Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge

Just a reminder to all those who have participated in the Summer Reading Challenge that entries must be received by 5pm, Friday 11 February 2011. The draw will take place on Friday 18th February and winners will be published on the Catholic Education Website, www.parra.catholic.edu.au

Entries and reading logs should be sent to:
Summer Reading Challenge
Catholic Education Office
Locked Bag 4
NORTH PARRAMATTA NSW 1750

Library Borrowing

Each grade is allocated a day for the children to borrow books from the school library. Each child must have a library bag. This bag cannot be a plastic shopping bag but it can be an old pillow slip. The school office sells Library bags for $9.50ea.

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Sports Days

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days.

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First Aid
Please be advised that when a child comes to the sick bay with a graze or an open wound we can only clean the wound with water. We do not use any antiseptic or creams.

School Start Time
As of Tuesday 1st February students have been asked to start making their way to class at 8.30am. Music will play from 8.30am to 8.40am. All gates will be locked at 8.40am. This means that any student not here at 8.40 is late for class. Monday morning we still assemble as a community on the lower playground.

School Banking
St Margaret Mary’s participates in the student banking program which is run by the Commonwealth Bank. If your child is in Years 1—6 and has a student banking account they can participate in this program. Student Banking Day is on Tuesdays only. Students need to bring their bank books to school on this day and hand to their class teacher. If your child would like to open a bank account please see the office for a package or you can open an account at the Commonwealth Bank.

School Website
Take a look at the school website. You can now access all the school excursion notes and any other notes that go home to parents. All you need to do is go to the school website and click on news and events where you will find a parents communication page. You can keep up to date with all the latest news and events at St Margaret Mary’s.

Tuckshop Roster

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Photo Permission
From time to time photo’s and/or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photo’s may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletters, brochures, advertising, newspapers, websites or publications and video footage. If you do not wish for photo’s or video’s of your child please notify the school in writing.

Peanut Allergies
As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have Peanut allergies. This means that if these children come into contact with any peanut products they will have a severe allergic reaction. After speaking with the relevant education and medical authorities it had been decided that we need to make this a PEANUT FREE SCHOOL. This means that children are asked NOT to bring any products to school that have nut extracts e.g. peanut butter, nutella, muesli bars that contain nuts or any other products that may contain these items. We also ask that the children not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

Book Club
Approximately twice a term, children are given the opportunity to order books from Ashton Scholastic Book Club. It is important that when you are ordering items offered by Ashton’s that you read the information provided in the catalogue regarding the product. If you are not fully satisfied with your purchase, parents are asked to contact Ashton’s as the school’s role is only ordering and distribution. It is not compulsory to order these books.

The order forms have been sent home with your child and are to be completed and returned to the school with the exact money (no change will be given). Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. Please ensure that the child’s name, class and amount enclosed are clearly marked on the envelope as well as on the order form. When paying by credit card please follow the instructions on the order forms.
Canteen Helps 2011

Do you enjoy conversation with your lunch? Would you like to see your children occasionally during school hours? Are you looking for a way to become involved at school, in a social relaxed way and you have completed the Child Protection Module? Then the canteen is the answer you've been looking for.

We require some new faces to join our wonderful team of canteen ladies, because some of our old ones have left. If you can spare a day in a week, fortnight, month or even occasionally, please fill out the form and return it to school.

We really do need the help. Many hands do make light work and your child would love to see you in the canteen. Mums, Dads, Nans, or Pops are all welcome. Lunch Provided.

If you would like any more information please see Georgina in the Canteen.

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Canteen Help

Name:_____________________________________________

Contact No:_____________________________________

Child’s Name:_____________________________________

Child’s Class:_____________________________________

Please circle when you are able to help.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Emergency

Child Protection

Parents wishing to help out on school excursions, in classrooms, in the canteen, at sporting activities, P&F activities or any activity that involves contact with students other than your own are requested to complete the Child Protection Module.

This is a requirement as part of the child protection within schools. If you completed the Child Protection Module in 2009, you are required to re do the module in 2011.

