FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

What an exciting place for learning is Maria Regina, Avalon! Here are just a few of the activities I have observed over the past week or so.

On Thursday 28th July, the Year Five students spent a busy day learning photographic arts with a professional photographer. It was a lovely sunny day and many of the images they captured at the beach and its surrounds were quite beautiful. The students demonstrated increased awareness of composition, shapes and patterns as well as capturing some great action shots at the skate park.

On Friday at lunchtime, students from various classes came together in the hall with guitars, bass and drums as well as singers to rehearse a musical performance of some contemporary pop songs. They sounded great under the tutelage of Mr Colquhoun and Mrs Brown. I believe there will be a performance later in the year.

Yesterday was a particularly busy day as Mrs Paine and Mrs O’Neil worked with various classes on preparing tasty sweet potato fritters and sweet potato soup, using the vegetables and herbs which they had previously harvested from the school’s veggie plot. On Monday they have organised with Peter Rutherford, Senior Ecologist at Kimbriki, to speak with Years 3 and 4 about building sustainable environments, composting and recycling, to support the children’s classroom learnings in Science and Technology, Personal Development and Health.

At the same time as this was happening yesterday, Kindergarten children were celebrating their first 100 days of school with a variety of fun learning activities. All the activities related to the concept of ‘100’, whether threading edible beads, spreading (and eating) hundreds and thousands, measuring children’s heights or playing snakes and ladders on 100 charts. Lots of parents and grandparents also came along to join in the fun.

I am very impressed by all this diversity and the real-life relevance of the many learning opportunities which are offered at Maria Regina. It would not be possible without the creativity and commitment of teachers and parents working closely together. These rare qualities should always be cherished and nurtured in a school and all involved are to be congratulated for having created such a home for vibrant learning at Maria Regina.

Student Background Collection data

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has once again requested data on Catholic school students to update their Index of Socio Economic Advantage (ICSEA) on the My School website. We have been asked to include the following Privacy Notice in our newsletter on their behalf.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Rafferty
Acting Principal

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

• formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
• assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.
**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday 6th August - Family Mass**

**Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2** will be hosting the 5pm Mass this Saturday, 6th August at Maria Regina Church. We are having a sausage sizzle after Mass so please let Mrs Labone know ([jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au)) the number of sausages your family will require if you haven't already done so. It is also enrolment weekend for those children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Everyone is welcome to join us for this important celebration of our faith and gathering of our community.

**Monday 8th August Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary Australian. With faith and trust in God, she was able to achieve extraordinary things. She was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1909. Mary MacKillop served God and others the whole of her life.

She founded a religious group of women, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The sisters worked in Australian cities and outback towns bringing hope and practical help to those who lived in poverty. Mary MacKillop loved the poor.

‘Never see a need without doing something about it’ was one of her well-known sayings. Mary MacKillop set up schools which gave poor children a basic education and taught them about the love of God. To the hopeless, she brought hope. Mary MacKillop treated all people with dignity and respect. She saw the face of Jesus in everyone she met. Above all, Mary MacKillop trusted in God!

Mary MacKillop was Canonised on October 17, 2010 at St Peter's Basilica, Rome. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Mary’s sainthood during the Canonisation Mass.

**Mary MacKillop Prayer**

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request. We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Week 5**

**Monday 15th August**  **Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass 9.15 in Maria Regina Church**

**Thursday 18th August**  **Year 1 and 2 Parish Mass 9.15 in Maria Regina Church**
  **Year 4 Reconciliation 10.00 in Maria Regina Church**

**The Harvest**

There was great excitement in the garden last Friday when the sweet potatoes were harvested. The quality and size of the potatoes had never been seen before. Year 1 and 2 used the potatoes for cooking on Wednesday. Year 1 created sweet potato fritters with yoghurt dressing and Year 2 cooked up a delicious sweet potato soup with ginger, garlic and lemon grass. Thankyou to Lyndall and Vicki who came and cooked with the children. They had a fantastic time and the food tasted sensational.
FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

BREAKFAST $8 PER ADULT $2.50 PER CHILD (aged 5-12 years) Gift $6.00

IMPORTANT - HOW TO ORDER:
Order under your registered school 24 account. Please refer to registration details if you have not yet registered.
Place your order under the SPECIAL EVENT ORDER SECTION on your home page for FATHERS DAY
Select STUDENT – place order under your eldest child only then select START ORDER

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ORDERS**

Select RSVP PAYMENT on the left hand side of the page under Father’s Day Category
Select QUANTITY attending for ADULT TICKETS select ADD TO CART
Select QUANTITY attending for CHILD TICKETS select ADD TO CART
If purchasing a gift - Select QUANTITY of gifts and select ADD TO CART
Press the checkout tab, check your order, then scroll to the end and submit your order.

**NO MANUAL PAYMENTS – ONLINE ORDERING ONLY**

LATE ARRIVALS
If a student arrives after the bell has rung they need to take a late note to their class. After 9.00am, a late arrival form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian. The roll is marked and continued lateness can become a problem.

PAPERWORK NOT RECEIVED
Last week notices were sent out regarding paperwork not received. If you were one of the families who received this notice and have not returned paperwork please do so. At the time of enrolment there may have been paperwork that you did not hand in and you were going to organise and send into the office. In some instances we are still waiting and on an audit trail we need to be able to produce the documents. Thank you for your help.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Last Monday we did not have any canteen volunteers to help Kay. If you can spare some time please let us know so your name can be included onto the roster. Kay’s mobile number is 0416262458.

Below is a new up to date roster as some of our volunteers have had to cancel and as you can see we need volunteers. Thank you in advance.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

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BIRTHDAYS
Noah
Jack G
Michelina
Kindergarten celebrated their 100 days at school with their families. The Kindergarten children had a wonderful morning filled with many activities.

