Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2016 will be held from 6th to 12th of March and will involve the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT.

One of the major objectives of Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is to raise public awareness of the strengths of Catholic schools and highlight the significant contribution the Catholic education sector makes to our state and nation. CSW is an opportunity to share with the broader community the great things that take place in our schools every day. The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ which aligns with the Catholic Church’s strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community.

The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees fleeing hunger and war.

OPEN Morning and Information Evening

As part of Catholic Schools Week we will be having an Open Morning (9 - 10:30 am) and Information Evening (7– 8pm) on Wednesday 9th March. Please pass on this information to any families with pre school children who may be interested in attending.

Music Teacher

I am very pleased to announce that starting on Monday Gabby Bermingham will be teaching Music at Maria Regina. Gabby is a very experienced Music Teacher who is employed as the Creative Arts Ed Officer for CSO on Tuesdays. She works at Gerrard’s Carlingford on Wednesdays and Thursdays and in the Sydney Diocese on Fridays. We look forward to welcoming Gabby to Maria Regina.

New Bell time at Lunchtime

We are trialling a new lunch time starting at 1:00pm instead of 12:45. This will give more teaching time before lunch with just an hour after the lunch break. The lunch break will now be from 1:00pm until 1:50.

School Photos Friday 18th March

Our school photos are only 2 weeks away. Please make sure that your child’s hair is neat and tidy. Hair should be out of the eyes, off the face and tied back at all times with ribbons in correct school colours. This is a friendly reminder that some boys may need to have a haircut before the photos.

PLEASE NOTE As the hall will be used for the photos there will be NO ASSEMBLY on Friday 18th March.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We are a KidsMatter school.

KidsMatter Primary programs aim to:
- improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students
- reduce mental health problems in students
- achieve greater support for students with mental health problems and their families.

As part of the program we acknowledge Well Being celebrations during Week 7 of every term. Well Being Week or as most students may call it “No Homework week”. During this week we encourage families to place an extra focus on looking after their well-being, by taking time out with each other. Here are some suggestions for next week – extended time outside, evening picnic, board games, backyard fun and perhaps this may interest you impromptu family dress up evening!

I challenge you to try this – as a school community let’s have a device free evening!!! No phones, no ipads, tablets etc for a whole night!

If you would like to share your experiences please send me a photo of your family experience. Enjoy your time together! (caitlin.remeeus@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Have a great weekend,
Caitlin Remeeus

Message from our students:

Well Being Team:
As part of Well Being we will be doing the following activities next week.
- Paper planes on Monday lunch with Mrs Stewart
- Posters for well being
- Make a well being star
- Supa dupa Thursday!!

It’s going to be a fun week!

Milo and Sasha Year 6

BAND

Band is going really well. We have two bands one is the training band and the other is the concert band. We have some instruments that can be hired from our school if you are keen to join. We have a trombone clarinet. Please see Mrs Remeeus if you’re keen.

Sebastian M.

Making a difference

Thank you Maria Regina families for supporting our appeal to help people in Fiji. We raised $400.40.

Maren.
FROM THE REC

Family Mass
Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the Parish Family Mass last Saturday night. The children participated enthusiastically in the liturgy and it was pleasing to see many children and their families enjoying a sausage sandwich after Mass.

Upcoming Events

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

The Parish Pulse

Third Ritual for First Reconciliation
This weekend, the 5th & 6th of March we will be holding our Third Ritual for the children preparing for First Reconciliation. This will be held at all mass times over the weekend.

Pittwater Parish is collecting donations for St Vincent de Paul. “TINNIES FOR VINNIES” occurs this weekend 5 & 6 March 2016. Donations of tinned food and personal items, eg toiletries etc. are gratefully received. Vinnies will leave their bins out at Maria Regina Church every first weekend of the month. Many thanks.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Library News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge opens on Monday 7th March. I will register all kindergarten students once registration opens on Monday. Any new students wishing to participate in the PRC need to email me by Monday 7th March and I will send you your log in details. Students who have participated in the PRC before will have the same log in details as in previous years.

If you are new to the PRC it’s a good idea to familiarise yourself with the website: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

As always, if you have some time to spare after on Friday after assembly I would love your help in the library.

Happy reading!

Mrs Alexis Conn

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FROM THE OFFICE

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
The second hand clothing pool relies on parents sending in unwanted school uniforms in good condition. From time to time we have to cull a lot of the clothing that comes in to be sold as they are soiled, button less and or ripped. The school office also has some items of clothing that are used in an emergency. The clothing pool is run by Sarah who volunteers her time on a Tuesday morning from 8.15am – 9.00am. The cost for the clothing is very minimal and the money raised from the clothing goes into our Social Justice funds. The Second Hand Clothing Pool does not accept credit cards only cash. We are very short on small sizes of summer uniforms.
Thank you for your continued support.

REMOVAL OF TICKS
At a recent WHS meeting we have been informed that we cannot remove ticks from the students. In the event of a tick whether it is a grass tick or a hard shell tick we will no longer be allowed to remove them.

Our schools provide ‘first aid’ and we advise parents / carers where we identify a child may require further medical assistance or where urgent we call an ambulance. Students that report they have a tick will be referred to the parent for medical practitioner assessment / removal etc.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
We have a number of school fee accounts that are overdue for payment. The school relies on everyone paying their account on time. This also means that the school can also honour our commitments. Please contact Mrs Sprakel in the office if there is a query on your account. The Catholic Schools Office keeps a close eye on all overdue accounts. Thank you to the families who have finalised their accounts as requested.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
Our new look canteen was a wonderful success on Monday and again today. Below is an updated roster up until the end of the term. I have highlighted in red where we need extra help. The canteen was sooooo busy that we most definitely need two volunteers and the coordinator on each day. If you can spare a little time the students and staff really appreciate it. Thank you in anticipation!!!

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