FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It has been another very exciting week of experiential learning at Maria Regina. On Tuesday I accompanied Years One and Two on their walk around the local area, looking at natural and constructed features, as part of their geography studies. Afterwards I was impressed by their recounts of the experience and their informative mapping of the area.

Yesterday children in years 1 and 2 learnt about the properties of substances and what happens when they are mixed. This fascinating lesson experience integrated Science and Technology learning outcomes with Creative and Practical Arts as the children worked with their teachers and volunteer parents to make concrete planters, tasty cheese cakes and beautifully marbled works of art.

On Wednesday afternoon, teachers spent time after school discussing the new Board of Studies Geography syllabus and sharing their individual expertise and learning to support each other’s programming in this area. Once again the focus was on meaningful real life experiences as a stimulus and framework for deep learning about important concepts.

It’s great to be part of a school with such an enthusiastic and relevant learning culture.

Two Marian Feast Days to Celebrate

The Assumption

Next Monday 15th August we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". You can read more about the historical and theological background to this feast at: https://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2011/2011812_1809.shtml

The Feast of the Assumption has been designated a Holy Day of Obligation which means that it is of such importance that Catholic communities are called to mark it with participation in the celebration of the Mass just as they are called to do each Sunday.

The children of Maria Regina school will attend the 9.15am Mass at the church along with the students from Mater Maria College. Parents are invited to join in the celebration with us.

The Queenship of Mary

On the following Monday 22nd August, we celebrate with the wider Catholic church the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, or as it is known in Latin, “Maria Regina”. This is our school’s feast day and so it is very special for us. Once again we will celebrate with a Mass at 9.15 am and next week we will let you know how else we plan to mark the day for all the children.

Yours Sincerely
Peter Rafferty
Acting Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Australian Math’s Trust Competition**
During Term 2 – Cody J, Genevieve K, Sarah C, Jack R and Noah W from year 6 worked solidly to complete the Math’s trust Upper Primary competition. The problems they solved were designed to test mathematical thinking rather than focus on calculations themselves, thus such questions were designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. Our students have achieved pleasing results.

**Cody, Genevieve, Sarah and Jack – Distinction**
Noah – Credit
Well Done!!!

**Science Week**
Next week is Science Week. We are looking forward to our Kindy- Year 6 science incursion. We have Bob from Discovery Shed coming to explore science with each class next Thursday.

**Care for appearance** – Please have a look at your child’s school shoes. Many school shoes are looking rather tired and in need of a good polish. We would appreciate your support.

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**BIRTHDAYS**
Sienna A
Dash

**OUR SCHOOL RULES**
Respect Yourself
Respect others
Respect the place we are in.

**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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**MARA REGINA\nBAND**
Bella
Nathan
Dash
Genevieve
Poppy
Ethan

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Upcoming Events

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
5/6 Earth Reconciliation 10.00 in Maria Regina Church

Week 6
**Monday 22nd August:** Feast of the Queenship of Mary: Whole School Mass 9:15 in Maria Regina Church
**Saturday 27th August:** Confirmation Reflection Day Mater Maria at 1:30PM (for those students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation)

The Parish Pulse

First Ritual for Confirmation
The First Ritual for children preparing for Confirmation will be held this weekend the 13th and 14th of August, at all mass times. The children will need to bring along their Sacramental journey book and their presentation card which they can find in their workbooks.

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

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
Please ensure that your accounts are up to date. We have quite a large amount of outstanding fees. Families who have opted to pay their account by time payments please be aware that the outstanding amounts need to be paid in full.

OUTSTANDING PAPERWORK
Two weeks ago letters were sent out requesting outstanding paperwork to be sent into the office. This paperwork is part of the enrolment and audit process. Please assist us by returning the outstanding papers.

SPECIALITY PHOTOGRAPHS
Monday 15th August is the last chance to order any special group photos. Please use the order form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office.

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Term 3 canteen roster.
Help is needed on the following days:
Monday 15th & 22nd August and Monday 5th & 12th Sept. Also Friday 2nd & 23rd of Sept.
For all contact regarding the canteen and the roster please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777.

Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer
Library News

Congratulations to Ryan in year 1 for completing the PRC. The PRC ends next week so if you haven’t finished reading all your books yet please come and see me.

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:


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

Library Science Club this week was a noisy, messy bunch of fun! The children designed and began building bridges using household items. Some very clever and interesting designs were created!

BOOK WEEK!

As part of our Book Week celebrations we will be welcoming local children’s author, Jen Truswell to our school. Jen is very passionate about Australian animals and preserving our beautiful environment. You can read all about her in the bio attached. During library I read the children her latest book ‘Pouches, Paws, Tails & Claws’ which is all about our interesting and unique Australian wildlife. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, and receive a little gift, please see the order form attached. Place your order form and cash/cheque in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly marked and return to the office by week 6.

