FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term 3. We would like to warmly welcome Thomas (Yr 3) and William Kelly (Yr 1) and the Kelly family to the Maria Regina Community.

Community Advisory Party - CAP
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 reason for establishing the CAP is to recognize 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 and take action to ensure the quality and continued growth of the school.

Features of the CAP process include:

- CAP is a ‘working party’. It will exist until the end of 2015.
- Content for consideration by CAP will be (i) the report of the Parent Forum, (ii) the 2015 School Improvement Priorities (SIPs), (iii) initiatives underway through the P&F (e.g. the social media pilot)
- ‘Teacher – parent pairings’ will have a portfolio responsibility for a priority area of school life (mission, teaching and learning, pastoral care, school organisation & resourcing, and community/parent engagement
- Each CAP meeting agenda will consist of (i) prayer (ii) protocols and principles – including a formation element (iii) priorities and plans for action.

This week we had a very positive first meeting of the Community Advisory Party (CAP) where we looked at the report of the Parent Forum and our Behaviour Management Policy. We will meet again on August 21st.

Social and Emotional Learning Workshops for Parents
Social and emotional skills are important factors of well-being and social development. Children can learn some of these skills which help them manage friendships, work better with others and know how to be responsible for themselves and their emotions. There will be some free workshops run by the Parent Education Team from the Catholic Schools Office at Maria Regina.

There will be a two-part program offered on two Thursday mornings, 27th August and 3rd September at 8.45. There will be a one-part evening program offered on Monday 10th August at 7.00pm.

Please take the opportunity to come to the night or daytime sessions. See the flyers in today’s newsletter and keep the dates free. Kindly RSVP to the office to let us know that you are coming.

Maintenance update
At the end of last term the hall and canteen undercroft areas were painted. During the school holidays the fence between the school and the adjoining neighbour’s property was replaced. As a result of the storm damage we needed to repair the wooden retaining wall on the top field and reinforce the sandstone wall near the old school bell. This work was also carried out during the school holidays. We now have a new stand for the bell and we have planted our Lone Pine from Gallipoli in the area near the old school bell.
Mrs Jane Labone

FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Maria Regina Public Speaking Competition Term 3

The Maria Regina Public Speaking Competition will take place this term. Each child is expected to prepare a speech following the duration expectations below. The students will present their prepared speeches to their class.

We encourage all students to speak for the following amount of time:

- Kindergarten: 30 seconds
- Year 1 & 2 students: 1 minute
- Year 3 & 4: 1-2 minutes
- Year 5 & 6: 3 minutes with a warning bell at 2min 30 seconds.

Here are a couple of pointers to assist you when planning a speech for an audience:

- The purpose of the speech is to communicate a message effectively.
- Students need to be comfortable with the words/vocabulary they are using.
- A good speech shows a clear understanding of the topic.
- Students should use their voice, eye contact, facial expressions and even a hand gesture to catch the audience's attention.
- Students are encouraged to have a steady pace when speaking giving the audience time to take in what they are saying.
- Students must stand straight and tall; this carries a strong message.
- Palm cards should be small enough to fit in your hands (especially Yr.3-6)

No props or visual aids allowed.

The class teachers will be preparing the children and giving them dates when their speeches are to be presented to the class. Two students from each class will be chosen to present their speeches to the school community on Tuesday 11th August at 1:45pm. You are very welcome to attend.

The topics for this year’s competition are listed below. The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will adjust the topics for the younger students.

1. "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." – Francis of Assisi
2. Cultural Kaleidoscope
3. Survival Strategies
4. Every refugee has a name, a story and a dream.
5. Ice
6. A way of telling the story
7. Motion in the Ocean
8. Accidental discoveries.
9. Animal communication
10. Space

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Competitions

Every year students in Years 2-6 are invited to participate in the ICAS competitions. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students’ academic ability in aspects of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The ICAS tests are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students understanding.

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates of Merit, Credit and Distinction awards in the ICAS Digital Technologies Competition:

**Year 3**
- Joshua Kerr  Credit

**Year 4**
- Patrick Brennan  Credit
- Sophie Cazalet  Merit
- Dominic Eden  Merit

**Year 6**
- Jesse Amoah  Credit
- Thomas Kerr  Distinction
Pope Francis has released his latest encyclical which is all about our responsibility to care for our earth.

