FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Starfish Transition Program
Today was the first of 4 transition sessions for the children and parents who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2016. Today the children worked in the Kindergarten room and became familiar with the Maria Regina environment.

Thank you to the kindergarten mothers who supplied a beautiful afternoon tea.

First Communion
This weekend we congratulate the children who will be making their First Communion. This is the final Sacrament of Initiation and children are usually in Year 3. This is one of the most important sacraments and it is the essence of our faith. We recall the life death and resurrection of Jesus every time we go to Mass and participate in the Eucharist. We are reminded of how Jesus broke the bread and shared it with his apostles before he died, at the Last Supper.

Likewise he shared the wine and these were symbolic of him dying on the cross and shedding his blood for us all and having his body broken on the cross for us. When we receive the Eucharist we are being nourished by the “Body and Blood of Christ.” This nourishment feeds our spiritual soul. We are also exposed to the Scriptures when we attend Mass and we become more aware of our journey of Faith. The Word of God can help us to reflect on our lives, we can thank God for good things in our lives and ask for help and direction so that we may move forward in our lives with a greater sense of awareness.

Congratulations to the following students.
Lukas, Alex, Anna, James, Charlotte, Zannah, Josh, Luca, Mila, Nathan, Tom, John and Jack.

Congratulations to our debating team
Maria Regina won the debate yesterday at Mater Maria against St Joseph's Narrabeen.
The topic was “that horse racing is an ethical sport.”
Congratulations Harriet, Cooper, Maya and Sarah on a convincing affirmative argument.

Pittwater Parish bulletin link:- http://www.pittwaterparish.org/stop-press

Term 4                                                    Week 5                                    6th November 2015

2015 TERM DATES
TERM 4
First day of term: Tuesday 6th Oct
Last day of term: Wednesday 16th Dec

2016 TERM DATES
TERM 1
Friday 29th Jan
K-6 Assessment day
Monday 1st Feb
Yr 1-6 start
Tuesday 2nd Feb
Kindy start
Easter Weekend
Good Friday 25th Mar
Easter Sunday 27th Mar
Easter Monday 28th Mar
Last day of term: Friday 8th Apr

TERM 2
First day of term: Tuesday 26th Apr
Last day of term: Friday 1st July

TERM 3
First day of term: Monday 18th Jul
Last day of term: Friday 23rd Sept

TERM 4
First day of term: Tuesday 10th Oct
Last day of term: Friday 16th Dec
FROM THE REC
Calling all Musicians/Performers/Singers

Maria Regina’s Christmas Celebration will be held on Tuesday 15th December. Any students who play musical instruments or sing are invited to provide pre-concert entertainment in the playground before going to the school hall for the class items. Students will have the opportunity to play Christmas Carols on their instruments, sing Christmas songs either solo, in small groups or larger groups. We would really love as many performers as possible to create a great Christmas vibe. Parents, friends and families can walk around the playground listening to all of the wonderful performers in the half an hour before the class items. Students, start learning as many Christmas songs as you can and we look forward to a great Christmas Celebration.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Liturgy will be held at 11:00 next Wednesday in the hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for this commemoration.

Upcoming Events

Week 6
Thursday 12th Nov
Year 3 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15.
5/6 Ocean will be attending Reconciliation.

Christmas Hampers

It’s that time of the year! Details will be coming home next week!

FROM THE OFFICE

School Fees
Reminders were sent out this week, please make sure your accounts are up to date. All accounts need to be finalised by November 15th. Thank you.

Canteen

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Canoween Can Collection Drive...on behalf of The Exodus Foundation feeding Sydney’s homeless

Belle and Noah managed to collect 60 cans in 60 minutes in aid of this worthy cause!!

Band News

We are excited to announce that both Concert and Training bands will be performing at Avalon Market Day held on **Saturday 21st of November**. Our bands will be performing on the Dunbar Park stage at 12 pm. Please save the date!

Bus Passes

We have been notified that there are a number of children catching the bus without a bus pass or having the necessary fare. If your child has lost their bus pass, please let the office know and we will forward you the necessary forms.

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**Maria Regina Band**

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**BIRTHDAYS**

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