“Today we had our 100 day party. We played snakes and ladders and measured how tall we are. I played with my mum” Sophia

“Today was my 100 days at school. I built lego with 100 pieces” Jack

“Today we had our 100 day party. I made some fairy bread with 100’s and 1000’s. I made some lego. I loved it” Leah

“Today I made fairy bread with 100’s and 1000’s. My mum came.” Estelle

I am pleased to announce the following students who are representing our school at the Peninsula Athletics carnival in week 5:


We wish all our competitors the best of luck, we know you will do us proud!

Age champions and colour house winners will be announced very soon, trophies and medals have been ordered so I will keep you updated.

We had such fun this week during wet weather PE!!!! The children enjoyed participating in netball skills and drills. If we have any mums or dads who would like to share their skills or talents in the coming weeks please let me know.

Alexis Conn
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2016 TERM DATES

TERM 3
First day of term: Monday 18th Jul
Last day of term: Friday 23rd Sept

TERM 4
First day of term: Monday 10th Oct
Last day of term: Friday 16th Dec

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Library News
Congratulations to Georgie in year 2 for completing the PRC. The PRC is coming to an end soon so if you haven’t finished yet, come and see me for some extra books!

For those who would like an extra challenge, Dymocks Books runs a great program called ‘Book Bonus.’ Scroll down to the bottom of the PRC home page and click on the link for more details. So far our participating students have raised over $1500!


Noah Wise, Abby Webb and Genevieve Kelly have done a tremendous job raising lots of money for our school library through the Dymocks Book Challenge. If you would like to show your support and make a donation to these students follow this link: https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/BookBonus2016/sponsor_a_friend#

Simply search for one of the students participating. All money raised goes towards new books for our school library.

BOOK WEEK!
Book Week this year will take place in week 6 of this term with the theme ‘Australia- Story Country.’

As part of our Book Week celebrations there will be a book fair where children can purchase books for themselves or to donate to our library. I have also organised a guest author, Jen Truswell, to visit the children and talk about the process of writing and publishing a book. She has prepared a great competition for the children to participate in (see attached SUPERBUGS flyer) so I would encourage you all to enter! Entries are due by week 5 to Mrs Conn.

The highlight of Book Week is always the book parade and this year is no exception! On Friday 26th August, children may come to school in fancy dress. In keeping with the theme, I would encourage children to dress up as their favourite character from an Australian book, an Australian animal, or their favourite book character. (Please remember, it is Book Week, not Movie Week!!!!! So Book characters please!)

More details about the parade to follow in the coming weeks.

After the parade the children will participate in mixed groups, K-6, in a range of fun book and Australiana themes activities, ending in a whole school mini-Olympics!

As part of one activity we need glossy magazines/ catalogues, if you happen to have any at home could you please bring them in and pop them in the white tub outside the library. It promises to be a great day full of lots of fun and maybe a few surprises!

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

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SUPERBUGS!
- By Jennifer Truswell (Barrenjoey Books)

Beautiful bees and bouncing bugs,
Slimy slugs and more..
Fabulous feelers, fury bums,
Flapping wings galore.

The strongest of all insects is
The tiny little ant
They can lift 10 times their weight
Without a puff or pant!

Billions of tiny insects
Make the world go round
Weaving their webs, hanging in hives
Or building a monstrous mound!

Camouflaging caterpillars
Cocoon themselves in leaves
Before bursting into butterflies
That floats upon the breeze.

Petite peacock spiders
Are the prettiest ones to see
They clap their hands and shake their butt
And jump from tree to tree.

Slugs live in the garden
And slugs live in the sea
But the slug of Mount Kaputar
Is the one you ought to see.

In order for the honey bee
To find the flowering plants
They talk with other bees
Through a waggle dance.

Unassuming Katydids
Live on ‘islands in the sky’
To warn off things, they lift their wings...
Striking colours fly!

If there is a time when you
Are feeling rather glum
Fireflies will cheer you up
With their bright, glowing bum.

Marvel at these living things,
They’re helping you and I,
Pollinate and propagate
So we all don’t die!

Cicadas in summertime surface
To sing their twittering tune.
Green grocer, flourly baker,
Golden emperor and blue moon.

Except the Aussie mozzie
With its irritating ring
A warning sign before the rascal
Goes in for the sting!

DRAWING COMPETITION BRIEF

Insects truly are what make our world go round. They are the most successful animal group on earth and have some of the most amazing adaptations (i.e. super powers). Without them, humans wouldn’t survive! So let’s capture their coolness and get creative.

Choose a paragraph from the poem above, research that insect and try to best capture it’s glory in an illustration done on an A4 size page. The insect that I believe comes to life the most through expression, colour and detail will win a signed copy of my book Pouches, Paws, Tails and Claws and 2 complimentary tickets to Taronga Zoo.
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO SWING TO A SIZZLING SAMBA AT THE
MARIA REGINA

RIO
CARNIVAL GAMES NIGHT

WHEN MY BABY SMILES AT ME... I GO TO RIO

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016
6:30PM
THE HALL, MARIA REGINA PRIMARY SCHOOL AVALON EVERYONE WELCOME

$60 PER PERSON OR $500 TABLE OF 10 // WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL // CANAPÉS
// ENTERTAINMENT AND LIVE MUSIC // COPACABANA BAR // THIS IS AN OVER 18’S EVENT
DRESS // WITH THE INFECTIONOUS ENERGY OF THE LOCALS, CARNIVAL COLOUR IS CALLING
ENQUIRIES // DENISE SPRAKEL 9918 2608 MRA@DBB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU
BOOKINGS // SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER // WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

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