



MATTERS

WELCOME

We warmly welcome new students Gabby (Yr 2) and Georgie (Yr 3) Mosley and parents Jules and Laurence to the Maria Regina School Community.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)

In accordance with diocesan advice around the NCCD, please see attached parent fact sheet ***Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.*** All Australian schools are required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

For further information please contact our learning support teacher Chris King.

MUSIC ITEMS AT ASSEMBLY

Starting in Term 2 there will be opportunities for students to perform an individual music item at the Friday morning assembly. If your child wishes to perform can you please contact Mrs Labone jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ANZAC DAY MARCH AT AVALON

The Avalon Beach RSL Sub Branch has invited **Maria Regina** to participate in this year's **ANZAC Day March** and celebrations on **Wednesday 25th April**. Please meet **Mrs Labone** in front of **Avalon Primary School** on **Old Barrenjoey Road** at **10.45am** ready to March at 11.00am.

The march will finish at Bowling Green Lane adjacent to Dunbar Park. The March is followed by the Commemoration Service in Dunbar Park.

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

Term 2 will commence on Monday April 30. Students will return in their summer uniforms. Our official change over to winter uniforms will be after the long weekend in June.

Please note that there will be the Maria Regina ANZAC ceremony at 8:45 am in the school hall on Monday April 30.

DANCE FEVER

Next term all students K-6 will be participating in the **Dance Fever** program. The program promotes new dance skills as well as social skills. Dance Fever will host an **Interschool Dance** event that will involve other schools who have also participated in the program in term 2. This will be a very exciting event for the children as they will have the opportunity to put into practise their skills in a fun environment as they perform in front of an audience and engage in friendly competition with other schools.

Participation in the **Dance Fever Challenge** is open to students from **Years 3 - 6**.

The atmosphere will be fantastic and it will be a wonderful occasion for our whole school community.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 29 June – Homebush State Sports Centre gates open at 4:30pm.

Term 1, Week 11 2018

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDY 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now open. It is time for families with siblings ready to start school next year to complete an enrolment form and return it to the office.

MARIA REGINA OPEN DAY



The poster features the Maria Regina logo (a crown over a stylized 'M' and 'R') and a photograph of four children in school uniforms smiling. The text on the poster includes: 'MARIA REGINA CATHOLIC SCHOOL', 'OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018', 'ENROL NOW FOR 2019', '9am - 10.30am', 'Come and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.', 'Our motto "Making a Difference" is lived out in the community by embracing and celebrating the uniqueness, creativity and achievements of each individual.', 'School tours can also be arranged by appointment.', 'MARIA REGINA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 42 Central Rd Avalon NSW 2107', 'TEL 02 9918 2608 EMAIL mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au', and the website 'mrddb.catholic.edu.au'.

CONGRATULATIONS

Josh Kerr represented Polding at the NSW Swimming Championships held at Homebush last Wednesday and Thursday. Josh won a gold medal for 50m breaststroke and a silver medal in the 200m Individual Medley. Josh has now been selected in the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) swimming team to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships in Hobart from 25-31 July. Congratulations Josh. An outstanding effort.

RE NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY MASS

Everyone is invited to attend our Mother's Day Mass on Friday 11th May at 9.15am. As is tradition at our Mother's Day Mass, we would like to present a slide show of photos of our beautiful mums. If you would like a photo included please email it to Alexis Conn at alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 8th May so that the photo can be included in the presentation.



TIMOR LESTE INDEPENDENCE DAY

As part of our Outreach initiative and our commitment to our connection to Soibada, we will be celebrating Timor Leste Independence Day at Maria Regina on Friday May 18th. During our morning assembly at 8.45am we will get a brief update of the work volunteers have been doing to improve schools and living conditions in Soibada. There will be a stall selling handicrafts that will be open before and after assembly for parents and children to purchase. Children will be encouraged to dress in Timor colours (red, black and yellow) for a small donation that will be collected to assist volunteers in Timor. If you are able to assist in the running of the stall please contact Mrs Conn on alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au



JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Thank you to those students who have returned their permission note for Altar Server training next term. Altar Server training is open to all children in years 4-6 who have made their First Communion. Father Bronek and I will be facilitating the training sessions next term- it's not too late get your notes it!

RE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mother's Day Mass and High Tea - Friday 11 May 9.15am at Maria Regina Church.
- Year 1 & 2 Family Mass - Saturday 19 May 6pm at Maria Regina Church.
- Eucharist reflection day - Saturday 26 May 1.30 - 4.30pm at Mater Maria.
- Rehearsal for Sacrament of Eucharist - Thursday 31 May 5pm & 6pm at Maria Regina Church.



P & F NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

A colorful poster for Mother's Day Mass and Morning High Tea. The background is purple with large, vibrant flowers in shades of pink, red, and blue. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says "Mothers, Grandmothers, Carers & Special Friends, please join us for the". Below that, in a large, elegant script font, is "Mother's Day Mass and Morning High Tea". The date "Friday, 11th May 2018" is written in a bold, white font. Below the date, it says "Mass with adults and children, all welcome, at Maria Regina Church Avalon, 9:15am". Then, "Morning Tea for adults straight after mass in the school hall. Classrooms will be open for visitors from 11:10am onwards". At the bottom, it says "Purchase your tickets for this beautiful occasion through the School Qkr! app. Tickets are \$10/person. Ticket sales will close 9am, Thursday, 10th May". The Maria Regina logo is at the bottom center.

Please purchase your High Tea tickets and gifts through Qkr!. No cash payments will be accepted. Do not order your entire gift's under 1 child, ensure that you order each child separately.



Our Major Fundraiser is only just around the corner and the Event team are preparing hard for an amazing night. It will be **For Your Eyes Only**, however to make it a success we will need donations, for auctions, prizes, raffles. If you, your businesses or someone you know are able to donate to help raise money for our school, it would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be brought to the school office, or Shane is able to provide contact details to discuss donations and sponsorship details.

CANTEEN

The Term 2 roster is now completed and has been distributed to the volunteers. Please contact Kay Neale on 0416 262 458 if you have any problems with the day you have been rostered on.

LIBRARY NEWS

What a great term 1 has been! We have had a big clean out of older damaged books added over 200 new books to the library this term! Very big thanks to Vianney, Gemma and Alex for helping to load and contact all of our new books.

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now underway. We had some issues with the logon system last year, so I have chosen to wait for a bulk reset of our passwords from the support team and begin our students in Week 1 of Term 2. For those keen to start, you can login under your password from last year or alternatively just keep a written record of the books you have read and load these into the system later. I have encouraged all students to borrow a Premiers Reading Challenge book today. These books can be identified by a small coloured sticker on the front cover of the book with K-2, 3-4 or 5-6 written on it.

The premiers reading challenge website can be found here:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>