FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The M’Arias

The M’Arias was a culmination of many weeks preparation and what an amazing result. Congratulations to all the students for an outstanding effort on Wednesday night. A big thank you to all the teachers who worked tirelessly with the children to make this performance such a success. A special thank you to Lynne Pike and Alexis Conn for writing the script, choreographing the dances and directing the M’Arias. Thank you to Grant Colquhoun for visuals and sound production. A wonderful team effort and a spectacular performance.

Please check website for photos.

DVD’s of the M’Arias will be available soon. If you wish to purchase a professionally produced DVD for $15 please fill out the order form at the end of the newsletter.

Staff Leave

Mrs Rebecca Billing will be commencing Maternity Leave next Monday 10th August. We thank Rebecca for all her hard work and wish her and James all the best as they await the arrival of a brother or sister for Ryder. Mrs Kath Fogwell will be replacing Rebecca on Year 1 until the end of the year. Kath is a very experienced teacher having taught at OLG Forestville, St Mary’s Manly and Maria Regina Avalon. Kath has taught Year 1 previously and we look forward to her joining the Maria Regina Team.

Save the Date Saturday 12th September

NB : -Please note

There will be no newsletter next week due to the Athletics Carnival.
FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PBL EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK:

We care for belongings

Parent Education Program
Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay – Parent Education team

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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 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

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

Parent Name(s)
FROM THE REC

Feast of Mary MacKillop (St Mary of the Cross)
Tomorrow, the 8th of August is the Feast of Australia’s own saint – Mary MacKillop. At today’s assembly we sang the hymn “In the Footsteps of Jesus” to remember that just as Mary MacKillop was guided by Jesus to care for others in how she lived her life, we have also been called to live our lives that way.

"In the footsteps of Jesus, we follow on your way
As we walk on your path of love and hope and faith.
We journey together each day as we grow.
In the love of our God, wherever we go."

The Assumption
Next Saturday, August 15th marks the feast of the Assumption. It is one of only two Holy Days of Obligation that we have in Australia – the other being Christmas Day. Mass will be held at Maria Regina Church at 9:15 on Saturday 15th.

The feast of the Assumption is a celebration of Mary’s faithful relationship with her God. She made room for God in her life. It is a reminder to each of us to put our trust in God who promises to be with us as we journey through life. We are called to make room for God in our lives and so become fully human and alive; more deeply the person God has called us to be.

Mary Queen of Heaven
The Feast Day of Maria Regina (Mary Queen of Heaven) is on Saturday 22nd August. We will mark the day on Friday 21st with a whole school Mass at 9:15.

Week 5
Thursday 13th August
Year 5/6 Ocean and Kindergarten will attend Mass with the Parish at 9:15.
Year 4 will attend Reconciliation

Thank you
Thank you so much to all of the parents who volunteered (and got commandeered) to help with the supper after Mass last weekend. We can’t do it without you – and your support of this initiative to help us build community is very much appreciated.

FROM THE OFFICE

OVERDUE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
We still have a large amount of overdue accounts which were due for payment on the 24th July. The school relies on our school fee accounts being paid on time so we can also pay our creditors on time. Please make sure your account payments are up to date.

Yr 5/6 Camp
Reminder that the school camp fee of $222.00 needs to be paid by Friday 14th August.

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 week 7 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.

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HOLIDAYS

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR
Wednesday August 12th at 12.45pm there will be an assessment workshop for girls in Year 1 and above if they would like to try out. Parents are asked to return the permission slip to the school if they are interested in having their daughter involved. Interested girls will be assessed as a group by one of the Australian Girls’ Choir tutors. Each girl who is assessed will be sent an encouraging assessment report following the assessment. Flyers have already been sent home.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
**STAGE 3**

**Pittwater Council Eco Films.**

During term 2 Maria Regina’s 5/6 students were given a great learning opportunity to develop their understanding of storm water pollution in the Pittwater catchment area. The students worked with Pittwater Council’s environment team to establish the types of pollution that currently in our catchment areas.

Next they worked with Stephen Hancock from *Contently Productions* to learn the “in’s and outs” of filming short films. Then it was back to the library to create big ideas and scripts to support the theme “Nothing but rain down the drain”. After four weeks planning, deep reflection and plenty of fun our scripts were presented to *Contently Productions* and Pittwater Council for judging. Maya Preziuso, Savannah Burfitt Williams, Harriet Beynon and Bella Pearce were chosen to produce their short film which showed a thorough understanding of the main idea “Nothing but rain down the drain”.

Please visit the following link - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZnqWKc-ntk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZnqWKc-ntk)

This was a great experience for all 5/6 to take action and make a difference.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Maria Regina School Musical 2015

“The ARIA’s” DVD Order Form

The cost per DVD is $15.00.

Families wishing to purchase this fantastic DVD, please enclose your money and indicate how many DVD’s you wish to purchase in a sealed envelope and return it to the school office.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card (details below)

This order needs to be at school by Monday August 24th.

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Family Name: ____________________________ Eldest Student Class: _______

No. DVD’s @ $15.00 each _____________ Total $ _____________

Cash/Cheque/Credit Card (please circle) No Amex or diners cards accepted

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