



MATTERS



OPEN MORNING

We will be having our first Open Morning at 8:45am this Friday 8 March starting with our school assembly. School tours will be available after the assembly.

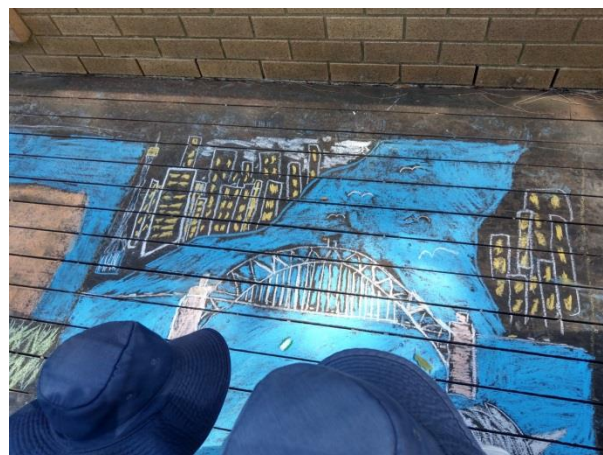
Please pass on this information to any families with preschool children who may be interested in attending.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

The staff of Maria Regina have been invited to join the staff of St Rose, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart to participate in a Staff Development Day on Monday 29 April. This is the first day of term 2 and will be a **pupil free day**.

STEAM DAY

On Thursday 28th February Maria Regina staff and children were fortunate to have Dr Tim Kitchen from Adobe working collaboratively with Dr Bronwen Wade to engage the students in STEAM activities focussing on 'The Big Draw.' It was a highly successful day and the children responded with much enthusiasm to use their skills in creative and critical thinking to design digital media. Many thanks to Mrs Wade for her organisation and co-ordination of the day.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer and penance. At Mass on Wednesday everyone will receive ashes on their forehead as a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on him with repentant hearts. Each child will offer a Lent promise, as a reminder that we are encouraged to do more to be closer to God during the season of Lent.

On Wednesday every family will receive a Project Compassion box and through your generosity you are helping the most vulnerable people worldwide to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities. The theme for Project Compassion 2019 asks us to **Give Lent 100%** in the name of hope. Lives change when we all give 100%. Boxes can be returned with your donations before Easter.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The Light is On

The Light is On is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on certain evenings during Lent. In Pittwater Parish you are invited to experience God's light and peace in your life during Lent.

Plenary

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

Please join me for an open conversation over a coffee to discuss where we are at today.

When: Friday 15th March after assembly

Where: School Hall

RSVP to Alexis Conn at alexis.conn@dbb.catholic.edu.au



EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION

Every Friday in Lent from 7pm to 8pm at Sacred Heart Church
Mona Vale 8 and 22 March,
5 April . Maria Regina Church
15, 29 March and 12 April.



FACEBOOK LIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH EDUCATION MINISTER

Dear Parents,

2019 is shaping up to be an interesting election year, to get the conversation started with Education, the NSW Council of Catholic School Parents are excited to host two 10 minute Facebook live conversations with the Shadow Education Minister and the Education Minister. It is important that families take this unique opportunity to listen to what the Ministers have to say about Catholic education before you head to voting booths on 23 March.

These conversations will be:

- **Thursday 28th February @ 9.30am with the Shadow Minister, Jihad Dib; and**
- **Tuesday 5th March @10am with NSW Minister for Education, Rob Stokes**

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Kids Club News

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU REQUIRE A CASUAL BOOKING, YOU MUST BOOK THROUGH YOUR MY FAMILY LOUNGE ACCOUNT EITHER ONLINE OR THROUGH THE MFL PHONE APP. IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH MAKING A BOOKING PLEASE RING US ON **0422040205**, EMAIL US AT mariaregina@ooshnb.com.au or RING HEAD OFFICE ON 9981 8089 AS WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BOOKED IN, DUE TO NUMBERS AND STAFFING RATIOS. PLEASE SEE EBONY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

