FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Maria Regina Mobile APP

The new Maria Regina Mobile application provides quick and easy access to key school news information direct to your iOS and Android smartphones. The app leverages the data of our existing website while also providing valuable new features to help you stay connected.

Download the free Maria Regina Mobile App NOW !!!

TERM 2
First day of term: Tuesday 21st Apr
Last day of term: Friday 26th Jun

TERM 3
First day of term: Tuesday 14th Jul
Last day of term: Friday 18th Sept

TERM 4
First day of term: Tuesday 6th Oct
Last day of term: Wednesday 16th Dec

Winter Uniforms
The official change over date for winter uniforms is after the June Long Week End, but due to the unpredictable weather at this time of the year students can wear either uniform until then. From 9th June all students must only wear winter uniforms.

Mothers Day Breakfast and Mass
Next Friday 10th May Year 4 will be organising the Mothers Day Breakfast commencing at 7:30am. After breakfast at 9:15 am there will be a Special Mass to celebrate Mothers Day in the Maria Regina Church.

Broken Bay Cross Country
Congratulations to all the Maria Regina students who represented our school at the Peninsula Cross Country Carnival yesterday. The following children will now go to Fagan Park at Galston on May 19 to represent the Peninsula in the Broken Bay Cross Country.

FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

At Maria Regina we realise how important it is to Let Others Learn.
Let Others Learn is a really good way to show that you Respect Others.
Let Others Learn has been included in our School expectations.

On Monday Year 4 introduced us to this expectation and showed us different ways we can Let Others Learn.

When you move around the school – do it quietly – let others learn.
Everyone deserves the best opportunity to listen – let others learn.
Keep your own equipment organised so that you don’t interrupt people – let others learn.
When you call out – everyone misses out on a learning opportunity – take your turn – let others learn.
Even while people are playing games they are learning – don’t wreck the game – let others learn.
When you put others down, in the playground, on the sports field or in the classroom it makes them feel bad about themselves and stops them trying – use the opportunity to support them – let others learn
Each class has a LOL man to help remind them to follow this important expectation.

Stage 3 have made some posters to remind us of our new expectation.
**From the Rec**

**Upcoming Events**

**This weekend:**  
Saturday – Confirmation Reflection Day – Mater Maria College, 1:30 – 4:30  
Sunday – Yr 5/6 Soul Mass and sausage sizzle at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale @ 6pm.

**Week 4**  
Thursday 14th May  
Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending 9:15 Mass with the Parish  
Year 4 will be attending Reconciliation

Please join us on Friday 8th May for our Mothers’ Day Breakfast (from 7:30am) and Mass at 9.15am.  
It is a tradition at this Mass to have a PowerPoint of **photographs** of the children with their mother or special friend.

If you would like a photo included please email it to Christine Dunk at christine.dunk@dbb.org.au. It is important to send one photo by Wednesday 6th May as we cannot include photos sent later than this.

**ANZAC Day 2015**

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation’s involvement in the First World War.

ANZAC Day 2015 focussed on the Gallipoli campaign and each class has focussed in various ways on the importance of Gallipoli for our nation, through picture books, stories and poetry.

We have also had many opportunities to participate in the celebrations this year with children representing us at the Pittwater March at Rat Park, the Avalon March and the 100 Years 100 Boats Ceremony at Collaroy.

We finished our commemoration of ANZAC Day with our own liturgy on Monday. On each of these occasions, the children have represented Maria Regina with great dignity and have made us proud.

*We will remember them...*
SCHOOL UNIFORMS
We are only waiting on a delivery of size 8 and size 10 sports shorts that should arrive on Monday or Tuesday of next week. All the other items that are purchased through the school are in stock. There are a number of students who are not wearing a hat or are wearing the wrong hat. All sizes of hats are in stock and can be purchased at a cost of $20.00.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING
If you have any school clothing that is still in good order please donate them to the clothing pool. We are very short of the larger sizes, especially as our Year 6 students are growing and their uniforms are getting “shorter”. The clothing pool is open on a Friday morning from 8.15am - 8.45am weather permitting.

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS
Instalment 1 is now well overdue with instalment 2 due for payment on May 1. The payment of school fees is essential to the financial viability to your child/ren’s school. If families are not paying by the three Standard Instalments then payment instalments should be in place. If time payments have been organised they also need to be paid by the required date. Please contact Denise Sprakel in the school office regarding your overdue account. If the account is overdue and we have not had any correspondence from the family a meeting will be organised with the School Principal, Mrs Kathy Gee and a member from the Finance Committee.

