FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Father’s Day Breakfast and Mass
A huge thank you to Lyndall and her wonderful team of helpers—Jules, Cassie, Elyse, Toni and Amy for the amazing Father’s Day Breakfast this morning. Thank you to Jane Labone and the teachers for the beautiful Father’s Day Mass. I take this opportunity to wish all our fathers, grandads and special friends a very happy Father’s Day this Sunday.

Special Assembly

MMG Survey
Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey. If you have not had a chance it will be open until this Sunday 4th September.

P and F General Meeting
The next P and F General meeting will be held after assembly next Friday 9th September.

Week of Mercy
Please take time to read about all the opportunities being offered in Pittwater Parish during the Week of Mercy. On Friday 16th September there will be a session in the Maria Regina School Hall facilitated by Catherine Kennedy. There will be no school assembly on this Friday.

Maria Regina Art Show  SAVE THE DATE—Friday 21st October

Term 4 Week 2, Friday 21st October: Maria Regina Art Show Opening Night. Come along and enjoy a social night, and view the beautiful works of art created by your children. The children have been busy creating and we are excited to share their art with you.

The artist being showcased this week is Evan F from year 5 who has used special alcohol inks to create a colourful abstract painting. This is just one of the beautiful pieces that will be on show at the Opening Night, so make sure you mark it in your diary now. A different artist will be previewed each week in the newsletter for your enjoyment, and further details and an invitation will be sent home to each family soon. - Cathy Penning
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN
Our National testing results have been shared amongst our Year 3 and 5 parents. Our students in Year 3 and 5 sat these tests the back in May. We are happy with our results. Our students in Year 3 achieved stage 5 averages in Reading, Writing, and Spelling, Grammar and punctuation and Numeracy. The highest band that can be achieved is band 6 in Year 3.

Our Year 5 students achieved Band Seven for Reading, Spelling, Grammar and punctuation followed by a high Band six for Numeracy and a high Band 5 for writing. The highest band that can be achieved is band 8 in Year 5.

Our year 5 students showed significant growth in most of the areas.

These results impact our future direction of our school improvement plan and staff professional learning. The scores of the students are reviewed by the teaching staff. We celebrate, implement additional support when required, extend and track our students to ensure all of them are progressing and achieving.

Sports News
Congratulations Josh in Year 4 and Aiden Year 6. Both boys represented the Broken Bay. Aiden came 4th in the senior boys shot putt. Josh came third in the Junior Long Jump, he progresses to the Polding carnival in Newcastle (9th September)

Well Being Update
Well Being Week – we have had a fun filled week focusing on our well-being. We hope the week has been enjoyable for all.

Next week the teachers will be continuing their professional development in Component two of Kids Matter. We will be learning about and using the SEL continuum to analyse where our students are at in order to continue to support their growth and development socially and emotionally.

Message from our students:
Well Being Week started with a discussion on Monday morning during assembly. Mrs Remeeus talked to us about being connected to our well-being and looking out for our friends. She talked to us about being proud of the people we are and how we need to treat ourselves and each other with respect. We talked about ways to be resilient and ways to look after our well-being.

We learnt a whole school dance. “The life of the party” we didn’t know we were doing it and it was heaps of fun. The song was about being yourself and confident.

At lunch on Monday we set up the speakers and were able to choose songs we liked. It was heaps of fun. We got a chance to dance if we wanted. We all got a chance to laugh and bond with each other.

On Tuesday Mrs Beckett (Storm’s grandmother) who works for the Catholic Schools Office as a Religious Facilitator came and visited us. She led each class through an Examen.

On Wednesday we enjoyed doing the “life of the party dance again” We even taught it to Mrs Sparkle.

On Thursday the Year 6 student’s versed the teachers in a soccer match. It was an epic game. All the year six’s thought they would win. We had the kindy student’s cheering hard for us. Luca from Year 4 was the referee. Mr.C led his team to victory. The teachers taught the Yr.6’s a lesson. They won obviously 4-2!!

The best thing about well-being week at home is being able to spend time with our family.

Maren and Sasha Well Being Leaders

Up an coming events

Music Night
It’s that time of year again when we celebrate our talented musicians at the Maria Regina Music Night. Performances are open to any student who sings or plays a musical instrument.

The Music Night will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 13th September at 6pm.

Each musician is given the opportunity to perform a solo, duet or a small ensemble. The duration of the performance must be no longer than 2 minutes.

Band members will be performing the following songs on the night -

Training Band: Heroes & Glory
Combined Band: Rock-a-Saurus-Rex and Stadium Rock
Concert Band: Cruise Control and the Enchanted Wizard
Lunch Band/ Choir will be showcasing three songs. Mr. C and Sam Browne will inform students of these tunes this Friday 2nd September.

All backing music needs to be given to Mr. C by Friday 9th September. All notes need to be returned to Mrs Remeeus by Thursday 8th September please.

