FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CANTEEN Now Open Mondays and Fridays

Our New Look canteen will be Open for Business next Monday 29th February. Our canteen is **online ordering only** for lunches. Lunch orders can be placed through our on-line ordering system, [www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au).

if you haven’t set up an account yet it only takes a few minutes. All instructions about how to set up an account and the new Canteen Menu are at the end of this newsletter.

**Morning Tea $ money needed**
At morning tea the canteen will provide counter service only. Children can come and purchase from a selection of things such as muffins, fruit cups, rice cups with honey soy sauce and popcorn.

**Lunch time - over the counter service $ money needed**
At lunch time the canteen will provide over the counter service for all frozen items such as ice-blocks, gelato & frozen yoghurt. These items are **NOT** available in lunch orders.

**PLEASE NOTE** that if a lunch order has not been ordered online it will not be available for purchase on the day.

**Bishop Peter’s Pastoral Visitation Pittwater Parish**
Bishop Peter will be visiting in the Pittwater Parish from Friday 11th March until Sunday 13th March. Bishop Peter will be celebrating the 9:15 morning Mass at Maria Regina on Friday 11th March. He will then visit Maria Regina school and meet with staff and students. Bishop Peter will also be celebrating the Soul Mass at Sacred Heart at 6:00pm on Sunday 13th March.

**P and F General Meeting**
The next P and F General Meeting will be held after assembly on Friday on Friday 11th March in the school hall.

**Staff Development Day**
Maria Regina Staff will be combining with other schools on the Peninsula on **Tuesday 14th June** to attend a Spirituality Staff Development Day based on Teresa Pirola’s book *River of Mercy - Streams of Joy*. This day will allow individual schools to participate in the common focus of Joy of the Gospel - Jubilee of Mercy. **Please Note** This is the Tuesday after the Long Weekend in June and will be a **PUPIL FREE DAY**.

**OPEN DAYS**
**Open Morning**
Wednesday 9th March, 9am – 10:30am

**Information Evening**
Wednesday 9th March, 7pm – 8pm

**Open Morning**
Wednesday 18th May, 9am – 10.30am
Buddy Reading Programs

The Art of Sharing -
Our students are fortunate to be exposed to experiences that teach them the gift of sharing. Some of senior students during Drop Every Thing and Read (10 minutes) time share a book with students in the stages below them. They watch over the younger student and listen to them read. They also decode words that they are finding challenging. It’s rewarding for the readers as they develop a close bond with the other student. Their reading improves because they like to impress the older student and they develop a level of respect for on another.

About the strategy
This strategy, students read aloud to each other, pairing more fluent readers with less fluent readers. Likewise, this strategy can be used to pair older students with younger students to create “reading buddies.” Additionally, children who read at the same level can be paired to reread a text that they have already read, for continued understanding and fluency work. This research-based strategy can be used with any book or text in a variety of content areas, and can be implemented in a variety of ways.

Research Basis
In order to increase student fluency, readers need experience reading to and listening to other readers of all kinds. Reading with someone else encourages students to try reading material that may be above their usual reading level, while also building oral skills so that students are more comfortable with their reading.

Strategy in
This strategy encourages students to work together and supports peer-assisted learning and cooperation through reading, listening, and responding to other readers.

Additionally, its plenty of fun!

Year 6 students helping out at Blueys Treehouse.

Year Six Well Being Team

Help our friends in Fiji

Next week every child will be decorating an envelope and bringing it home to collect a donation for Fiji. We would appreciate your generosity.
Lent
The children will begin their Lent to Easter modules next week in Religious Education lessons. Through participation and involvement in the modules the children will gain an awareness of the stories, actions and symbols of Lent and Easter.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. We are encouraged to focus on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others. Now is a good time to reflect on ways we are preparing for Easter; fulfilling our Lent promises, praying each day, giving money to Project Compassion and so on.

Upcoming Events
Week 5
Saturday 27th March - Year 3 and 4 hosting the Family Mass at Maria Regina Church at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome. There will be a sausage sizzle after Mass.

Week 7
Thursday 10th March - Year 6 will be attending the Cluster Mass attended by all Year 6 students in Catholic Schools on the Peninsula at Our Lady of Good Council Forestville at 10.30am
Sunday 13th March - Year 5/6 Soul Mass and sausage sizzle 6pm at Sacred Heart Mona Vale

You are warmly invited to join us for the parish celebrations.

