FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations
Congratulations to Rebecca and James Billing on the birth of Koa Kalani last Sunday. Ryder is very excited to welcome his new baby brother.

Under Sea Disco
The hall was transformed last Friday into an undersea wonderland. A big thank you to Zena Norkett and her team of helpers who went to so much trouble to ensure the Kids Disco was such a success.

Staff update
As previously informed the Catholic Schools Office had advertised the permanent Religious Education Coordinator position at Maria Regina. Interviews took place last week and I am very pleased to announce that Jane Labone was the successful candidate and will commence in the permanent role of REC in 2016.

Neat and Tidy Hair expectations
Thank you to the parents who supported the reminder in the newsletter about neat and tidy hair and have had organised for their child to have a hair cut. There are still quite a few children who do not meet the school’s hair expectations. On Monday any student who has hair in their eyes, on the collar or wearing inappropriate hair accessories will be given a Green Slip.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2015
National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held from Monday 31st August to Sunday 6th September 2015. This year the focus will be on encouraging parents and caregivers to get involved and participate in the Week because positive parental engagement and involvement promotes improved literacy and numeracy learning and student outcomes.
To keep up to date with announcements either subscribe to the NLNW newsletter or regularly check the NLNW website: http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/ . You can also receive updates via social media.

New Maria Regina Facebook page
Please take the time to look at our new Facebook page and “like us”. Our name is Maria Regina Avalon. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009715624501&fref=ts

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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FROM THE REC

Reconciliation
The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our church next Tuesday 1st September at 5pm. Our prayers and blessings are with Lukas, Alex, Anna, James H, Charlotte, Zannah, Joshua, Luca, Mila and Nathan in Year 3 as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Upcoming Events

Father’s Day Mass – Week 8 - Remember to Send in Your Photos!
On Friday 4th September we will be celebrating Father’s Day with breakfast and a special Mass at 9:15. We traditionally have a special presentation with photos of the children with their fathers at Mass. If you would like to include a photo, please email it to me by next Monday (31/8) at christine.dunk@dbb.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE OFFICE

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST RSVP
Just a reminder to please return your RSVP slip for the fun morning for our Dads, Grandads and Special Friends. The breakfast is followed by a Mass at 9.15 in the church. The stall for the gifts will be held later in the morning. Please to help us with catering we need to know numbers.

NEED TO BE RETURNED
If you have any of the school’s white table cloths can you please return them? At this stage we do not have any and we did have 6. The table cloths will be needed for the Father’s Day breakfast. Please have a check and if you have them just drop them into Denise in the office.

ATHLETICS SHIRTS/BAND PANTS AND SHIRTS/CONCERT CLOTHES
When returning items of clothing to school please make sure they are washed and where necessary ironed. We have a lot of returned items of clothing that need to be laundered. It is a hygiene matter. Please understand our position with this matter.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Denise Sprakel
Senior Administration Officer

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book week was a huge success!
Despite the weather playing havoc with out light lanterns, the rest of the day went off with a bang! All students seemed to really enjoy the activities. This year Book Week coincided with Well Being Week and Science Week.

The students completed a book meet and greet activity, where they introduced themselves to our parent community. This was followed by vertical group activities. Our students created interactive books and movie trailers. They also created their own light circuits. After recess all teams competed in a competition to build a light inspired object.

After lunch the students shared a book with a younger or older student. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The reading was done in the dark with a flashlight, capturing the essence of Well Being and the Book Week theme: Books light up our world. We concluded the day with teachers reading Pig the fibber By Aaron Babley (hidden from the eyes of our students) and the students guessed who was reading what part… Nothing can fool our students - All teachers were found out! The day was filled with excitement, energy, friendship, innovation, spontaneity, learning and laughter.

It was a marvelous day! Thanks again for all the donated books. We are keen to get them on the shelves. Any students wanting to do last minute buying can visit the Book Fair on Monday morning. All books that sold out have been re-ordered and should arrive soon.

Photos of the day can be seen on the school weebly- http://mariareginavalon.weebly.com/video-gallery-2015.html

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who completed the Primers Reading competition.