Enviro Week
Our school will be celebrating Enviro week 11th -17th September at school. Our Eco team will update the students next week.
FROM THE REC

2016 Bishop’s Religious Visual Art Prize

Congratulations to Coco in Year 6 for entering the 2016 Diocese of Broken Bay Bishop’s Religious Visual Art Prize. Coco used oil pastels to create an artwork focusing on the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The artwork illustrates, like the Good Samaritan; we are called to show compassion to those in need.

Upcoming Events

Week 8
Thursday 8th September  Year 3 and 4 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.15am. Year 5/6 Ocean will be attending Reconciliation at 10.00am.

Thursday 8th September  Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 5.00pm in Maria Regina Church.

Sunday 11th September  Sacrament of Confirmation during 9.00am Mass.

Week 9
Thursday 15th September  Kindergarten and Year 6 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.15. Year 4 will be attending Reconciliation at 10.00am.

Saturday 17th September  Year 3 and 4 will be hosting the Family Mass at Maria Regina Church at 5.00pm. All families are welcome to attend.

The Parish Pulse

Fourth Ritual for Confirmation

The Fourth Ritual for children preparing for Confirmation will be held this weekend the 3rd and 4th of September, at all Mass times. The children will need to bring along their Sacramental journey books. 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

Celebration of the canonisation of St Teresa of Kolkata

The canonisation Mass for the new St Teresa will be live streamed via webcast at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday, 4th September. More information can be found on this link to the Catholic weekly. https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/sydney-to-celebrate-canonisation-of-st-teresa-of-kolkata/

Prior to the webcast, all are invited to attend Vespers celebrated in the cathedral at 5pm, followed by Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, at 6pm.

The webcast will commence at 7:30pm in the Cathedral College Hall.

Anyone who can’t make it to the city on Sunday night but who would like to view the canonisation can do so online via EWTN (from 7:30pm) see: http://www.gobangnews.com/news-release/2016/08/31/868562/0/en/EWTN-To-Air-Complete-Live-Coverage-Of-Blessed-Mother-Teresa-of-Calcutta-s-Canonization.html

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**Library News**

On Tuesday I had the privilege of taking 8 Year 6 students to Lunch With The Stars. Our students did us proud! Their manners and enthusiasm were amazing. Read all about our day below.

Our allocated author Katrina McKelvey has written some kind words about us on her blog, check it out!


In library this week the children have enjoyed reading her picture book, Dandelions and the children at Blueys enjoyed it too!

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

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**Lunch With the Stars**

On Tuesday, 30 August, Bailey, Coco, Jack, Milo, Noah, Poppy, Sarah, and I went with Mrs Conn to “Lunch with the Stars” in the Great Hall in Manly. There were about 20 schools represented by Year 6 students at the lunch and each school had a table (or two if it was a big school) and there was a children’s book author at each table. The author at our table was Katrina McKelvey who wrote *Dandelions* and so we dressed up and decorated our table with dandelions and a flower garden theme.

A delicious lunch was served, of chicken, potatoes and salad. There was ice cream for dessert.

But before the lunch, all the authors were introduced and a few got to speak personally about their books. They were very interesting.

We had a drawing competition and got to have the booklets we were each given signed by the authors.

It was fun to see how other students were dressed and had their tables decorated. There were 2 winning tables - the Jellybean Tree table and the Authors’ Signpost table. They looked great.

The lunch gave us a whole new spectrum of books by different authors to read.

There was a bookshop where we could buy books by the authors and have them autographed.

My favourite authors at the lunch were Katrina McKelvey, Aura Parker and Deborah Abela because of their imaginative stories but I’m sure the other authors are also very good.

It was a great pleasure to be at the lunch.

Thank you to Mrs Conn and the school for giving us this opportunity and thankyou to Mrs Pike, Mrs Wise, Mrs Paine and Mr and Mrs Guberina for helping with the day.

*Genevieve Kelly*
The countdown is on!!! Only 8 sleeps to go!!!

Maria Regina will be transformed to a RIO carnival next Saturday night. It’s our annual parents event!! Dancing, trivia and a whole load of fun is install. We only do it once a year but we really know how to do it when we do!

**Last chance to buy a ticket to this wonderful evening**
Numbers needed for Catering purposes - Don’t miss out!!! click on the link right now

[www.trybooking.com/221142](http://www.trybooking.com/221142)

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED : Lunch for 2 to Hugo’s @ Manly Beach

Dress up a little or a lot! Or just find your RIO Carnival Colours

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**Term 3 canteen roster.**
Help is needed on the following days.
**Monday 5th & 12th Sept.**
For all contact regarding the canteen and the roster please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777.

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Michelle K | 23.09.16 Marie N  
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Sue A |

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**Big Aussie Barbeque Family Fun Day**
Sunday 18 September 9am – 2pm
Pittwater Rugby Park, Pittwater Rd, Warriewood

Fundraising event for Prostate Cancer Research
- Sausage Sizzle
- Classic Car Display
- Jumping Castle for the Kids
- Community Musical Groups
- Face Painting & Market Stalls

Prostate Cancer Support Group Northern Beaches