

From the Principal

Open Morning

We had a very successful open morning this morning. It was wonderful to see Kindergarten's first assembly and to hear all about the year 5/6 Antarctic sleepover expedition.

Thank you teachers and children for sharing the work you have been doing this term and for the band for sharing their talents. The visiting parents were very impressed with the year 5/6 guided tours and the beautiful morning tea.

Well done everyone !!!!!!!



Building the Education Revolution (BER) - Update

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is an update from Brother Tony on the Commonwealth Government Initiative for all Australian Schools. Please take the time to read this letter. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Catholic Worldview through the Lens of a Child Photo Competition

This year the competition was open to all schools in the Peninsula Catholic Learning Community of Schools. Altogether there were 172 entries. Winners will be announced by Camera House in the next 2 weeks. All photos entered in the competition have been displayed on the Maria Regina School Hall windows.

From the REC

Parish Mass / Class Reconciliation

Kindergarten will be attending the Parish Mass on Thursday 2nd April at 9:15am. Year 3 will be attending Reconciliation on Thursday 2nd April at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all of the children who have made their First Reconciliation this week. Each class has celebrated this special event in their own way with the Reconciliation candidates throughout the week. Thank you to Sister Matilde, Joanne, Dianne Jude for their efforts in coordinating the Reconciliation program and to the Team Leaders who have been teaching our Reconciliation candidates over the past 4 weeks.

Peninsula Cluster Mass

On Thursday, our Year 6 students attended the Peninsula Cluster Mass. This Mass is an opportunity for all of the Year 6 children, in Catholic schools from across the Peninsula to celebrate together as school leaders. This special Mass was held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Forestville. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop David Walker and the students pledged their commitment as Christian Leaders in our Diocese.

Project Compassion Project Compassion boxes are due in Week 11. Thanking you in advance for your generous contributions.



Holy Week

Our school will be reflecting on the events of Holy Week in a liturgy that will take place on **Thursday 9th April at 9:15am at**

Maria Regina Church. Our school will remember the events that took place before and on Holy Thursday.

The crucifixion will be the focus of the event that will take place in the parish on Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross will occur at 10am and there will be a liturgy at 3pm, both taking place at Maria

From the Assistant Principal

"Under the Night Sky"



Mona Vale Library and Bekelouw Books have joined forces to offer The Pittwater Short Story Award and The Pittwater Photographic Competition .

2009 is the International year of Astronomy and in celebration the theme for the Short Story Award and the Photographic Competition will be "Under the Night Sky".

Applicants can enter both competitions. The competition is open to children and adults and prizes will be awarded according to age categories.

This is a great opportunity for all students and families. Registration forms will be available on the library website from the 1st April, 2009.

If you are interested please see Mrs Re-meus for more details.



Birthdays

Isabeau 4/4

From the Library



PRC: Congratulations to Harrison of Kindergarten who has completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!

During Library this week the children in Kindergarten listened to the story *The night garden* (Book id 41017).

Holiday borrowing: Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Please help your child to check for any they have lying around at home. Reminder notes will go out next week.

Attention

Year 1 and Year 2 parents



How do children learn to read?

How can I help at home?



Come along and find out.

When: Tuesday 31st March 9.00am

Where: Maria Regina School Hall

Facilitator: Jane Labone Kindergarten Teacher

Sports Achievements

Well done Eric (yr 5/6) on your win last week at Bayview Golf Club in the cadet-juniors tournament.

Message from the Office

Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees. Account 1 is now overdue for payment. Account 2 is due to be finalised on April 28. Families paying by time payment please make sure your payments are up to date.

Reminders will be sent home early next week.

From the Parents



Mother's Day Breakfast
(mums, grandmas, children)

\$10.00 per family

Thursday May 7

7.30am.—9.00am

Followed by Mass at 9.15am

There will be a flier regarding this important event

Year 4 Parents Night Out at Little Avalon

Friday April 3 at 7.30p,

Cost...\$15.00 per head.

Payment to class mums as per email, by April 1.

Thank you...Kim and Catherine

Canteen News

There will be **NO** :

- Popcorn
- Aroonas
- Ice Cream cups

Available for the rest of the Term.

The Canteen will be fully stocked again with these items in Term 2. thank you for your cooperation and assistance throughout this term.

Canteen Ice Block Roster

Monday	March 30	Jan Kim Aniela
Friday	April 3	Rebecca , Christina

A Message from the Parish

First Holy Communion Sacramental Program

Please note there will be a change to the date for the Parent Information Evening.

It will now be held on Tuesday

September 22 2009

at 7pm for

group leaders and 7.30pm for all parents.

Awards

K	Elle, Joshua, Thomas
1	Pia Ben
2	Lachlan Sophie
3	Jason Josephine
4	Bradley Harry
5//6M	Chloe, Jacob Abbey
5/6R	Jessica Courtney

**Important
DATE!**

Diary Dates

Wk 10	Wed	April 1	Robbie Slater Cup Years 3 & 4 Nolans Reserve
	Thurs	April 2	Robbie Slater Cup Years 5 & 6 Nolans Reserve
	Fri	April 3	Assembly Years 5/6M
	Sat	April 4	Confirmation enrolment at weekend Mass
	Sun	April 5	Confirmation enrolment at weekend Mass

Year 7—2011 Enrolments

St. Paul's Catholic College Manly is currently taking Enrolments for Year 7 2011 students . Enrolments close on Friday May 1 2009. For further information please contact St Paul's Catholic College on 9977 5111 or email mail@stpaulmanly.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is this Saturday night at 8:30 pm!



Turn off your lights to help save our environment!

On Saturday night from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm there will be a fantastic evening of entertainment at Avalon Beach for Earth Hour 2009. There will be live music, fire twirling exhibits and a fabulous children's lantern parade. Avalon Recreation Centre is also hosting a lantern-making workshop on Saturday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm which is suitable for children aged eight and over. Come along and make a lantern to take to the parade on Saturday night. For details see http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/home/news_highlights/lanterns_to_light_up_earth_hour_at_avalon