



MATTERS

RENEWAL LEAVE

I will be taking renewal leave commencing Thursday June 28 until Friday 24 August to participate in a Pilgrimage in Italy with participants that include Father George and Principals from Broken Bay, Sydney and Parramatta Dioceses. The Pilgrimage will commence in Rome and finish in Assisi. 2018 will be the 100 year anniversary of the death of the founder of the Salvatorians and in Rome we will visit the tomb of Father Francis Jordan at the Salvatorian Mother House. We will also have the opportunity to contemplate the influence of Pope Francis calling for an "ecological conversion" in the Laudato Si. On our Pilgrimage we will walk from Lucca to Siena on the Via Francigena, an ancient route that in medieval times connected Canterbury to Rome. We will complete the journey in Assisi, home town of St Francis who is the patron Saint of Animals and the Environment. St Francis of Assisi is responsible for founding the Franciscan order and the inspiration for Pope Francis choosing his name in admiration of the Saint of Nature and servant of the poor. After the pilgrimage I will spend some time in Europe with family.

While I am on leave Jane Labone will be Acting Principal, Alexis Conn will be Acting Assistant Principal and Lynne Pike will be Acting Religious Education Coordinator. Rebecca Billing will teach year 5/6 and Jacqui Louw will be in the library.

STUDENT REPORTS

The student reports will be emailed Friday June 29. I would like to commend the teachers for the time and effort that has gone into the preparation of the student reports and parent teacher conferences. The teacher feedback displays an intricate knowledge of each child's learning needs and abilities in a positive learning environment. To assist the teachers with making the conferences as informative as possible please return 2018 Mid-Year Parent Teacher Conference Comments before the Interviews in week 10.

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS ONLINE



[Please see the end of this newsletter for instructions on how to book your interviews online](#)

JAPANESE STUDENTS

A Japanese School called **Seiro Junior High School, Niigata Japan** has asked if Maria Regina can host a small contingent of students visiting from the Japanese School. There will be approximately **10 students between the ages of 14 and 16**. English lessons will be given each day to the visiting students by a teacher provided by VS Oceania. Please see information below if you are interested in hosting Japanese students during this time.

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi everyone,

Firstly, thank you to our new volunteers this term. It's lovely to see some new faces and of course our regulars that all support us in running the canteen. We would still love more volunteers so, if you have a few spare hours and would like to see how the canteen operates just either pop in (Monday or Friday) or send an email for details.

We are so excited to see the kids enjoying the lunch menu as the on line orders still continue to grow. This tells us that our menu works but this doesn't mean we are not looking for new options/additions. There are other things we must take into consideration prior to adding a new product such as: preparation time, ingredients, storage space, price and availability due to the fact we are only open 2 days per week.

Once a year we are invited to attend the Healthy Kids Canteen Seminar and in between we are provided with lots of information about new products available. At the seminar we sample from each stand and discuss nutritional value, quality etc. We are always trying to source products that are of high quality, taste and nutrition. Also, each school provides their canteen menus which are displayed for all to compare, price check and perhaps get new ideas.

Over the last few weeks we have added a few new items for our morning tea counter service to trial such as: Ham and cheese melts, cheese melts, blueberry muffins, strawberry cups and pineapple cups. The kids love the variety and are always honest with their opinions which keep us on our toes!

Kay and Marie

A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



As part of our Maria Regina Outreach initiatives this year we will be taking part in the Vinnie's winter appeal. In week 8 a representative from Vinnies will speak to our students about homelessness and what we can do to help the poor and homeless. We are asking families to bring in donations of warm blankets, jumpers, jackets etc to donate to our local St Vincent de Paul. These donations will directly help locals in need. Donations will be collected by classroom teachers and a representative from the St Vincent de Paul will come to assembly before the end of the term to accept our donations. Thank you for your support.

RE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Confirmation Parent Information sessions (compulsory attendance at ONE of these):

Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 1pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 6pm, Maria Regina Church, Avalon

Thursday 21 June 2018 at 1pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7pm, Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

- Year 5/6 and K Parish Mass- Thursday 21st 9.15am at Maria Regina Church.
Our 3 junior servers will make their Altar serving debut.
- Year 5/6 SOUL Mass. Sunday 1st July 6pm at Sacred Heart.



