FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday.

Prayer for Mothers

As Mary was the model of prayer, of love, and of obedience to the will of God, by your grace make mothers holy and rich with your gifts. Bind families together in the bonds of peace and safety so that mothers will feel nurtured by love. May all mothers enjoy good health and spiritual well being to enable them to care for their families. Amen.

Mothers Day Breakfast and Mass

A huge thank you to Vianney and Chris Boon and their team of parent helpers, and Kaye and Marie for the magnificent Mother’s Day Breakfast at Maria Regina this morning. It was great that so many dads were able to help with this event. The undercroft was transformed and the food was sensational. The Coffee Van was a special treat very generously donated by Vianney and Chris Boon along with the beautiful raffle prizes.

Thank you to Jane Labone for organising our beautiful Mass at Maria Regina Church which was very well attended by many mothers and grandmothers. We are very privileged to have such talented musicians in our community and we thank Josh Willard, Caroline Mulvenna, Lynne Pike, Grant Colquhoun and Sam Browne for sharing their talents with us. It was great to see Jack Martin (Yr 4) on drums and Noah Wise (Yr 6) on guitar and the choir sharing their musical talents. Also Father Bronnick showcased his singing and guitar skills by leading the congregation in singing “Say yes to God”.

Walk of Mercy 14 May 2016

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we as a parish community are invited to participate in this pilgrimage “Walk of Mercy” from Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale through the holy door of St Mary’s Church Manly where there will be Mass followed by a light lunch. Register online on www.trybooking.com/198614 or at the Parish Office. The walk for the very fit will start from Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale at 7am, please be there by 6.30am. For the moderately fit, there is a second start point at Dee Why Beach at 10am. If you are just fit, join the walk from Harbord Diggers RSL Club at 11am. All walkers will assemble at 12 noon at Queenscliff Park and together we will walk to St Mary’s Church- celebrate Mass and enjoy a light lunch after.

Community Advisory Party (CAP)

Our First CAP meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 7th June at 1:30 in the school library. Please see calls for Expression of Interest at end of newsletter.

Italian Night WYD Fundraiser

The WYD fundraiser at Mater Maria last Saturday was a huge success. We are very fortunate to have such amazing talent in our school and parish. Please click on links below for an insight into the talent that was shared last Saturday night. Congratulations Caroline Mulvenna and Sam Browne on your outstanding performances.

Caroline Mulvenna https://youtu.be/EdFEEK6KUUA
Aussie Italian Songs https://youtu.be/3JB5AGPP5to
The Prayer https://youtu.be/4iPM6oO5z28

Special thanks to Joanne Seve Kelly for filming and uploading video
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs Caitlin Remeeus

Next week, the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by the students in Year 3 and Year 5. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Our students are well prepared for these assessments. The assessments will be completed in a calm manner during the day as part of the literacy or numeracy block.

The following assessments will be conducted:

**NAPLAN 2016 timetable**

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We wish our students all the very best. If parents have any questions about NAPLAN please don’t hesitate to contact your class teacher or the leadership team.


Next Monday Mrs Gee and I will be attending the Diocesan Well-Being Conference as part of our work to support Kids Matter and Positive Behaviours for Learning.

Our Mission Team /Well Being Team went to represent Maria Regina at the Mission Project day on Thursday 5th May at Forestville.

**A message from our students**

Yesterday we were fortunate enough to represent Maria Regina at the Northern Beaches Learning Community of Catholic Schools Mission Project Day. We were split up into new groups. We played an ice breaker game which helped us meet and greet others. We saw Miss Dunk. She was her happy self. After the ice breaker games, we formed other groups. We discussed and defined what our rights and responsibilities are as young Catholics.

Armelle’s thoughts were – Rights and responsibilities mean all people should have the rights and freedom of education and religion. They should also have the right to be safe from war and hunger.

Sophie explained that all workers should have equal rights. Everyone should be entitled to equal rights. Work and money should be in balance.

Next, we listened to Teresa Pirola. She was really an inspiration. She talked about how everyone can make a difference. Stop now and think about this... If you were on a dirty beach... What could you do in 5 minutes to improve it? We reflected on how everything we do can make a difference.

After this, we listened to Saint Paul’s talk about World Youth Day. We would like to go to World Youth Day one day in the future.

Finally, we concluded the day in parish groups. In Pittwater, we want to help Soibada more. We are lucky that we are connected to Soibada. It’s good to help out neighbours.

Pittwater Parish is building a high school at the moment for Soibada. They are committed to this because there are 700 primary school children who currently have nowhere to go for high school. The schools in Pittwater will be supporting this cause. On Timor Leste’s Independence day we will conduct a “Build a brick “donation appeal. We look forward to connecting with Soibada and the marginalised members of our Sydney community. It’s important that we all help each other. Overall we had an inspiring day.

Written by Sophie Cazalet and Armelle Harding.

Team members: Milo Browne, Sebastian Meacham, Xavier Harding, Sasha Collins, Sophie Cazalet and Armelle Harding.
**Up Coming Events**

**Week 3**
Saturday 15th May  
Year 1 and 2 Family Mass 5.00pm at Maria Regina Church

**Week 4**
Thursday 19th May  
Year 1 and 2 will be attending the Parish mass at 9.15.
5/6 Earth will be attending Reconciliation at 10.00

Friday 20th May  
Timor Leste Independence Day

Saturday 21st May  
Eucharist Reflection Day Mater Maria (for those children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time)

**Outreach Meeting**
Our first Maria Regina Outreach Meeting will be held next Tuesday 10th May at 8.00am in the Japanese room. At this meeting we will plan for Timor Leste Independence celebrations which will take place on Friday 20th May. If you would like to be part of the Outreach Team please join us on Tuesday morning.

