FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Enrolments for 2016
We are now taking enrolments for 2016. Siblings of current children attending Maria Regina who turn 5 before 31st July 2016 must fill out an enrolment form with supporting documentation. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Important Information for Year 5 Parents

Enrolment at Mater Maria Catholic College
This is a reminder that the applications for the 2017 cohort at Mater Maria Catholic College close on April 1, 2015. The College will process all applications received by the closing date and offer enrolment places for Year 7 (2017) in May this year. The College will be following the guidelines of the Diocese of Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office Enrolment policy. Being the only coeducational systemic Catholic school on the peninsula, Mater Maria is keen to support all local Catholic primary schools. Although submitting an application on time does not guarantee an immediate offer of enrolment due to the policy guidelines, it does inform the College of your intent and give you the best opportunity to be offered a position in the first round of offers. Over the past couple of years, late applications have been placed on a waiting list and it is highly likely that this will occur again for the 2017 cohort. If you have any queries on enrolment at Mater Maria Catholic College please call the registrar on 99977044.

NAPLAN INFORMATION

- the NAPLAN is a nationally developed program commissioned by the Education Council (EC)
- NAPLAN tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
- the aspects of literacy assessed are reading, writing and language conventions (comprising spelling, punctuation and grammar)
- the aspects of numeracy assessed are number; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data; working mathematically and space
- NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that support can be provided
- students do not have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests
- students have an opportunity to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests and with ways of showing their answers to questions before they do the tests
- NAPLAN individual student reports show the achievement of an individual student in a series of bands, against national minimum standards and the ranges of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia
- NAPLAN individual student reports are expected to be ready for distribution to parents/caregivers during August and September.
Our Walkathon is only one week away so visit as many people as you can over the weekend and ask them to sponsor you!

There are lots of amazing prizes to be won;

- **Most amount raised** – Girls: Volcom backpack, cap & purse, Totem tennis, Mambo pool skate and pool/beach noodle
- **Most amount raised** – Boys: Volcom backpack, cap & wallet, Mambo skateboard and pool skate and pool/beach noodle
- **Most number of sponsors** – Girls: Volcom backpack & purse and snorkel set
- **Most number of sponsors** – Boys: Volcom back pack & wallet and snorkel set

And, there are over 20 participation prizes! For every $20 raised students will receive one ticket in the draw to win prizes like;

- Netball & Volcom purse
- Snorkel set & Volcom wallet
- Volcom backpack
- Mambo beach rugby ball & Volcom cap
- Smiggles pack & Easter Eggs

And much, much more! Be in it to win it!

Please return your sausage sizzle forms to the office by **Tuesday 17th March** to enable catering arrangements to be made and sponsorship forms and money needs to be returned by **Wednesday 18th March**.

Parents & Friends – we need lots of helpers on the day so if you can spare some time on **Friday 20th March 2015** please let Mrs Sprakel know. All siblings are welcome to come along too.

A special thanks to the team at **Volcom Inc** for the amazing clothing and accessories for young men and women donated to Maria Regina.

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**Message from ………
Maria Regina Parents and Friends Team**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This Sunday 15th March – Year 5/6 Soul Mass and sausage sizzle 6pm at Sacred Heart Mona Vale

Week 8
Thursday 19th March – Year 4 will be attending Parish Mass at 9:15

Week 9
Saturday 28th March – Year 1 and Year 2 are hosting Family Mass – 6pm at Maria Regina.

You are warmly invited to join us for these celebrations of our faith.

Confirmation Enrolment

Enrolment for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place at both the 6pm Saturday Mass (28th March) and 9am Sunday Mass (29th March) at Maria Regina Church, Avalon

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Thank you to the families that have paid their account. We still have a large number of outstanding accounts. We rely on the accounts being paid on time so we also can pay our accounts.

CANTEEN
We still have a few spots left for Term 2 volunteers. If you can spare some time please consider helping in the canteen. We need 3 volunteers every Monday. Even if you can only spare from 9am – 11.05am that would be of great assistance.

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HOLIDAYS

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YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS
The Year 6 sport polo’s were given out on Tuesday March 10. We have 4 size 12 polo’s, that were ordered extra. If you would like to purchase a size 12 please contact Mrs. Sprakel in the office. The polo’s are $35.00 each.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs will be taken on Friday March 27th. The envelopes were given out on Wednesday March 11th. Please return your completed envelope to the school office. If your envelope is not returned an individual photograph will not be taken. All students will be in the class group photo. Sibling envelopes are available from the office.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

BIRTHDAYS
Joel Neasmith
Mila Hendra
Faith Phoenix

MARIA REGINA BAND
Jack Dixon
Cooper Johnson

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Charlie Riches
Max Quirk

1
Daniel Breen
Pippa Connell

2
Xavier Boon
Isabella Fisk

3
Josh Kerr
Lukas McHugh

4
Leo Barron
Luke Vitagliano

5/6 Earth
Jack Thompson
Yasmin Heyes

5/6 Ocean
Lui Buckingham
Harriet Beynon
A message from the Maria Regina Outreach

Calling all future team members!!!

The new year is well underway and the Outreach team are excited to get this year’s social justice initiatives started. We would like to welcome anyone who is interested in joining our team to our next meeting on **Wednesday 18th of March at 8am**. This meeting will be held in the Japanese room. No experience or particular skill is necessary. All we ask is that you have a passion for helping others and ‘making a difference’ in the community.

If you have any questions about the team and what it involves please see Rebecca Billing.

SPORTS NEWS

**Broken Bay Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to our Maria Regina students who represented the Peninsula this week at the Broken Bay Swimming Carnival.

Our Junior Boys relay team (Josh Kerr, Jack Dixon, Evan Flynn, Charlie Johnson) came 7th and our Senior Boys relay team (Thomas Kerr, Bayley Degotardi, Aiden Flynn, Jesse Amoah) came 6th. Thanks to the parents who travelled up with these swimmers.

Special mention goes to Thomas Kerr and Josh Kerr. Thomas represented Peninsula in all 7 events (after coming first in all of these events at last week’s Peninsula Swimming Carnival), and breaking a record in the 50m Freestyle that had stood since 2003, in a time of 30.51sec. Thomas won the 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly at the Broken Bay Carnival, the most accomplished performance by a student at Maria Regina in recent history, if not our 55 year history. Josh won the Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke, a huge achievement considering Josh was racing against 10 year olds and he is 9.

Maria Regina wishes both Thomas and Josh all the best at next week’s Polding Swimming Carnival, where they will be representing the Broken Bay Diocese. **Congratulations!**
Open Day - Sunday March 15, 2015 11.00am - 2.00pm

A warm welcome is extended to all prospective families to join us for Open Day on Sunday March 15, 2015 from 11.00am to 2.00pm. We are now enrolling students currently in Year 5. Please visit the College website www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au or contact our Enrolment Registrar for a prospectus. Applications for Enrolment or to register for a College tour. Applications for Year 7, 2017 close on April 1, 2015.

OPEN DAY
Sunday March 15, 2015 11.00am - 2.00pm
Embrace our spirit of freshness, innovation, community and wonder

www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the most recent figures available (2012), the average net cost of educating a student in a NSW Catholic school was $11,532 per year.

This is less than the cost of educating a student in a government school ($12,118) or in an independent, non-government school ($16,654).

Despite this efficiency, Catholic schools still rely on Federal & State Governments for more than 75% of our funding needs.

This is why funding support from Federal & State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.