Charlie Brown (Year 1) Georgie Geftakis (Year 1) Josh Kerr (Year 3) Sophie Cazalet (Year 4) Sarah Cassidy and Noah Wise (Year 5) and Thomas Kerr (Year 6)
To the choir

My heartfelt congratulations go out to the Maria Regina School Choir! You did it! You sounded fantastic and you presented your songs so well on Monday evening at the Music Night. I was so proud of you all so thank you for all your wonderful commitment and enthusiasm. A big thank you to your parents for getting you to the practices on Thursdays too. I very much appreciate it.

We'll resume back to choir next term as we have a couple of busy weeks ahead now which include late Wednesday nights!! So, the **first Thursday in Term 4 which is the 1st October** we'll be starting our Christmas songs!

All Maria Regina children are welcome to join the choir. We meet at 8am on Thursday mornings (from next term as stated above) in the Japanese Class Room. Please call me on 0401 343569 if you'd like any further information.

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**FROM THE BAND**

It’s been quite a time of celebration at the school this week!

Maria Regina's music evening was a special evening. Our talented music students performed at their best, beautiful melodies of classical to contemporary and even rock were showcased. Our band and choir were exceptional.

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**FROM THE CHOIR**

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**M’Arias DVD’s**

A DVD of the *M’Arias* is still available to order. If you wish to purchase a professionally produced DVD for $15 please fill out the order form and return to the school office asap.

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**Maria Regina School Musical 2015**

“The 3rd ARIA” 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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Social Justice Outreach News
Thank you so much for the generous donations to our “Books for Bree” during our book fair this week. We have some lovely new books to send for their library.

But the book fun is not over yet!

We had such an exciting time looking at all of the beautiful books in the library this week…and we get to do it again at our Book Swap. This is a fundraising event where students make a gold coin donation and swap books with one another.

We all have books that we have finished reading or grown out of – so on Monday and Tuesday next week, bring in the books that you don’t need any more (make sure they are in good condition and that someone else would want them) and leave them in the boxes in the library.

Then on Wednesday 2nd September, Indigenous Literacy Day, you bring in a gold coin donation and get to select a collection of new books to bring home and enjoy.

The donation will go towards purchasing some extra “Books for Bree”.

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CAKETRN VOLUENRS FOR TERM 4 2015

If you can help in canteen during Term 4, on a Monday, please complete the form below and return to school so a roster can be made up.

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.

Even if you can only come in from 9am till 11.05am that is of great assistance

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. Please tick when you are able to assist in the canteen and return the form to the office. Thank you.

TERM 4 Mondays 9am – 1.30pm

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Fathers Day Breakfast 2015

Dads, Grandads and Special family Friends

it’s that time of year again!!!

You are invited to the annual Maria Regina
Father’s Day Breakfast.

Friday 4th September from 7.30am in the undercroft

$10 per family

Followed by a special Father’s Day Mass at 9.15am

There will be a $5 Father’s Day stall for the children to purchase a gift for Dad.

To RSVP Please fill in the form below and return to the school office with payment by Monday 31st August for catering purposes.

Family Name: _______________________

Number of Adults: ________________

Number of Children: ________________

$10 cash payment enclosed: [ ]

BIRTHDAYS

James H
Genevieve
Luccia
Maxine

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of the people of Sobada?

Join us to celebrate our friendship and raise money for the Training Centre.

Tell your friends!

$35 per ticket

All profits go to the projects.

RSVP 26 August

29 AUGUST
FUNDRAISING COCKTAIL PARTY

Royal Motor Yacht Club, Newport, Saturday 29 August

Time: 7.30-11.30

Tickets: $35 by direct deposit into

ANZ BSB 012-224 Account 2014 69068 (please note your name)

Come and hear about our current projects as we launch our new website and latest fundraising campaign, “Buy a brick – build my future”

RSVP: Tamara 0438236666, Ian 0419682042, Sally 0419324978

www.pittwaterfreeschoolsobada.org

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Golden Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 17 October 2015 ~ 5.00pm

Mass with the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli

Memorabilia Display • Cake Cutting • Entertainment by the Sacred Heart Band and Choir

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
Cor Norash & Florence Streets, Illora Vale • Enquiries: 9880 1024

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS WYD 2016

EXTERIOR CAR WASH $15

Come along, drop off your car, and help the young people of our parish get to WYD. There will be lunch and coffee available for purchase on the day.

PARISH CAR WASH

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WASH FOR WYD

Sacred Heart School