See the flyer below with Confirmation info.

Term 2, Week 7 2018

WELLBEING WEEK

Happy Wellbeing Week! Week 7 of each term we like to acknowledge Wellbeing Week where we take time to look after our physical, spiritual, mental, social and emotion health and wellbeing. This week we trialled our newly formed MRWG (Maria Regina Wellbeing Groups), which are made up of a mix of children from K-6. In our MRWG this week we have enjoyed some mindfulness meditation, buddy reading, mindfulness colouring and marshmallow and spaghetti tower building. These groups allow children to make connections with children across other grades and help to develop their SEL skills. We were also lucky to have Indigo from Peaceful Universe come and teach a mindfulness and meditation class to all children www.mypeacefuluniverse.org Flyers went home with the eldest student in each family today.





JAPANESE STUDENTS

VS Oceania Pty Ltd

Maria Regina Catholic Primary School will be hosting Japanese students from 2nd -11th August 2018.

Share your lifestyle & home whilst experiencing another culture.



- **Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend.**
- **Japanese language is not necessary.**
- **Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.**
- **If hosting 1 student, families are paid \$50 per night to assist with hosting costs. If hosting 2 students, families are paid \$45 per student per night (\$90 total) to assist with hosting costs.**

If you can assist in hosting one or two students or would like more information, please contact.....

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SCHOOL INTERVIEWS ONLINE



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Monday July 2 and Tuesday July 3**
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

r8rq6 ← Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time. and change your

If you are unable to access the online interviews please contact the office and an appointment will be made for you.

P&F UPDATE

BOND 007 "FOR YOUR EYES ONLY"

1 sleep to go.....party starts at 6pm

**Bring your party clothes, bring your good humour, bring your Bond
glamour It's time for glitz and good fun**

It's time to dig deep

Bring CASH - gold coins, \$5 notes, credit cards

**There will be raffles, Mission Bags, AUCTIONS – live and silent –
including amazing art and 3 different Australian holiday
destinations, drinks for purchase, photo booth....**

"Tomorrow Never Dies"



Did you know?

The majority of text your child will write during his or her lifetime will be done on a keyboard!

- NAPLAN is going online by 2020
- They say the current Year 6 students maybe doing their HSC exam online!
- Is your child ready and able to Touch-Type?
(typing without looking at the keyboard to find the letters)

Register your Interest now!

Who: Students 7 years & older

Where: Maria Regina Catholic Primary

When: After school from 3.10pm, starting Term 3

What: Tutor led touch-typing lessons for 1 hour

Spaces are limited!

Advise us if Wed or Thur 3.10pm suits your child and we will collate the interest and advise all parents when we have sufficient enrolments

Judy Korlaki

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Confirmation 2018

Confirmation is the next Sacrament after Baptism.
Children need to be **in Year 2** or above.

To join our Confirmation program for 2018, simply come to **one** of the following parent information sessions where you will be provided with all the information that you need. Sessions start on time and run for 1 hour.
In order to fulfill all the requirements to participate fully in the program, please mark all the dates in your diary.

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Rite of Enrolment

28 and 29 July 2018, at all mass times.
Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to mass.

Four Rituals for Confirmation Candidates

4 and 5 August 2018, at all mass times
11 and 12 August 2018, at all mass times
18 and 19 August 2018, at all mass times
25 and 26 August 2018, at all mass times

Compulsory Reflection afternoon

For Confirmation candidates and their parent(s) attendance is compulsory on
Saturday 18th August 2018 1.30-4.30pm
at Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood

Sacrament of Confirmation

Maria Regina Church, Avalon
Saturday 1st September 2018 at 10am

Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale
Saturday 1st September 2018 at 12 noon

For More Information please contact the parish office

9997 7311 | sacraments@pittwaterparish.org | www.pittwaterparish.org

Churches and Mass Times

Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm
Sunday Masses - 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Maria Regina Church

9 Central Road, Avalon

Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm
Sunday Masses - 9.00am