FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Rio Night
Our Rio Night was a fantastic success. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. The hall was transformed into the party heart of Rio and everyone embraced the fun of the night with some amazing costumes. Thank you to Foodstuff Mona Vale for the delicious Paella and Canapes, the wonderful generosity of our school families and our local community, our incredible staff who worked so hard and of course the outstanding team that pulled it all together - Lucy E, Jules D, Cassie P, Elyse J, Lyndall P, Michelle K and Jo G.

Confirmation
Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Maria Regina Church last Sunday.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day
We are looking forward to seeing parents, grandparents and special friends at the Mass and morning tea next Friday 23rd September. Children will come to school at the usual time and will go over to the Church with their teachers to be settled for the commencement of Mass at 9:15. We ask that all children wear their full school winter uniform, have their hair done neatly and school shoes clean and shiny. (No classes will be having sport on Friday). Grandparents, parents and friends will then make their way over to the SCHOOL HALL for morning tea. During the morning tea they will be able to listen to the band and afterwards visit the classrooms to see all the wonderful work the children have been doing.

We ask if all families can provide a plate for the morning tea. This can be biscuits, scones, cakes etc and can be dropped off at the hall on Friday morning before the Mass.

5 min Drop off and Pick up zone
We ask that parents continue to support leaving the 2 car spaces next to the disabled car bay as a 5 minute drop off and pick up zone. The staff will continue to leave the 2 designated spaces clear and if no other spaces are available in the front car park, they will seek parking behind the church or in the surrounding streets. Northern Beaches Council have been approached about making the 2 car spaces an official “5 minute Drop off and Pick up Zone” and I will keep the school community informed of any developments. Please keep in mind that this is a public Council Car Park and anyone in the local community is entitled to use the parking without restriction.

Good Luck Josh K
We wish Josh all the best of luck as he heads to Darwin as part of the New South Wales Schools Sports Association Team (NSWPSSA) to compete in the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships. Josh has been training very hard and achieving some great times and we look forward to hearing updates about his performance.

Dymock’s Book Bonus
We would like to congratulate Genevieve (Yr 6), Abbey (K) and Noah (Yr 6) on their fantastic fundraising and reading efforts with the Dymock’s Book Bonus this year. We’re very excited to announce that because of the outstanding efforts of these 3 students Maria Regina was ranked in 3rd place and will be receiving $3,780.10 worth of new books for the school library. AMAZING !!!

The Top 5 schools were
1. Fort Street Public School
2. Marrickville Public School
3. Maria Regina Catholic Primary School Avalon
4. Marrickville West Primary School
5. Biraban Public School

Contract Renewal
In accordance with CSO diocesan policy, I will be engaging in a contract renewal process this year. As part of this process each family will be invited to complete a survey which will be emailed early next week.

Last Newsletter for Term 3
There will be no newsletter next week. An updated parent calendar for term 4 will be emailed out on Friday. Children will return to school on Monday 10th October in Summer Uniforms.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Oh What a Night!
Maria Regina’s Music Night was a great success! All students showed courage to stand up and entertain a large audience, suppressing their nerves. Our soloists, duets played passionately. Our bands were exceptional. Please come next year we have so many talented musicians at Maria Regina.

Band Performance at Pittwater Palms
The Concert and Training Bands will be performing at Pittwater Palms Nursing Home on Monday 19th September. The children will walk to the venue with Mrs Gee and Mrs Remeeus and meet Claire Belford there. Parents are very welcome to attend the performance. Concert will begin at 1.45pm. Band shirts will be handed out on Monday. Children are to wear their sports uniform.

Choir Performance at the Big Aussie Barbeque Family Fun Day
Our Choir and lunch time band will be performing at 11am. Please try and be there by 10.45am if you are performing. Best of luck to our choir and lunch time band members.

Staff Professional Development
On Tuesday 13th our staff worked with Kay Carroll from Catholic Schools Office. She’s an Education Officer for Geography. We focused on perspective and scale.

Environment Week
Message from the Year 6 Eco Team members, Gene and Marcus

National Enviro week was this week. Our school participated in it. On Monday we created pledges. We wrote things like - I pledge to take care of the environment, by putting wrappers and rubbish in the right bin. I promise to continue to take care of the environment even after environment week at school and home. I will try my best to use the 3 R’s, reduce, recycle, reuse.

On Tuesday it was nude food day. We were impressed to see less wrappers and more lunch boxes going home. There were a lot of fruit and vegetables which was also good. We think we should have more nude food days in the future.

On Wednesday we did our own Earth Hour. There was no electricity or Internet for 1 hour from 2-3pm. We went outside for drop every thing and read. It was such a nice afternoon. We decided to carry on and do our math outside whilst admiring the environment.

On Thursday it was walk or ride to school day. It was a great way to spend time with your family, and the fresh morning air. Even the teachers got involved in this...

On Friday we donated seeds to the garden and URM came to talk to us about recycling and waste management. We learnt so much. We will as a school be more productive with managing our waste.