**The Parish Pulse**

**First Ritual for First Holy Communion**
The First Ritual for children preparing for First Holy Communion will be held this weekend at all mass times. The children will need to bring along their presentation cards.
Please don't hesitate to contact on 9997 7311 (Ext 13) if you have any other questions.

Mass times over the weekend are as follows:

**Maria Regina Avalon:**
- Saturday 5pm
- Sunday 9am

**Sacred Heart Mona Vale:**
- Saturday 5pm
- Sunday 8am, 9.30am and 6pm

**Angela Smit - Sacramental Coordinator**

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Term 2 canteen roster.**
Help is needed on the following days.  
Friday 27th May, Monday 30th May, and Friday 3rd June.  
For all contact regarding the canteen and the roster please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777.

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**Library News**

Congratulations to Eliza in kindy and Noah in year 6 for completing the PRC! It’s still not too late to join! Please keep bringing in bits and pieces for our Makerspace club. Anything used for construction/craft would be great: plastic plates/cups/spoons, straws, lids, small boxes, different types of cardboard/fabric/foil. There is a plastic tub outside the library for you to add to.

We have just received the books donated on ANZAC Day by Avalon and Palm Beach RSL. It is so exciting to add so many new books to our library.

Our Research and Discovery Centre is up and running in the library. We have frogs and mini-beasts on display for the children to explore. Feel free to bring in anything to add.

Happy Reading!
Alexis Conn
alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

**Sport News**

Congratulations to Aiden Flynn on representing Broken Bay in the open rugby league last week. The team performed extremely well and Aiden played a huge part in that. Aiden has also been selected in the Pittwater Rats U12 Rugby Union team to go to the state championships in June. We wish Aiden all the best with his training and for the championships.

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

**Mother’s day**

What a gorgeous morning we have all experienced today !!!! I hope all of the mothers feel incredibly special, appreciated and loved.

The Maria Regina School community was pulsating this morning. Thank you to everyone that came to breakfast and Mass to bring the soul to our vibrant family that is our school.

Such generosity was shown by our team leaders Chris & Vianney Boon for today’s event. Styled beautifully and executed perfectly! Special mention to the Boon Family who donated to the event beyond their time and passion with the “coffee cart” – a heartfelt thanks. Thank you also to the canteen ladies for providing catering. Our warmest thanks to the “Dads” team that supported the delivery of today’s event.

May every Mum be spoilt and felt loved everyday especially this Sunday. Happy Mothers Day.

The P & F Team.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Call for Expressions of Interest –
*Maria Regina Community Advisory Party CAP*

Following the success of the **Community Advisory Party** last year, and the interest expressed in the school community seminars held 2015, I am writing to invite you to express your interest in becoming a member of this body.

**Purpose & Rationale for the Maria Regina School Community Advisory Party**

The purpose of the Community Advisory Party (CAP) is to serve the Maria Regina School community by providing advice to the principal and undertaking specific roles and responsibilities that support the school’s development. The charter of CAP is to encourage the contributions that parents and staff can make to the school and their children’s learning, and provide a means through which these and other members of the school community can provide advice to the principal and take action to ensure the quality and continued growth of the school.

CAP works closely with the P&F, student leaders through the SRC, our local parish and the diocesan Catholic Schools Office in providing strategic advice to the principal and supporting implementation of school community priorities across various areas of school life including:

- **Mission**
- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Pastoral Care**
- **School Organisation and Resourcing**
- **Community/Parent Engagement**

As shown in the diagram, each area of school life is related to the others, and all contribute in some way to student learning.

**Structure & Operation of Community Advisory Party**

The CAP will comprise an equal number of staff and parents. The Principal will be the ex officio chair. From time to time – depending on the matters under consideration, other members of the school community will be invited to participate. For example this may include students, our Parish Priest, parishioners, local community leaders.

CAP will operate along the following lines:
Content for consideration by CAP will include

- the outcomes from the school community seminars,
- School Improvement Priorities (SIPs)
- related initiatives underway within the school community and across the diocese

1. ‘Teacher – parent pairings’ will have a portfolio responsibility for an area of school life (mission, teaching and learning, pastoral care, school organisation & resourcing, and community/parent engagement).

2. Working groups associated with these areas may be formed where important needs and opportunities are identified and/or particular projects and events are planned.

3. Each CAP meeting agenda will consist of (i) prayer (ii) protocols and principles – including a formation element (iii) priorities and plans for action

4. There will be up to four CAP meetings each year

5. The terms of appointment will vary in the initial three year period to allow for a ‘rolling membership’ to be established. For example, some members will be appointed for one year, some for two years and some for three years.

Next Steps

If you wish to discuss or have any questions about the continuing work of the Community Advisory Party, please call 9918 2608 or email kathy.gee@dbb.catholic.edu.au

If you wish to be considered for membership of CAP, please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and email it to me at kathy.gee@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Monday 30th May, 2016.

Thank you for considering this invitation. I look forward to hearing from you

With best wishes

Kathy Gee
Principal
Inviting Expressions of Interest in being a member of our ‘Community Advisory Party’

If you wish to be considered for membership, we invite you to submit a short reflective statement (1 page maximum – using the following template) explaining why you wish to be considered.

Expressions of Interest will be considered by a group chaired by the principal. Other members of this group will include a nominee from the P&F, a nominee from the staff, and a representative of the Diocese of Broken Bay Catholic School Office.

Your talents and skills that would contribute to the Community Advisory Party:

Your experiences that would serve as valuable background for being a member of the Community Advisory Party:

Your hopes as a potential member of the Community Advisory Party:

For parents – please indicate whether you would be willing to be appointed for
- One year
- Two years
- Three years

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