ARRIVING LATE
When students arrive after 9am a late note form needs to be completed and signed by the parents. The students then get signed in and are recorded on the roll as late. This is a legal document from the Catholic Schools Office and the Education Department. Please ensure that you bring your child/ren to the office for the forms. The child/ren then take the late note and the signed form up to their class teacher for the roll to be marked off.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Please check the roster attached to this newsletter and if you can help out with any of the dates that have SOS noted on them, would you be able to volunteer to help out. If we do not get the helpers the canteen cannot be opened for recess or lunch orders. Some of volunteers are new to the canteen so an experienced helper or three volunteers is fantastic on the day. Even if you can only stay from 9am -11.05am the morning session that would be of great assistance. Please contact Denise Sprakel in the office if you can help. The students and staff really appreciate you giving up your “spare time”.

Denise Sprakel.
Senior Administration Officer

FROM THE LIBRARY
This term 5/6 will be in movie making mode! They have a fabulous opportunity to create and develop short film ideas that enhance Pittwater Councils' Storm Water Education Program. The winning idea will be produced into a short film and used at Pittwater Council venues, functions and Education centres. It will also be viewed by neighbouring schools and preschool centres.

Last term the students worked with Jules Bellamy Senior Education Officer from Pittwater Council's Coastal Environment Centre. She unpacked and explored the effect of storm water on our community and landforms. The children completed several experiments and formed strong generalisations about our local areas storm water issues.

On Tuesday 28th April 5/6 were visited by a film producer - Stephen Hancock from Contently TV. He inspired and excited us all. He explained the essence of every good movie comes from having a good story to tell. He explored the ins and outs of pre production, production and post production. We used a great app LOOP which helps create simple animation. I look forward to next week's library lessons where we will begin our pre production phase.

A big thanks to Sally Watkins, Wendy Johnston, Sue Fisk, Rhonda Horder, Sarah Collis, Cassie P, Janette Lamb and Sue Neasmith who have all helped to get new books on the shelves. I would also like to thank my library monitors Matt and Yannick for settling into their roles as official library monitors and finally a big thank you to my senior students who are always happy to come in and help out in the library.

Premiers Reading Challenge
We had some delays with receiving the Premier's Reading challenge passwords. Students will receive their new password next week. Thanks for your patience.
This year's band has had a great start. We are learning new pieces every week. Training band is for the year 3’s that are beginning to learn how to play their instrument. Concert band is for Years 4, 5 and 6 that have been through training band and are performing at special events like band Eisteddfods, Mothers’, Fathers’ or Grandparents’ Day and visiting Pittwater Palms Nursing home.

Stage band is a new band that is for Year 6’s. We have been learning the piece “Mission Impossible”.

Band is a great opportunity that I personally enjoy. Band is for year 3 and up. Near the end of the year we have enrolments for year 2 to join the band. Just before the Easter Holidays Training Band had a concert performing “Hot Cross Buns.” Training band has really stepped up and are learning their instruments really well.

Remember, band is a great opportunity for yr 3 and up.
We would love to have you in the band and help you learn a musical instrument.

By Band Captain Harry Schaut

**BIRTHDAYS**

Millie Hutchins

**Awards**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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You are invited to our annual

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

WHERE: Maria Regina School
TIME: 7:30 am
WHEN: Friday 8th May

The Coffee Cart will be there to serve real coffee.
Breakfast will be provided for the family
Please send money in a labeled envelope to
the school office by Wed 6th May ($10 per family)
The Rotary Club of Pittwater hosts Peace Prize winner Sister Lourdes from Timor Leste (East Timor)

Renowned hero of the struggle for Independence

6pm Dinner in the Bistro
7.15pm Presentation in the Horseshoe Cove Room Royal Motor Yacht Club Newport

PLEASE RSVP To Gail Carew on gail.aus@hotmail.com or 0417228294 by 15 May

20 MAY MANA LOU

Hear Timor Leste’s hero Sister Lourdes speak!

Rarely are we privileged enough to meet at true hero, an inspirational person whose positive influence is evident in the world. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet East Timor’s Sister Lourdes. In 1999 she was instrumental in coordinating reconciliation between pro Indonesia militia groups and pro Independence East Timorese. In 1997 she was a recipient of Pax Christi’s International Peace Prize. In December 2009 she was awarded the Sergio Vieira De Mello Human Rights Award for promoting social, economic and cultural rights by President Jose

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Canteen Volunteers for Term 2 2015

If you can help in canteen during Term 2, on a Monday, please complete the form below and return to school so a roster can be made up.

These are always fun days for the volunteers plenty of cooking tips and laughs. Dad’s Grandparents and special friends are also welcome. Unfortunately if we do not have enough helpers the canteen will not be able to open on that date.

If you would like to join this fun team of volunteers please complete the tear off slip below and return to Mrs Sprakel in the school office. This year we plan to have some extra yummy special items on our canteen menu. Please tick when you are able to assist in the canteen and return the form to the office. Thank you.

Term 2 Mondays 9am – 1.30pm

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