The Parish Pulse

Second Ritual for First Reconciliation
This weekend, the 27th & 28th of February we will be holding our Second Ritual for the children preparing for First Reconciliation. The children will receive a special blessing from Father.

FROM THE OFFICE

COMPLETED FORMS
There are still quite a large number of forms that have not been returned to the school office. They were given out at the parent night and then through the class if you did not attend the session. Could you please complete them and return them to the office. If you have lost any please let me know and I will organise for a new set to be given to you. The Internet set states K-2 on the front page but if you turn it over there is the section for Years 3-6. A few parents have questioned why they received the wrong class information.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
The school fees are now overdue for payment if you are paying by the three instalments. If you are paying by time payment please ensure you have paid the February account. Please remember that it can take up to two-three days before the payment appears on our bank statement.

ONLINE CANTEEN ORDERING
Don’t forget this Monday is the first day of our new look canteen. The menu is very delicious and the ordering is very easy....Even I can do it!! You need to register and place the order before 8.45 on Monday. Thank you to the mums who have volunteered to help on the canteen for this term. The roster was sent home yesterday.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
The P&F Executive have come together and created a vision and focus for Maria Regina in 2016. We have three key areas within our community where we would like to add value;

- Engaged School Community
- Extra Curricular
- Prioritised Resourcing

At our upcoming P&F General Meeting planned for Friday **11th March** we will share our ideas and ask for your feedback as the parents on these plans and ways we can collectively enhance them. If you are passionate about a particular area of school life this would be a great opportunity for you to become a champion or join a working group in your area of interest. There is a dedicated Executive member to lead each of the three areas to ensure we have a cohesive and well communicated environment.

Our priority is to ensure that our children, parents and teachers all know what we are collectively working towards.

We look forward to seeing you at our General meeting – please provide any agenda items by Wednesday **9th March** to vianneyboon@gmail.com

Warm Regards,

Jules, Sue, Vianney, Kathy and Jo

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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- **Mater Maria Open Day** 6pm Yr 5/6 Soul Mass SHMV
Cross Country Training

Lucy Encina, a parent at our school, has kindly offered to take students for cross country training practice. Our school cross country will be held on Wednesday morning 30th March.

Each Wednesday morning at 8:10am, students aged 8 and over (for the benefit of those wanting to represent the school in next term’s Peninsula Cross Country) are invited to come along. If you are a parent and would like to attend the training yourself (and join in!), and bring your child (under 8) with you that is fine.

Students attending these sessions (Wed 2/3, Wed 9/3, Wed 16/3, and Wed 23/3 will need to meet Lucy Encina and either Mrs Munro or Mr C at the park opposite the school, ready for an 8:10am start.

If you are interested, please email grant.colquhoun@dbb.catholic.edu.au before Wednesday so we know who to expect at the training sessions.

Thanks to Lucy Encina for making her time available for the benefit of our students and parents.

Grant Colquhoun

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Swimming Carnival Wrap

Congratulations to Gold Captain Aiden and his entire colour house on winning this year’s Maria Regina Swimming Carnival, followed by Green and Red.

The swimming carnival was a huge success with many standout performances. The day was highlighted with 9 new school records. Three to Zannah and six records to Joshua, one for each event he swam in. Congratulations to you both on this outstanding achievement and we hope your records are around for years to come.

All the best to all of our swimmers who will be representing our school at next week’s Peninsula Swimming Carnival.

AGE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNER UPS

12 years boys: Aiden and Jack R
12 years girls: Genevieve and Maren (equal champions)
11 years boys: Jayden and Charlie J
11 years girls: Sarah and Sophie
Junior Boys: Joshua and Evan
Junior Girls: Zannah and Bella

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BIRTHDAYS

Daniel S  
Ryan B  
Sebbie M
ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS REGISTRATION DETAILS

Dear Parents

Welcome to our school's online ordering service School 24.

We no longer accept manual paper bag lunch orders over the counter, in the classrooms or in our black letterbox.

To register, please see below instructions.

REGISTERING FOR ONLINE ORDERING:

2. In the section FOR PARENTS click on ‘PARENTS’ then ‘CREATE ACCOUNT’
3. [Maria Regina School] School Registration ID 25260963

4. Fill in your registration form with Parent details – Submit (register as a parent)
5. This will take you to a Login area - login with Parent details – you will now be in your account
6. Click on ‘STUDENTS’ - to create your child’s profile etc. Each child in your family needs to be added individually for the current school year/class.

