sky and being able to see the rest of the forest from a bird’s eye view. However he felt empty knowing that he didn’t have any family or friends up in the sky with him and it didn’t feel right for him to feel strong and brave as he was used to being shy and hidden beneath the trees.

Suddenly those soft white clouds drifted through each other to make dark grey circles of a storm. Crack! Goes the lightening. Bang! Goes the thunder. Cameron was shocked to see the lightening and hear the thunder so close to him. He had never experienced anything like this before. He was used to being protected by his family and by the forest trees above him.

All he could think to do was to try and avoid it. He swooshed and swished his way through the lightening like an active snake but he eventually got tired and was struck by a strip of lightening! He swooshed and swayed his way down, down, down from the sky like a feather falling.

Thump! He landed on the forest floor with a very sore head. He felt the same strange way he did that morning after drinking the liquid from the bottle at the village. However, this time, his horns disappeared, his wings shrunk, his tail grew short, his spines turned back to flat scales and when he shouted once again there was no flame. His colour had changed to deep dark muddy brown and he seemed to be back to his normal self again.

“Cameron, Cameron!”, his mother called from further in the forest.

He couldn’t wait to tell his mother about the adventures he had had that day, but what he could see surprised him more than you could imagine. His mother had a fluffy head, a woolly body and a feathery tail! What was Cameron’s mother going to tell him about her day?
FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Thank you to the families that have completed their outstanding accounts. Just a reminder, all accounts need to be finalised by the end of November as the school books close. If you know that the account will not be finalised please contact the school office.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FORM
Attached to last week’s newsletter there was a Schedule of Fees Form sent out. Please acknowledge this form by completing the tear off section and returning it to the office.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM
The Registration Forms were to be returned today 21/11/14. We still have a number outstanding. If your child is in Year 6 now and not returning to Maria Regina we still need the form returned as it is an audit requirement.

HEAD LICE
We have been notified that Head Lice are on the move again. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.
Thank you,
Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

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BAND NEWS

Last Saturday the Training and Concert Bands played together at Market day from 12-12.30. They played their contrasting pieces very well. It was great as there was a lot of participation and it was a commendable effort as some members had to miss out on other events.
A special thank you to Olivia, Claire and Kath for organising this event.

By Harriet & Cooper

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Dear Parent/Guardian

The National Rugby League would like to invite your son/daughter to our ‘NRL Come & Try Clinic’ in conjunction with your local Junior Rugby League Club.

The NRL Come & Try Clinic provides a great introduction to Rugby League. The session will consist of fun games and challenging activities that will provide an opportunity for your child to improve their coordination, spatial awareness, social skills and fitness. It is also a great way to make new friends! These sessions are conducted by professional NRL Game Development officers together with Manly Sea Eagles players, and the best thing about the NRL Come & Try Clinic is that it is completely FREE!!

Please be aware that our NRL Come & Try Clinics are an introduction to Rugby League and therefore aimed at children that are not currently registered to a Junior Rugby League Club.

To register your son/daughter, please return the attached permission slip to the office by Friday 28th November 2014. If you have any questions please contact Tim Gee tgee@nrl.com.au or Mel Vayro mvayro@nrl.com.au

We look forward to hearing from you!

Tim Gee – Sydney North Secondary
Mobile: 0423 027 970


Mel Vayro – Manly
Mobile: 0411 159 423
**NRL COME & TRY**

Registration Form

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Date of Birth: ____________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Suburb: __________________________ State: ________ Postcode: ____________

Country: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Mobile: __________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Gender (please circle): Male Female

Ethnicity (please circle): Aboriginal African American Asian

British European Maori Middle Eastern

Pacific Islander Torres Strait Islander

Other: ____________________________ Country of Birth: ________________

Mother’s Ethnicity: __________________ Father’s Ethnicity: ________________

Emergency Contact: ____________________________ Tel: ____________________

Parent/Guardian: ____________________________ Tel: ____________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Have you ever played Junior Rugby League? (please circle) Yes No

Any medical conditions: ________________________ Allergies: ________________________

Medical Notes: ____________________________________________

NRL Team Supported: ____________________________

State Team Supported: ____________________________

How many NRL games do you attend per season? ____________

I give permission for my child to participate in this program.

I acknowledge that there are some risks in body contact sport programs such as these, and I accept the National Rugby League (NRL) and its employees and agents, will not be liable for any injuries sustained by my child during the program.

Privacy Statement

The personal information provided on this registration form will be used by NRL for general administration and communication within Rugby League and other matters of welfare relating to your child’s participation in this program. This information will be stored securely and will not be provided to any third parties or used for any purpose other than those outlined.

Publicity Statement

Photographs may be taken of the activities involved with this program. I consent to NRL using the photographs for publicity and promotion of Rugby League.

Refunds and Cancellations

Refunds will not be provided unless NRL received written notice of cancellation from you at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the program. In the event that the program is cancelled by the NRL for bad weather or any other reason, a refund of the cost of the program will be made, minus the processing fee charged at the time of payment. Refunds will be made via a Bank Transfer and will be the responsibility of the person completing the registration process to advise NRL of their banking information.

I have read and agree with the terms and conditions

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________