

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2019 School Year. We would like to warmly welcome the following new families: Bellmaine family; Billing family; Causley family; De Bie family; Good family; Micallef family; Richmond family; Wilcock family; Skinner family; Dyoniziak family; Bell family and welcome back to the Harris family.

STAFFING 2019

We are pleased to welcome new staff members to the Maria Regina Community. We warmly welcome Mrs Trish Biok as Assistant Principal and Year 3 teacher, Mrs Jane Lillycrop as the Physical Education Teacher and Mrs Liberty Campbell as the Japanese Teacher.

Mrs Cathy Penning has taken Long Service leave until September. We thank Dr Bronwen Wade and Mrs Candice Aungle for taking on the temporary positions. These positions along with the Senior Administration Officer will be advertised next week.

Maria Regina Staff 2019

School Principal	Mrs Kathy Gee
Assistant Principal	Mrs Trish Biok
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Jane Labone
Senior Administration Officer	Mrs Jenny Saggus (temp)
Kindergarten	Mrs Caroline Willard
Year 1	Mrs Angela Westerway
Year 2	Mrs Jane Labone /Mrs Rebecca Billing (Thurs)
Year 3	Mrs Trish Biok / Mrs Candice Aungle (temp) (Wed/Thurs)
Year 4	Miss Sarah Smith
Stage 3	Mrs Alexis Conn
	Mrs Lynne Pike
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Rebecca Billing (Wed/ Fri)
Learning Support Teacher	Mrs Chris King (Tues/ Wed)
Creative Arts	Dr Bronwen Wade (temp) (Wed)
Japanese	Mrs Liberty Campbell (Wed)
Physical Education	Mrs Jane Lillycrop (Tues)
Teacher Assistant	Mrs Kathy Bell (Wed/Thurs Fri)
	Mrs Jackie Beecroft (Mon /Tues)
Band Director	Mr Peter Kaldor (Tues)
Canteen Manager	Mrs Marie Nero (Mon / Fri)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING and WELCOME DRINKS

Please come along and join us for a short information session followed by welcome drinks

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday **February 6** commencing at 6:00pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about our focus for 2019 and to socialise with parents and teachers. Teachers will advise of a class information session at a later date.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Friday February 8 at 9.15 am at the Maria Regina Church. Our Year 6 school leaders and SRC will be commissioned and receive their badges during the Mass. It will also be the first school Mass for our Kindergarten children. If it is the children's class sport day they can wear their sports uniform to Mass.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

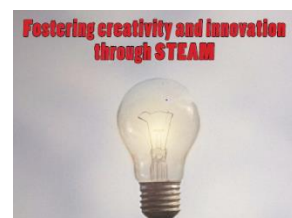
The Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 13 February at Warringah Aquatic Centre from 12 noon – 2:30 pm. Notes went home with the students yesterday (Thursday). Please complete the note and return it to the school office no later than 8 February so that the program can be put together.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Friday February 15. Payment envelopes have already been sent home. Please make sure all envelopes are returned before February 15. Sibling pre-payment envelopes are available from the office.

STEAM

At Maria Regina we are embracing **STEAM in 2019**. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses **Science, Technology, Engineering**, the **Arts** and **Mathematics** as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process.



Maria Regina is very fortunate to have Dr Bronwen Wade, Creative Arts Educator and Dr Tim Kitchen from ADOBE who will be working with our students on Thursday 28 February across different year stages using Creative Arts and Adobe digital programs to foster their creativity and innovation.

Maria Regina students will be involved in developing a promotion video for the school and STEAM Ahead Australia demonstrating how new experiences through the Creative Arts and using Adobe digital technologies can improve teachers and children's confidence and increase their curriculum engagement.

Unless a release form is signed children cannot participate and be filmed for this promotional video. Please see attached flyer and release form. The release form can be filled out electronically and emailed to mra@dbb.catholic.edu.au

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

Class	Sport Day	Class Sport
Kindy	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5/6	Tuesday	Thursday

PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR EMAL !!!

Due to Privacy Laws schools are not permitted to provide personal information such as parent names, emails and phone numbers to class parents.

In order for the class parents to communicate with you they need to gather contact information from you.

Below is a list of class parents who will collate a list for distribution amongst the respective classes. **Please email your class parent to be included in the distribution list. Include your mobile number if you wish that to be included.**

Class Parents 2019		
Kindergarten	Leigh Bellmaine	leighpk@hotmail.com
Year 1	Anya Clinton	anyaclinton@hotmail.com
Year 2	Shannon Johnson	shannon-andy@hotmail.com
Year 3	Elisabeth Miller	elisabeth.owens2@gmail.com
Year 4	Maria Dyoniziak	dyoniziak.maria@gmail.com
Stage 3	Zorana Osborn	zorana2@tpg.com
Class Parent Coordinator	Alicia Low	pilatesalicia@hotmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Week 2: Mon 4.2.19 Margarita Playoust-Colley Fri 8.2.19 Jaramane Dabu
Week 3: Mon 11.2.19 Dominica Hennessy Fri 15.2.19 Anya Clinton
Week 4: Mon 18.2.19 Skye Beckett Fri 22.2.19 Jacqui Fanning
Week 5: Mon 25.2.19 Shannon Murray Fri 1.3.19 Lucy Encina
Help Needed: Monday 1.4.19, Friday 5.4.19 & Monday 8.4.19

The canteen would not run without our wonderful volunteers support and time. If you would like to help out, we would love to have you on board. Please complete the volunteer form (see attached) and send back to either the office or the canteen.

NEW 2019 MENU

A new and exciting menu has been revised for Term 1. In keeping with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the new menu provides more fresh, homemade and healthier food options. (see attached).

Should anyone have any allergen concerns, please contact Marie.

Marie Nero - Canteen Manager

Email: smrpa.canteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 0410 566 777

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand uniform shop will be open on Friday mornings from 8.30am to 9am which is located at the roller door to the right of the hall. We warmly welcome any donations of pre loved uniforms washed and in good condition. Please contact Sharyn Pasquale for any further information.

ECO GARDEN

Have you got a green thumb? Join our gardening activity on Mondays from 1 pm to 2.30 pm and get your hands dirty with our awesome children and organic garden enthusiast Mauro.

OOSH BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Dear parents,

We are hoping to gauge the interest in potentially offering **Before School Care**, to our families in 2019.

Please if you wouldn't mind completing this short survey to express your interest.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FWHBBMY>

Many Thanks

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MARIA REGINA APP

Please make sure you have downloaded the Maria Regina APP!!!

The Maria Regina Mobile application provides quick and easy access to key school news direct to your iOS and Android smartphones. The app leverages the data of our existing website while also providing valuable new features to help you stay connected.

