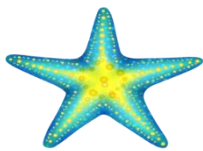




MATTERS

ART SHOW

Thank you to everyone who attended the Art Show last weekend. We had so much positive feedback. A huge thank you to Cathy Penning and Angela Westerway who were the main drivers behind the Art Show and all the staff for giving their help in so many ways including transforming the hall to showcase the students' amazing artwork. Thank you to Sharyn and the wonderful Art Show parent team for organising the framing, the opening night refreshments, decorations and cake stall and kids activities. A special thank you to our generous sponsors Johnson Bros Mitre 10, Greens, URM, Barrenjoey Designs and Catherine and Alex Riches. Framed Artworks are available for collection on Monday 5 Nov from the school hall after 3:00pm.



STARFISH TRANSITION PROGRAM

Today was the first of our 4 transition sessions for the children and parents who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2019. The aim of the Starfish Program is to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school into Kindergarten 2019. The children will become familiar with the Maria Regina environment and next week will meet their buddies who will be in year 6 next year. Thank you to the current kindergarten parents who supply and serve a beautiful afternoon tea each week.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Our annual "Music Performance Night" will be on **Tuesday 13th November**, commencing at 6pm in the school hall. This evening is a showcase of music at Maria Regina and will include performances by each of our school ensembles. It is also an opportunity for any child who is having tuition to play a solo. If your child is interested in performing a solo and they are NOT in the band please email Jane Labone jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au. Solos are limited to a maximum of 1 minute duration.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – LITERACY

When: Friday November 16 - after assembly

Where: Maria Regina School Hall

Presenter: Jane Denny Education Officer CSO - Curriculum, Teaching and Learning K-12

This parent session will highlight the current practices in teaching literacy with a particular focus on spelling. Parents will have the opportunity to understand recent changes in the teaching and learning of spelling and how spelling is connected to both reading and writing. Information and suggestions will be provided to support this learning at home.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The feelings thermometer is a wonderful tool for teaching self-management and emotional awareness to students. This tool has been explicitly taught to all students so that children feel comfortable identifying how they are feeling. When the children reach a red level (angry/furious), we utilize calming breathing techniques in order to relax them. Children are encouraged to use the chill out zone in the classroom to redirect their focus so that they can begin to calm down. In the chill out zones there are soft toys, story books, cushions, inspirational quotes, the feelings thermometer and the consequence matrix which all help to settle students so that they can return to the blue level.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

In Week 3 the PBL Focus has been to speak and act with kindness. In week 4 the focus will be let others learn. Students have a responsibility for their own learning and to allow the learning of others through their actions. Letting others learn looks like not talking to friends during instructions and work time, speaking appropriately during discussions and group work, demonstrating self-control (not fidgeting, ignoring others who are being distracting, being responsible when choosing where to sit), giving positive feedback to peers and always trying your best.



At Maria Regina we **respect others**

Let others learn





At Maria Regina we **respect others**

We speak and act with kindness

Would you mind helping me?

Remember 'Please', 'Thank you' and 'Excuse me'. Remember to use a person's name. Ask "Can I help you?" Smile.

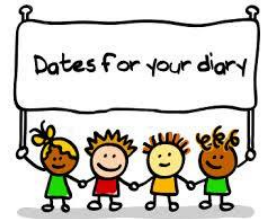
Well done! You did great work.



RE NEWS

RE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Year K & 6 Family Mass- Saturday 10th November 6pm at Maria Regina Church.
- K-2 Parish Mass- Thursday 15th November 9.15am at Maria Regina Church.
- Year 5/6 Reconciliation- Thursday 15th November
- Year 3 & 4 Parish Mass- Thursday 23rd November 9.15am at Maria Regina Church.
- Blessing of Kindy 2019 and Year 5 Family Mass- Saturday 24th November 6pm at Maria Regina Church- all welcome.



Thank you to all staff and students who celebrated Pink Ribbon Day on Tuesday. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$461 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Such great support for this social justice initiative!



BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due by Monday 5 November.

FEES

Changes to the management of overdue school fees.

The management of overdue school fees within the Diocese of Broken Bay will be centralised at the Catholic Schools Office located at Pennant Hills. The new arrangement will be a staged implementation across all schools, and will impact Maria Regina Avalon from 26th November, 2018.

This will ensure a consistent approach to managing overdue school fees across Broken Bay systemic schools, and reduce operating costs following recent funding changes.

The Fees Liaison Team has been established at the Catholic Schools Office. During Term 4 2018, impacted families will be contacted by a team member to discuss payment arrangements. In the meantime, families who wish to discuss their situation can contact the team as below.

Fees Liaison Team

Telephone: 9847 0728

Email: schoolfees@dbb.org.au

MUSIC PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Tuesday 13th November, 6pm, in the school hall. Students will need to please arrive by 5:40pm at the latest to set up and get into position for the evening. The entire night is scheduled to run for about an hour, or just over.

The training and concert bands will be playing as one combined band, and your musicians should be practising the following 6 songs please:

Mamma Mia

The Enchanted Wizard

Stadium Rock

The Blues

Rock A Saurus Rex

Shark Attack

Secondly, all students are encouraged to play a solo. I have spoken to the kids and most are on board, but there are a few who have not yet let me know. The cut-off for solo inclusion in the night is next Friday 9th November, as we need to put together a program.

Please contact me if you have any concerns regarding your child's solo: 0421 735 320

ART ROOM

Thank you for all the wonderful donations to the art room. We are currently overflowing and do not need any more at this stage.