Keep those entries for the Superbug drawing comp coming in. All entries need to be in to me by the end of next week. The winner receives a signed copy of ‘Pouches, Claws, Tails & Paws’ and a family pass to Taronga Zoo.

Lot’s more information regarding Book Week will be in next week’s newsletter, so stay tuned! Happy Reading; Mrs Alexis Conn alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au
At 30 years of age, Jennifer Truswell has already achieved her dream job working at Taronga Zoo alongside a plethora of unique and incredible animals. She has cared for everything from lions, tigers and giraffes to kangaroos and koalas however the critters that have intrigued her the most are the ones you would probably least expect; black-footed tree rats, tapirs, tree kangaroos, owls and bees (just to name a few).

She began seeing a pattern forming where the animals that caught her attention were the ones that weren’t as well known; generally these animals seemed to be the smaller creatures of each continent. This compelled her to begin writing books that highlighted these species, intent on making bongos and bats as cool as the well liked big cats!

Even a single ant, has an epic story to tell. ‘My son discovered that yesterday when two ants tried to steal his apple. His 19 month old face couldn’t have shown more expression as he pointed at the pair running off with his food.’

“Nature is something that every child should engage with every day at some point. It’s so important for our environment and for kids to stay connected with it.”

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**BOOK ORDER FORM**  Pouches, Paws, Tails & Claws  $20 per book

| Child’s name: ___________________________ | Class: ___________________________ |
| Phone no. ___________________________ | School: ___________________________ |
| Payment method: □ Cheque □ Cash |

I would like to order __________ copies of Pouches, Paws, Tails & Claws. Enclosed is the total amount of __________.

Thank you for you purchasing a copy of my book! I hope you enjoy reading it and learning something new about our amazing wildlife. To show my appreciation I have sent a complimentary native seedling home with your child to plant in your backyard.
SUPERBUGS!
- By Jennifer Truswell (Barrenjoey Books)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.
What a gorgeous day we had on Wednesday for our netball skills and drills and large ball skills. Next week our amazing athletes will be representing Maria Regina at the Peninsula Athletics Carnival, we wish you all the best! We still require one or two parents to assist with a small job at the carnival. Even if you can only spare an hour please let me know.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to present our Age Champions and Runners Up at assembly this morning. Congratulations to the following students-

- Senior Girls Champion 2016 Poppy I
- Senior Boys Champion 2016 Aiden F
- 11 Years Girls Champion 2016 Coco G
- 11 Years Boys Champion 2016 Charlie J
- Junior Girls Champion 2016 Zannah D
- Junior Girls Champion 2016 Isabella D
- Junior Boys Champion 2016 Joshua K

- Senior Girls Runner Up 2016 Genevieve K
- Senior Boys Runner Up 2016 Noah W
- 11 Years Girls Runner Up 2016 Sophie C
- 11 Years Boys Runner Up 2016 Joseph T
- Junior Boys Runner Up 2016 Evan F

And finally congratulations to the “RED POPPIES” who took home the overall trophy for 2016!
Well done Poppy and the Red Team!

Alexis Conn
alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au
**Upcoming events**

**Father's Day Breakfast** – Friday 2nd September from 7am to 8:30am. Treat Dad and/or Grandpa to a yummy bacon / egg roll and continental breakfast to celebrate Father's day. Please visit School24 to rsvp for breakfast and to buy Dad a fantastic gift for Father's Day. See you there.

**Rio Carnival Games night** – Saturday 10th September from 6:30am till late. Parents, join us for a fabulously fun evening to celebrate our school community at our unique Rio Olympic Carnival venue in Avalon and to support MARIA REGINA PRIMARY SCHOOL in our annual fundraising event. Experience the excitement and colour of Rio. Delicious food and a bar to purchase quality wine, champagne and boutique beer. A live band and fabulous opportunities to win extraordinary prizes - raffles, silent auctions, best dressed. A special celebration not to be missed!!! Visit [www.trybooking.com/221142](http://www.trybooking.com/221142) to book your ticket at the event. Tickets are selling fast so don’t delay.
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The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. These can be viewed both online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and at the school.

School Online Code: S278PSB37MR

If you wish to order please either;
- collect an order envelope, fill out/enclose payment and return to school.
- visit our website and order/pay online.

The photo prices are:
$16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00.

Any additional photographs are $10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Payment options – Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.
ONLINE Payment by credit card – Envelope NOT required
The photos will be available to view and purchase online

All Orders to be made by 8th August, 2016

*Please note, if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred*

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This date has now been extended to Monday August 15, 2016 at the prices listed above.

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