All together this week was great!. We will have more consideration for our wonderful environment.
Mass and Blessing of Fr Francis Jordan Statue
On Thursday 8th September, our school leaders, Coco, Genevieve and Milo represented Maria Regina at a special Mass and Blessing of the Fr Francis Jordan Statue at Sacred Heart, Mona Vale. Fr Francis Jordan is the Founder of the Society of the Divine Saviour and Sisters of the Divine Saviour. The first Salvatorian Priest arrived in Australia in 1961 and since 1999 Polish Salvatorians have been working in the Broken Bay Diocese. At present there are over 20 Polish Salvatorians sharing their lives and ministry in Australia including Fr George and Fr Broniek in Pittwater Parish.

Grandparents Day – Friday 23rd September
We will be having a special Mass to celebrate our Grandparents and Special friends – those who will be here and those who cannot make it – on Friday 23rd September, the last day of this term. If you would like to send in a photo to include in the presentation at Mass, please email it to jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Library News
Book Fair order update- All books that were re-ordered due to selling out have been delivered and distributed to the students. Thanks for your patience and for supporting our Book Fair. We have some AMAZING super readers at our school, who completed the Dymocks Book Challenge this term. Abby, Genevieve and Noah managed to raise $3780.10 through sponsorship. This means we will have $3780.10 worth of brand new books in our library next term! The challenge also supports less fortunate schools in NSW, so on top of this huge amount going towards our library, Dymocks will give $1890.05 worth of books to schools in need, thanks to our students.

Plus, Miss Abby reached her target of 100 books! Awesome effort, we are so proud of you!

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

SAVE THE DATE !!!!
Friday 21st October Maria Regina Art Show Opening Night.

Come along and enjoy a social night with nibbles provided 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.

Further details and an invitation will be sent home to each family soon. - Cathy Penning

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Return to school Monday 10th October
What an incredible night we had last Saturday when our school hall was transformed into a RIO carnival. With lights, band, drumming boys, Rio dancers, prizes, trivia, incredible styling, beautiful hosting from our staff and an undeniable infectious buzz in the room. I hope everybody had a brilliant night, it sure looked like it!. This is such an important part of what the P&F stands for - the creation of school community with heart and soul. We were delighted to see that connection between all the parents and teachers. We thank each of you for coming and also generously digging into your pockets for the benefit of our children and those that follow ours.

So many people made the night possible. It is incredibly important we show our appreciation to those that supported us – I encourage you all to stop in to the businesses below and thank them for supporting our beautiful school. The list is long and the generosity is profound. Allow them to feel the appreciation we have.

Our school Community Families
Guberina Family
Hickin Family
Kerr Family
Johnson Family
Breen Family
Gregory Family
Encina Family
Phillips Family
Colley Family
Buckner Family
Stewart Family
Low Family
Price Family
Osbourne Family
O’Neill Family
Irvine Family
Norkett Family
Raiti Family
Dixon Family
The teaching Staff

Local & Abroad Business that so generously supported our school for our children
Bayfields
United Cinemas
Jennys Painting Pots
Mana Hair Studio
Salty Avalon
Desse Avalon
Kawani Newport
Beach without sand Avalon
Bikram Yoga Warrinwood
Avalon Wholefoods
Chill Bar Avalon
Studio Avalon
Secret Gypsy Beauty Avalon
Naked Wines Newport
Meltemi Avalon
Aesop
Berkelow Books Mona Vale
Rust Avalon
The Boathouse
Kikki K
Eco DownUnder Avalon
John Adams Avalon
Harvest Newport
Camilla
Freckles Avalon
Brooke Withers Swim School Warrinwood
Utopian Beauty
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Beachside Bookstore Avalon
The Card Shop Avalon
Koko Black
Moet Hamilton
Different Drummer Avalon
Pilu
2107 Avalon
Beckenham Optometrist Avalon
Brown Brothers
Harvey Norman Balgowlah
Merino Snug
Macaroon Madness
Perfect Wave
Avalon Beach Family Dental
Bassike
Eden Skin & Body Spa
Emblem Lawyers
Northern Dental Specialties
Hugo’s Lounge Manly
Zjoosh

Of course events like this need a team to pull it all together. Jo, Michele, Elyse, Lucy, Cassie, Lyndall and Sue you typify school spirit. The most sincere thank you to you all. What a team!

The RIO event was about community connection and fun!! We are also delighted to announce we have also in fact created a very successful financial result with the event raising $9000 in profit!

Yours,
The Delighted and Proud P&F Team

Message from .......
Maria Regina Parents and Friends Team
FROM THE OFFICE

The term 4 roster has been sent home. May we ask that you please read it and note your rostered day for term 4. If you are unable to make your canteen day we kindly ask that you either swap with another volunteer or replace yourself. A big thank you to all our term 3 volunteers, your help and support is very much appreciated. For all contact regarding the canteen and the roster please call Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777.

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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