CREDITING YOUR ACCOUNT – (ACCOUNT TOP UP’S)

SCHOOL 24 CREDIT CARD OPTION

The two ways of crediting your account are:

1. CASH - You can pay cash directly to Kay or Marie on the days that the canteen is open. Your account will be credited immediately.

2. Credit Card - Payments are sent directly to school24. Your account will be credited immediately.

School 24 (not Maria Regina) charges fees for these options. For any payment queries please contact School 24 direct on (02) 8041 1132.

PLEASE REFER TO THE SCREENSHOT INSTRUCTIONS BELOW ON TOP UP’S WHEN USING THE CREDIT CARD/ DIRECT TRANSFER METHOD.
# Canteen Menu 2016

## Morning Tea
- Arrowroot biscuits (A) - $0.10
- Banana Bread (A) - $1.00
- Choc Muffins (A) - $0.80
- Corn Chips (GF) with Salsa (G) - $0.70
- Fruit Cups (G)(GF) - $0.70
- Piranha Snaps Chips (G) (GF) - $1.30
  - (Smokey house BBQ & Oregano & Thyme)
- Piranha Vege Chips (G) (GF) - $1.30
  - (Honey soy & Salt & vinegar)
- Popcorn (G)(GF) - $1.20
- Rice cup (G) (G) - $1.00
- With option of honey soy sauce

## Drinks
- Juice (G) - $2.00
  - (Apple, Orange, Orange & Passionfruit)
- Milk (G) Choc or strawberry - $2.20
  - Plain - $1.50
- Water (G) Fruit Tingle - $1.80
  - Blackcurrant - $1.80
  - Plain - $1.70

## Iceblocks
- Frozen yoghurt (G) - $1.90
  - (Mango or strawberry)
- Gelato chocolate (A) - $1.50
- Lemonade Icy Twists (G) (GF) - $1.20
- Quelch Fruit Sticks (G) (GF) - $0.50
- Available at lunch service only

## Lunch Cold
- Fruit Salad (G)
  - small - $3.00
  - large - $4.00
  - (Watermelon rockmelon strawberries kiwi orange grapes)
- Salad (G) (GF)
  - small - $3.00
  - large - $4.00
  - (Carrot cucumber lettuce tomato beetroot)
- Extra's chicken ham egg tuna
  - add (each) - $0.50
- Sushi (G) FRIDAYS ONLY - $3.00
  - Avocado (GF), Teriyaki Chicken or Tuna
- Rice paper roll (G)
  - $3.00
  - (Teriyaki chicken)

## Lunch Hot
- Butter chicken & rice (A)
  - small - $3.00
  - large - $5.00
- Garlic rolls (G)
  - $0.80
- Hamburger (A) MONDAYS ONLY
  - (Beef patty lettuce tomato beetroot)
  - With cheese - $4.70
- Meat Pie (A)
  - small - $1.50
  - large - $3.00
  - tomato sauce - $0.20
- Nachos (A) MONDAYS ONLY
  - small - $2.50
  - (Corn chips mince & bean mix sour cream & cheese)
  - large - $4.50
- Pasta with Napolitana sauce (G)
  - small - $3.00
  - large - $4.00
- Pizza (G)
  - $1.50
  - (Sauce ham pineapple cheese)
- Rice (G) (GF) & honey soy sauce
  - small - $2.50
  - large - $3.00
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (G)
  - $4.30
  - (Lettuce, sweet chilli sauce & mayonnaise)

## Sandwiches & Rolls
- Cheese (G)
  - $2.70
- Chicken (roast chicken) (G)
  - $3.00
- Egg (G)
  - $2.70
- Ham (A)
  - $2.70
- Ham and Cheese (G)
  - $3.20
- Ham Cheese and Tomato (A)
  - $3.70
- Salad (G)
  - $3.20
  - (Carrot cucumber lettuce tomato beetroot)
- Tuna (G)
  - $2.70
- Vegemite (G)
  - $2.20
- Wraps & extra fillings add (each) $0.50
- Extra options: Toasted
- Condiments available: butter, salt, pepper, mayonnaise, BBQ, tomato & sweet chilli sauces
- Breads available: white & wholemeal
  - (Gluten free – please see canteen)

## Online Lunch Orders Only
School24.com.au
Canteen Day’s Monday & Friday
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Kay Neale 0416262458
Email:
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