FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from 3:00pm –8:00pm on Monday 27th and 3:00 – 6:00pm Tuesday 28th of June.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 24th of June at 3pm

Science at Maria Regina

On Tuesday 31st May Years 3 & 4 will be taking part in a hands-on, exciting Science incursion at school as part of their “Smooth Moves” topic this term. The children will work in groups to design a Billy Cart, take part in a workshop and build and drive their Billy Cart. This will be a practical and fun way to consolidate the knowledge and skills they have been learning about forces and friction this term as well as practising teamwork!

The Maria Regina Walkathon is in 21 Days!!

The walkathon is a healthy and fun activity for all our students from K to Y6. Sponsorship and information forms have been sent home and all monies raised will be used to improve our school.

Everyone has a chance to win a prize but most of all have fun and participate!!

For every $20 raised students will receive 3 tickets in our raffles so ask for sponsorship from everyone you know!!
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Maths Trust Group
Well done to our Year six students Cody, Genevieve, Jack, Noah and Sarah. Together they have been completing the Upper Primary Maths Challenge during school time. They visited Mater Maria on Thursday to work with skilled Year 9 students. Our competent team have successfully completed the challenge and will now move on to completing the Junior Challenge (Year 7 & 8) Good luck Team!

The Kindy Child Care Centre John St. Avalon
On Tuesday 24th May the concert band went to perform for the students at John St. Avalon. Our band members played nursery songs and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. The toddlers were singing along and playing handmade instruments. It really was an enjoyable experience. Well Done Concert Band!

Positive Behaviours For Learning.
This week we have been focusing on Respecting Others by being safe and caring

Safe and Caring Hands

Here are some of Kindy’s ‘safe and caring hands’. They helped each other trace their non-dominant hand- working together and sharing responsibility.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Library News
We have some beautiful new books in the library, if you are able to assist in covering books please email me and I can send them home along with some contact.

Congratulations to the students who have already completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge! I’m very excited to announce that this year we have the most number of students participating in the PRC EVER!!!! Well done readers!

Because we have some many amazing readers in our school I’ve decided to announce...the PRC party will be open to ALL STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE PRC!! If you haven’t signed up yet here is the link https://sso.det.nsw.edu.au/sso/UI/Login?goto=https%3A%2F%2Fonline.det.nsw.edu.au%2Fprc%2Flogin.html%3Fsso%3Dtrue

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 can add ‘Mad Magpie’ Gregg Dreise to their list
Kindy can add ‘Wombat goes to school’ Jackie French

Happy Reading
Mrs Alexis Conn
alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au
DANCE FEVER INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE NEWS
The Dance Fever Interschool Challenge is fast approaching. Date: Thursday 23rd June

For families new to the experience,

What do the children perform?
The children perform two dances with their partner and then a whole school show dance.

What do the children wear?
Partnered dance
The children are free to wear whatever they would like for their partnered dance but they should be well presented. A nice dress or skirt and top for the girls and good trousers and a button up shirt for the boys look great!

Students requiring help with their costumes can see Mrs Remeeus. We are happy for students to wear costumes from school but we do stress they must come back straight after the Challenge and they must be returned clean and in the same condition.

Sequined vests and bow ties and some black pants can be borrowed, but there aren’t enough for all children, so it’s first come, first served!

Show dance
Our whole school show dance has the theme: Matilda

The girls are to wear their winter school tunic and a white peter pan shirt (we have some available at school) their grey school socks and school shoes. We hope to have their hair in a high pony or pig tails.

The boys will wear a white shirt (we have some available at school) their pants from the partner dance, a tie (any colour is fine) and their school shoes.

What time should we get there?
The traffic can be heavy, as we’ve found in previous years, so make sure you leave as soon as possible after school. Better to be early than running in late. Doors open at 4.30pm and the challenge begins at 5.30pm.

Do I sit with my children?
No- you get to enjoy the wonderful performance from the grandstand area just above where the teachers mind the students on the dance floor. The children are picked up by the teachers from inside the entrance and taken to the dance floor area. You will pick the children up from the dance floor area at the end.

Should I send lots of lollies to share?
We’d rather you didn’t – the children do need a water and may need a light dinner snack but hopefully will have had some afternoon tea before they come.
FROM THE REC

The 2016 Bishop’s Religious Visual Art Prize is open to all students enrolled in Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Artworks may be in one of the visual arts media including painting, drawing, print photography etc. The artwork must be inspired by a spiritual person, event, passage or theme. The students are encouraged to consider creating an artwork inspired by the theme Our Merciful God—Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy for example Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan or Luke 15: 11-32 The Parable of the Prodigal Son and his Brother. Artworks judged as Finalists from Maria Regina will be submitted to the Diocese for judging. Entries need to be submitted to school by Friday 5th August (term 3, week 3) if you would like to enter the competition. Please see Mrs Labone for more information.

The Parish Pulse

Fourth Ritual for First Holy Communion
The Fourth Ritual for children preparing for First Holy Communion will be held this weekend at all Mass times. The children will all be called to the front by Father where they will receive a blessing from the whole Parish community.

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 – Pittwater Parish Sacramental Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
The 2016 Winter Appeal focuses on women experiencing homelessness, and for many winter is a particularly difficult time. Don't forget to send your donations of clean warm clothes, blankets, and towels in good condition to the school office so that we can make a real difference to the lives of the homeless. You can also donate online at www.vinnies.org.au.

FROM THE OFFICE

REMOVAL OF TICKS
While our school provides ‘first aid’ to all our students as mentioned in Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter we are not allowed to remove grass or hard shell ticks from any student. Students that report to the office saying they have a tick their parents or emergency contact person will be contacted for a medical practitioner assessment/removal etc.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
School fee accounts are emailed to each family. If you have not received a statement by email can you please contact Mrs Sprakel in the office for her to either print you one off or otherwise check your email address.

BUS PASSES
The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application. For more information call 131500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-students. The school Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it’s a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays. Parents are no longer required to complete the blue forms when applying for a bus pass. All applications are completed online.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
It is quicker to order your school uniforms online. The school still have samples for you to try on. To order go to: www.picklesschoolwear.com then select Maria Regina.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL
Last Tuesday there were families who purchased second hand items that still need to be paid for. Please pay Mrs Sprakel so she can mark you off the list. Thank you….from Sarah.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
We are short of canteen volunteers on the following Friday’s – June 10, June 24 and Friday July 1.
If you can only help from 10.45am – 1pm, that would be so helpful.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
**Term 2 canteen roster.**
Help is needed on the following days: Friday 10th, 24th June and Friday 1st July.
For all contact regarding the canteen and the roster please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777.

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**BIRTHDAYS**
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Alec J
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**Awards**

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