Japanese visitors 7th November

On Monday 7th November we are very pleased to welcome students and teachers from the Tomeikan High School in Japan. We will have 87 students and 5 teachers visit Maria Regina for the day. The Japanese students will interact with the Maria Regina students and share some Japanese Cultural activities. These will include Ohajiki marbles, Origami, Kendama Cup and Ball game, Kamifusen paper balloons, Otedama beanbags game Mangekyo Sharingan and Calligraphy. These activities will be set up in the classrooms and the classes will rotate every 15 minutes. The Maria Regina students are going to teach the Japanese students a dance and sing some Australian songs. This visit is sponsored by the Japanese government and they are going to provide lunch for all students and teachers from Tomekin High School and Maria Regina on this day. I would like to thank Kiyoka Kubo, our Japanese teacher for organising this cultural experience.

NB There will be NO ONLINE lunch orders on Monday 7th November. The Canteen will still be open for ALL over the counter purchases at morning tea and lunch.

Welcome
We would like to warmly welcome Shane Grieve to the Maria Regina Community as she commences her fulltime position as Senior Administration Officer next Monday.

I would like to thank Kathy Bell, Jeanette Kearney and Janette Lamb for juggling their schedules to keep things running smoothly in the office for the last 3 weeks.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Elizabeth and Jamie on the birth of Oshi. Ariella (K) and Lucinda are very excited to welcome their new baby brother.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
Summer is here and families around Australia are getting ready for long, hot days and searing, scorching rays of the Australian sun. Australian schools require children to wear hats when playing outdoors. This protects young skin from the dangers of sun burn and exposure.

We all remember the ‘Slip!, Slop!, Slap!’ jingle from the very popular and successful Cancer Council of Australia campaign to raise awareness of skin protection. This issue is becoming increasingly important as children of all ages are encouraged to go outside for active play and fresh air. One of the most popular and recommended forms of skin protection is the hat – simple and effective.

Why wear your school hat?

Our school in partnership with our students and their with families, have an important role in reducing sun exposure because:

- Schools have a duty of care to protect students and staff from harm. Our sun protection policy assists us with meeting this obligation.
- The crucial period for sustaining damage from sun exposure occurs during the school years.
- Children are at school during peak UV radiation times five days a week.
- Schools can influence sun protection behaviours through education.
- School hats are part of our uniform. All students are expected to have a school hat and must wear it whilst on the playground.

Please assist us by ensuring your child has a school hat. We have a “no hat no play” consequence that doesn’t allow students without a hat to play outside in the main playgrounds. They must play in the undercroft where it is protected. Please ensure your child has a school hat not a URM hat or a trendy baseball cap for playtimes.

The school office has hats available for $20 if you require one. Parents please take the time to help your child find his/her hat.

WEARING our UNIFORM with PRIDE

As the school term nears to a close we have seen an escalation in sneakers- Converse, Vans and other skate shoes been worn with our summer uniform. These types of shoes in their array of colours are not part of our school uniform.

Our summer uniform is accompanied with black leather school shoes. Additionally our sports uniform is to be worn with sports/running shoes not skate shoes. Please respect our dress code and ensure your child is caring for their appearance by wearing their uniform correctly.

Debating News

Congratulations to our debaters this week. They won convincingly! The topic was “That every student should compete in a team sport on the weekends.” – Our students opposed this viewpoint. Well done - Manon, Sophie, Armelle, Sienna and Evan.

This week we focused on respecting others – Learn and let others learn
**Upcoming events**
Saturday 29th October Kindergarten and Year 6 will be hosting our next Family Mass at Maria Regina Church at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Week 4**
Thursday 3rd November Year 1 and 2 will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.15am.
Year 5/6 Ocean will be attending Reconciliation at 10.00am

**Year 3 and 4 Parish Mass**
At the Year 3 and 4 Parish Mass yesterday morning Fr Bronek spoke about prayer and how important it is to build a relationship with God by praying to him regularly. He also spoke about The Rosary and what a special prayer it is. He reminded us that October is the Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we should take every opportunity to say this very important prayer. At the end of the Mass Year 3 and 4 recited a decade of the rosary together. Congratulations Year 3 and 4 for your reverence, participation and prayerfulness during the Mass. Mrs Pike and Mrs Labone were extremely proud of you.

**FROM THE CANTOEN**
Reminder: For all hot or large lunch orders may we ask that you add an extra bag for any drink orders. Also, if your child is celebrating a Birthday and you would like to celebrate, please remember that the canteen can provide various ice blocks (50c-$1.20 each) or chocolate iced cup cakes @ 50c each. Please provide us with 24hours notice.

Volunteers: Please see Week 4 roster below. If you are unable to make your rostered day, please contact either Kay 0416262458 or Marie 0410566777 anytime.

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**This year’s Avalon Beach Market Day is being held on Sunday 20 November 2016 from 9am to 4pm.**

carnival rides are returning along with a animal petting pen and face painting. Dodgems cars, jumping castle, big inflatable slide, a pirate ship and classic carousel will be located at the western end of Dunbar Park. Unlimited all day “rider” pass for only $30 are for sale via Eventbrite: https://avalonmarketdayridetickets.eventbrite.com.au

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Mathematics Parent Session

A big thankyou to the parents who were able to join us for our Maths Parent Inservice yesterday. We had a lot of fun learning games to assist our children at home with their understanding of number concepts.

The Power Point presentation is available for all parents to view on the school weebly: www.mariaregaavalon.weebly.com on the Home page for Numeracy or by clicking on the link below.

Maths Inservice Power Point Presentation

If you do decide to play some of the games at home, please send in a picture so we can celebrate maths at Maria Regina together. Photos can be sent to lynne.pike@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Lynne Pike