At Maria Regina Kids Club, we are about the kids having fun! We have loads of games, books, toys, sports equipment and craft activities for the kids to spend their afternoons well entertained. We often have themed activities for each week to keep Kids Club new, exciting and fun! Some successful themes we have had in the past have been Science week, where we made slime and did many other science experiments and Cooking week, where we made chocolate crackles and other yummy treats to take home. Each afternoon, the kids are provided with a delicious afternoon snack from our Kids Club menu, which includes a sausage sizzle, pancakes, nachos, yoghurt and more. Seasonal fruit is also always provided with afternoon tea. We also spend a lot of time outside playing various games on the basketball court and using the equipment on the top terrace as well as relaxed wind down time inside doing craft and playing board games! So, if you would like to sign your child up

for Maria Regina Kids Club, jump online at <http://ooshnb.com.au/parents/enrol-now/> to register your child for after school care. If you are having difficulties with the process, feel free to pop into Kids Club and Ebony will be happy to help you. You are also able to contact our head office on 99848089, who can guide you through the enrolment process.

We wish to remind parents that our centre closes promptly at 6:30pm. There are late fees that apply after this time so please arrive beforehand to avoid paying these additional fees.

We hope you've had a wonderful break and look forward to a great year ahead at Maria Regina Kids Club!

The team at Maria Regina Kids Club!

Canteen News

URGENT CANTEEN HELP NEEDED – Especially MONDAY.

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

Canteen Roster (9.30am - 1.45pm)		
Week 6: Monday 4th March	Margarita Playoust-Colley	
Friday 8th March	Anya Clinton & Ruth Gregory	
Week 7: Monday 11th March	Leigh Bellmaine	
Friday 15th March	Maria Hardy	
Week 8: Monday 18th March	Jamie De Bie	
Friday 22nd March	Joanna Meppem (morning shift) Sharon Pasquale & Vianny Boon	
Week 9: Monday 25th March	Debbie Gold	
Friday 29th March	Jeramane Dabu	
Week 10: Monday 1st April	Maria Hardy & Dominica Hennessy Sharon Pasquale & Vianny Boon	
Friday 5th April	Boon	
Week 11: Monday 8th April	Anya Clinton	
Friday 12th April		

New menu items: Home-made 100% fruit juice jelly, yummy crumble cups with muesli oats berries/apple and yoghurt, trifle cups with fruit jelly custard and berries, home-made assorted fruit muffins, pikelets, a large assortment of sushi flavours and many new ice blocks are just some of the items new to the 2019 menu. All products and brands have been crossed checked with the updated NSW Healthy Strategy guidelines of everyday & occasional foods. The 2019 Menu can be located on the school website.



Reminders / Notes:

Foreign Coins - please check the coins your child is bringing to school. We have had many foreign coins that are unable to be used.

Birthdays – Due to limited storage space and allergen safety, birthday treats can be purchased from the canteen. Ice blocks, muffins & popcorn bulk packs can now be ordered on QKR at a special discounted cost for class celebrations.

Friday 22nd March Walkathon – The canteen will be open as normal on this day for all services.

Large orders – Many bags tend to break by the time they arrive to the classroom. To avoid this from happening may I kindly ask that you purchase an extra bag within the QKR menu for items of 3 or more.

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Broken Bay Winter Sport Trials

Selection trials for children wishing to be considered to participate at the NSWCPSS Polding Area Winter Team Sport Trials will be held in the sports listed in term 1. The purpose of the Polding trials is to select representative teams to compete in the NSWCPSS State Championships. For further information relating to the Polding Trials please read the [attached](#).



CALLING ALL STUDENTS

For the ANNUAL WALKATHON
FUNDRAISER

When Friday 22nd March 2019
Time 11.30am to 2pm

What to do before the event:

- Share the following link to family, neighbours and friends to sponsor you for the walk. Visit: xxxxx

- Purchase a Raffle ticket in the "Parents, Carers and Friends Raffle" which is located on QKR.

PRIZE: Dinner for 2 @ Barrenjoey House (value \$250)

- A tasty Sausage Sizzle awaits everyone including parents, friends, siblings and students at the end of the Walkathon. Please pre-order your lunch via QKR: \$10 for a sausage sandwich & drink combo.

What to do on the day:

- Wear your sports uniform and pack a healthy morning tea, and get ready to Walk the Walk and stretch your bodies for some fun activities located at each station.

- There will be a "KIDS" sports package Raffle & Jelly bean guessing competition on the day so children are encouraged to bring some loose change to school on the day.

All family members are welcome to join. Let's get as many sponsors signed up as we can to beat last year's Walkathon fund raising amount.