Parent must complete the Child Protection module before attending any school excursions, helping in the classroom, at sporting activities, helping out at P&F fundraising, or even in the school canteen or any activity that involves contact with students other than your own.


It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and a briefing every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers is now available. To use the module:

1. Open the module by clicking the Start
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office.
St Margaret Mary’s  
JRLFC Inc
Invites you to join the club for the 2011 football season. All children that attend a Catholic school and all Catholic boys & girls of all ages from U/6’s to U/11’s are invited to join our club by being at our registration day on Friday 11th February 2011 outside the school hall 3.00pm—3.45pm & Sunday 20th February at Nemesia St Park Greystanes 10.00am—2.00pm

Some of the many benefits of joining our club are
◊ Free shorts & socks to players
◊ Insurance covered by registration
◊ Trophies and goodies at the end of season for all players.
Registration fees are $60.00 for one child & $100.00 for a family.

All new players are required to bring a Baptismal & Birth Certificate.

We play on Sundays and train on Tuesday & Friday nights 6.00pm—7.00pm. Our first training session will be on Friday 4th March at Nemesia Street Park Greystanes 6.00pm—7.00pm.
For more information please contact Tony 0404 272 249 or Christine 9688 3721/ 0430 733 305

Golden Rose Childcare Centre
22—24 Waratah Street, Granville 9637 3834—9637 1827 (ah)
Conducted by Sisters of Mary Queen
Caters for Children from 2-5years
Qualified staff, Accredited Centre, Education Program
Government subsidy
Open 8.00am—6.00pm Monday– Friday.

Catholic Care Social Services
Keeping children Safe
A five week course
Feel more confident about your parenting.
Understand what child abuse and neglect means.
Gain confidence for talking to your children about safety issues.
Where: Catholic Care Social Services—Blacktown
Family support 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown 2148.
Parking in church grounds and entry via side door.
Dates: Monday 21st and 28th February and 7th, 14th, and 21st March 2011.
Time: 6.00pm—8.00pm.
For more information and bookings please phone Mel or Debbie on (02 8822 2222).

OLQP Falcons Soccer Club
Why do we recommend your child to join the OLQP Falcon’s Soccer Club?
Our club will give your child the confidence, self esteem and skills to play soccer. It also provides a great platform for kids to make new friends from school and to work on their social skills. Soccer is great fun and is played in a family oriented environment for both girls and boys aged between 5yrs—12years.

Registration Day
Date: Friday 11th Saturday 12th February
Time: Friday 3.15pm—4.15pm
Saturday 9.00am—12.00noon
Location: Friday (OLQP school near office)
Saturday Daniel Street Park Greystanes
Off Jonathon Street
First time players need photocopy of their birth certifi- cate, two passport sized photos needed by: U8 & U11, New U9, U10 & U12.
For more information please contact Alex Soyer 0420 387 337

Supportive Playgroup
When: Every Wednesday (excluding School Holidays)
Where: GUILDFORD WEST Public school, School Hall Palmer Street Guildford West
Time: 9.00am—11.00am
What is supportive Playgroup?
Playgroup is a time where parents and carers, with their children, can come and play together; to spend playing and interacting in different ways with their child; for children to develop a range of skills; to learn more about their world and have new challenges.
If you would like more information about playgroup please contact Kellie or Debbie 9636 8437

Holroyd City OOSH
Looking for something exciting to do over the April School Holidays? Why not contact one of Council’s OOSH services for some real fun and excitement over the school holidays.

Guildford West OOSH and Guildford West Double Digits 9721 2257
Ringrose OOSH 9636 6586
Sherwood Grange OOSH 9892 4207
Parramatta West OOSH 9633 5246

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Guildford– Greystanes Physical Culture Club
Tiny tots, 5-12 years and Ladies classes are held in Greystanes Community Hall, 732 Merrylands Road Greystanes on Wednesday.
13 to Seniors classes are held in the St Mary’s Church Hall in Guildford on Tuesday Nights.
For further information please telephone Chris 0414 969 719 Margaret 0410 681 950