At Maria Regina our PBL expectation – Care for our Environment shows that we are on the right path!

**Upcoming Events**

Week 2  Thursday 23rd July  Year 4 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am

Week 3  Thursday 30th July  Years 1 & 2 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15am

Year 5/6 E will be attending Reconciliation

Saturday 1st August  Years 3 & 4 will be hosting Family Mass at 5:00pm at Maria Regina Church

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

Reminder that Account 3 is due for payment by Friday 24th July. The school camp fee of $222.00 needs to be paid by Friday 14th August.

**CONCERT LEVY AND TICKETS**

Don’t forget to send in your $15.00 levy towards the school concert costumes. If you still need to buy tickets for the concert please see Denise in the school office, $20 for Adults & $10 for children.

**CANTEEN SOS VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to the parents who have put their name down for the canteen for Term 3. Help is still needed in weeks 7 & 10 so please have a look at your diaries and if you can help out just let Denise know in the office and we can add your name to our Term 3 roster. The staff and students appreciate you giving up your time.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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If you have any problems please let your class teacher or Mrs Penning know and they will be able to help you.

2015
Catholic World View Photo Competition for Peninsula Primary Schools

To upload your entry for this competition please go to The School Photographer website Home page www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the icon below

You will then be asked to enter a password photocomp

Please select your school, browse for your image and select upload
Please ensure your file name includes StudentName Category PhotoName.jpg

Photo Competition Closes Friday 31 July 2015

INVITATION
TO ALL CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS
INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

Jesus once asked his disciples this question: Who do people say the Son of Man is? (Mt 16:13)

It is Peter who spoke up but what would our answer be?

Jesus invited people who wanted to know him on a journey with him to find out who he really was, what he was teaching and where many of their burning life questions would be answered.

Our RCIA team would like to invite you on a journey as well, where we learn how the story of Jesus unfolds, how he has touched us and how we got to know him through our Catholic tradition of 2000 years.

In a series of evening sessions we explore the story of Jesus and his teachings through our Church, the Bible and our tradition, and in this process we discuss some of life’s deeper questions such as:

- What does it mean to be Catholic today?
- How does God communicate with us?
- How can we have a personal relationship with Jesus and why is it important?
- What can the Bible tell us today and what do we really believe?
- How is God present in my life?
- Do I love how Jesus loved me? How can I?
- Why should I pray and how can I?
- What is the Paschal Mystery?

We draw from our rich Catholic tradition and hope that we will be able to impart our enthusiasm to as many Catholics and Non-Catholics alike.

Our new RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) starts on September 1 or September 2 (to be advised) at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall of our Sacred Heart Church in Mona Vale.

For further information please call the Parish Office (9997 7311).
CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR TERM 3 2015

If you can help in canteen during Term 3, 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 3 Mondays 9am – 1.30pm

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Contact Number: ________________________ Signed: ________________________
The Power of Social & Emotional Skills for Children’s learning

Understanding the social-emotional development of primary school age-children

Social and emotional skills are important factors of well-being and social development. Children can learn some of these skills which help them to manage friendships, work better with others and develop their understanding of how to be responsible for themselves and their emotions.

The session will cover

- Social & Emotional Stages of Development
- Brain development and learning
- How to develop your child’s social & Emotional Skills

Date: Monday 10th August 2015
Time: 7pm
Venue: School Hall

This is a Free workshop

RSVP: School Office by Friday 7th August

YES I will be attending

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Parent Name(s)
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Week 1:
- Social & Emotional Stages of Development
- Brain development & Wellbeing

Week 2:
- How to develop & support your child’s social & emotional skills
- Practical application – strategies into action

**Date:** Week 1 - Thursday 27th August 2015
Week 2 - Thursday 3rd September 2015

**Time:** 8.45am

**Venue:** School Library

This is a Free workshop

**RSVP:** School Office by Monday 24th August

YES I will be attending

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Parent Name(s)