FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff Leave
During the holidays I will be travelling to Europe for a family holiday before joining some Broken Bay Principals in Poland. During this time we will have the opportunity to meet up with Father George and other members of the Salvatorian Group from Pittwater Parish. We will staying at the Salvatorian Seminary in Bagno before visiting Krakow during the World Youth Day Celebrations. I will be on leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 3 and Peter Rafferty will be the Acting Principal during my leave. Peter is a very experienced Principal who has currently been in relieving principal positions in the Broken Bay Diocese as well as the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese. Peter came to Maria Regina last Wednesday and visited all the classes and is looking forward to spending time in the Maria Regina community.

Lyne Pike will be on Leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 3. Cathy Penning and Kath Fogwell will be teaching year 3 during this time.

Caitlin Remeeus will be on leave during weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3 and Kath Fogwell and Rebecca Billing will be teaching 5/6 Earth. During this period Jane Labone will take on the role of Acting Assistant Principal as well as her role of REC.

Caroline Mulvenna will be on Leave for terms 3 and 4 to attend World Youth Day in Poland and to join a volunteer teaching program in Tanzania, Africa. Steph Munro will teach Kindergarten 4 days per week Monday – Thursday and Rebecca Billing will teach Kindergarten on Fridays.

Newsletter—New format coming next Term
We have been working with CSO School Marketing & Communications Officers to streamline our newsletter and update our website. During the holidays they will design a new template for our newsletter which will be more concise in format and will be more user friendly for mobile devices. From next term our new look newsletter will be sent out fortnightly. We will continue to use the Maria Regina App and the class parent emails to communicate, send reminders and to notify of any changes to routine. This will be the last newsletter for Term 2 and an updated Parent Calendar will be emailed out next week.

Dance Fever Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush last night. We have some very talented students and I was very proud of the way they represented Maria Regina. The students’ behaviour, participation and care for others were all outstanding.

Dance Fever Performance next Friday morning
Parents are invited to watch students from K-6 demonstrate the skills they have learnt this term in Dance Fever. At 9:00am, in the hall, the Dance Fever Challenge students will present their Show Dance. This will be followed by a demonstration of all classes K - 6 showcasing the dances they have learnt.

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Johnson family after the recent death of Julie Alice Farrow, Elyse’s mother and “Grammy” to Cooper Yr 7, Charlie Yr 5, Alec Yr 2 and Isaac.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Term 3
Something to think about over the holidays....

Next term during Week 3 Maria Regina students will participate in our whole school Public Speaking Competition. All students will prepare a speech. The topics below will be modified for K-2. Class teachers will provide specific instructions next term.

1. Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being. Kevin Kruse
2. "There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place." --J.K. Rowling.
3. Animals that amaze me.
4. Search and Rescue
5. Shakespeare - The man behind the masterpieces
6. Homeland
7. Changing colours
8. Stream
9. Social media
10. Our best of the best
11. Energy
12. A better way to travel
13. Trash or Treasure
14. Print

Guidelines for Public Speaking.

In general: A speech is based on a central theme suggested by the topic selected.

- Content needs to inform, entertain, inspire, convince and persuade. It should not take the form of a narrative or recount.
- There is effective eye contact.
- Unobtrusive use of notes.
- Appropriate use of language. Subject matter and vocabulary must be age level appropriate.
- Clear and varied use of voice.
- Appropriate gestures, which assist in conveying a message. (Public speaking is not a dramatic, musical or poetic presentation.)
- The speaker is able to establish a rapport with the audience.
- The material is developed in a logical and ordered fashion.
- Speeches should be within, and as close as possible, to the time allowed.
- Humour is simply a means to an end and not an end in itself.
- Props must not be used.

Do not address the audience in the beginning, or thank the audience at the end.
FROM THE REC

Congratulations to the children who recently received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in Pittwater Parish.

The Parish Pulse

First Holy Communion

A big Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the weekend. It was lovely to see all the children so happy and excited to be receiving this Sacrament.

I hope you all enjoyed your special day and may God bless you and protect you all as you continue your faith journey.

Angela Smit – Pittwater Parish Sacramental Coordinator

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL CANTEEN
Thank you to the volunteers who have help out this term on the canteen. The staff and students really appreciate you giving up your “spare” time. Attached to this newsletter is a roster for Term 3, if you think you could help out even for just a couple of hours on any Monday or Friday please do not hesitate to contact Kay on 0416 262 458 or Marie on 0410 566 777.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS
We now have in stock sports tops, shorts, and sloppy joes in all sizes including hats. Schools bags are also available as the school bag is part of the full school uniform.

LATE NOTES
Once the school bell has rung of a morning the students need to collect a late note from the office. If your child arrives after 9am a late note form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. The students then take the note to the class teacher.

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
Thank you to the families who have paid their accounts or who have contacted the school regarding the lateness of the account. Remember if paying by BPay it takes 2-3 working days for it to appear on the school statement.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Return to school Monday 18th July
Congratulations to our winners

Sophia and Xavier : Year 3 - 3rd in Cha Cha
Lois and William : Year 3 - 3rd in Foxtrot
Zannah and Luca : Year 4 - First in Cha Cha & Second in Foxtrot
Manon and Evan : Year 5 - First in Foxtrot & Second in Cha Cha
Genevieve and Noah : Year 6 - First in Foxtrot and First in Cha Cha
Year 4 - Section B trophy
FROM THE LIBRARY

Library News

Congratulations to Liberty in Kindy and Faith in year 2 for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge! Holidays are a great time to catch up with your reading! 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%2Flogon.html?


As an extra extra challenge the PRC is running an Art and Words competition. This would be a great rainy day holiday activity. Try to be really creative to stand out from the crowd! See below for details.

There are lots of children who have overdue books at the moment. Could you please check at home for school library books and return them so others can borrow our beautiful library books.

Next Tuesday, I will be holding a mini library working bee to cover books and get the library ship shape for next term. If you have an hour to spare next Thursday, any time between 9-10.45am I would really appreciate some help. If you can make it just send me a quick email.

There will be no library lessons next week, however, if children would like to borrow books for the holidays they can see me anytime on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

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

K
Hannah
Liberty

1
Mace
Noah

2
Luccia
Sarah

3
Millie
William

4
Charlotte
Jack

5/6 Earth
Charlie J
Xavier H

5/6 Ocean
Sarah C
Genevieve
Noah W

BIRTHDAYS
Chloe G
Ruby K

sorry to Joey T
for missing his
birthday last
week !!!
Teaching in Tanzania

As you may know, I will be travelling to Africa for several months at the end of the year, to take part in a volunteer teaching program in Arusha, Tanzania. I am beyond excited to teach in Tanzania, a place where education is so highly valued and cherished. There are many expenses however in completing this volunteer program - close to $8,000. The costs include the airfares, vaccinations, travel and medical insurance and the remainder of the money goes towards the host family that I will be living with.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of some of the Maria Regina parents, I have received a large donation of children’s books to send to Africa to distribute upon arrival. The cost of this postage will be approximately $700, however I’m hoping to be able to send all of the wonderful books, with the help of the community.

If you would like to make a donation or read more about it, please go to the following link- https://www.mycause.com.au/page/127090/teaching-in-tanzania.

Alternatively, you can search ‘teaching in Tanzania- mycause’ online and follow the link.

Thank you for your time and continued support,
Caroline Mulvenna

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Term 2 Canteen Roster.

Volunteers are needed for term 3 please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777 if you are interested in helping in the canteen on Mondays or Fridays each week.