FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Social Media

Due to our increased use of social media if you do not want your child’s picture to be used on any of the social media we have, then please let the school know in writing by emailing mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

Assembly this morning

GOLD!

This term in Music lessons, the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been participating in music appreciation and learning about pitch and tone when singing. Today at assembly they had the opportunity to perform the piece they have been learning for the last 4 weeks in their Friday afternoon music lessons. The song was written by school children in NSW and is titled ‘Gold’. The children really enjoyed learning the song and the actions and were very excited about performing! Thank you Miss Mulvenna.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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TERM 4
First day of term: Tuesday 10th Oct
Last day of term: Friday 16th Dec
FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Year 6 Captains to Parliament House**

Last Friday I had the pleasure of accompanying our School Captains Maya and Cooper to the NSW Parliament to meet with Mr Rob Stokes Member for Pittwater. Each year Mr Stokes invites all primary School Captains to Parliament House to reflect on their roles as leaders in their school. Maya and Cooper were presented with certificates to acknowledge their important roles. Rob commented that he is always impressed by the knowledge that students from Maria Regina have and their ability to contribute to the discussions at Parliament House.

**Wellbeing Week**

Next week is Wellbeing Week when we can slow down and spend more time with your family. See how many of the following tasks you can complete together.

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<td>Go on a bike ride</td>
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There is no formal homelearning given during Wellbeing Week, however all children would still be expected to read every day and are welcome to use the online resources provided by their teacher.

**DEBATING NEWS**

Yesterday the Maria Regina debating team competed in the final round of the debating competition. We were equal first on the leader board along with St Rose, with the winner going straight through to the final. Our team did a tremendous job, but unfortunately we did not win. The debate was close with the adjudicator commenting that the debate was worthy of a final. Thank you to Mrs Pike and Mrs Seve-Kelly for their continued support, to Harry, S and Colm for being amazing research assistants, to Sav and Gen for acting as chair people, to Asher and Gen for stepping in as reserves and finally to our debaters: **Harriet, Cooper, Maya and Sarah.** You are amazing and I’m so proud of you.

Mrs Alexis Conn
Congratulations on Your First Communion

Congratulations to Zannah, Josh, Jack, Tom, Lukas, Mila, Alex, Anna, James, Charlotte, Luca, Nathan and John who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time last weekend. Both Masses were very beautiful and the children carried out their ministries with great reverence. We congratulate them and their parents who have prepared them for this very special step on their faith journey.

Upcoming Events

**Week 7**
Thursday 19\(^{th}\) Nov  
5/6 Earth will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15.  
Year 4 will be attending Reconciliation.

**Week 8**
Thursday 26\(^{th}\) Nov  
Year 4 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9:15.  
Saturday 26\(^{th}\) Nov  
Blessing of Kindy 2016 and Year 5 Family Mass.

You are very welcome to join us for these celebrations of our faith.

Christmas Hampers

It’s that time of the year! Details have been sent home today about the present or items that you have been asked to provide for your class hamper.

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**
Reminders have been sent out for all overdue school accounts. If you agreed to pay your account by time payment all payments are to be finalised by 15/11/15. Families who elected to pay by the schedule payment these accounts were due to be finalised 27/7/15. The Catholic Schools Office monitors all of our accounts. Please help us by paying your account on time.

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
Don’t forget to order your uniforms early as some times it can take up to 3-4 weeks for the order to be delivered to school.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**
If you have any uniforms that no longer fit your children and they are in good condition please send them into school. We have very few small sizes in girls’ summer uniforms and boys shirts.

**UP TO DATE INFORMATION**
Again a reminder to please inform the school of any changes to your contact details. It is very difficult to contact you in a case of emergency if we do not have your new number.

**CHANGE OF GOING HOME PLANS**
Please remember not to leave the change of going home plan to the last minute. The final going home bell rings at 2.55pm.

Denise Sprakel  
Senior Administration Officer
Amazing Avalon

Yesterday Kindergarten went on a mini excursion around Avalon to observe important places in the community for our integration unit ‘Special places’. With the assistance of some parent volunteers, we navigated our way through Dunbar Park past La Banette Bakery and then we stopped at the Graffiti wall near the cinema. There we discussed ways in which we can care for our special places. Following that we sat outside the cinema and then the petrol station, discussing why each place is important to our community and identifying the built and natural features of each place. On the walk back to school we stopped outside the Fire Station where we were lucky enough to run into some of the Firemen. They offered us a tour inside the fire trucks, gave us information about how the hoses work and even drove out of the station with the lights and sirens on!

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped supervise - it was a wonderful experience! - Miss Mulvenna
**BAND NEWS**

**Reminder**
All band students need to bring their instruments and music in for Monday’s rehearsals. We need full participation in rehearsals to be ready for our Market Day performance on **Saturday 21st of November at 12 pm**. Any students needing music must see Mrs Remeeus on Monday morning in the library.

**CAANTEEN ROSTER**

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Ivy

**1**
Cooper
Sarah

**2**
Chloe
Dashiell

**3**
Tom K
Anna

**4**
Maxine
Armelle

**5/6 Earth**
Xavier
Marcus

**5/6 Ocean**
Aiden
Savannah

**BIRTHDAYS**
Kai B
Luca
Alex
Isla