

MARY IMMACULATE PARENTS AND FRIENDS
GENERALMEETING
22 MAY 2018
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Religious Life

- Our Opening School Mass was held on Thursday 18 February. School Leaders were commissioned at this mass. Thank you to the hospitality committee for organising the morning tea.
- Term 1 RE Lessons focused on Lent and Easter. Children celebrated Ash Wednesday.
- During Holy Week we welcomed Andrew Chinn who led the children through the Easter Story.
- During Lent parents were again invited to attend a weekly prayer and reflection. The parents were very appreciative of the opportunity to meet together.
- Children participated in the St Patricks Day prayer.
- The children in Year 3 prepared for and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to the Parish Sacramental team for their work and also the staff from Mary Immaculate who have volunteered to assist with the Sacramental programs. First Communion preparation commenced 3 weeks ago.
- The staff of Mary Immaculate attended the Diocesan Education Mass during Catholic Schools Week.
- Four Year 6 School Leaders and I attended the Diocesan Project Compassion launch at Thomas Aquinas Parish Bowral.
- Our school was represented at the farewell liturgy for Bishop Peter.
- Our school was represented at the ordination of our new Bishop, Bishop Brian.
- Children acknowledged our mothers during the Mother's Day prayer.
- Our school community celebrated St Eugene's feast day yesterday. A special day for Fr Slawek and Fr Donal.

Learning and teaching

- Kindergarten children completed the Best Start Assessment
- Music Bus has continued to be offered to students
- Year 6 participated in a Leadership Day, which was facilitated by Cameron Brown.
- Student Led Conferences were held during week 10 of Term 1.
- Kindergarten participated in a Cultural Day.
- Yr 5 have visited Rouse Hill House and Farm
- Yr 3 visited Wollongong
- Staff have continued their own Professional learning. Dyslexia, Maths, spiritual formation, Letters and sounds, behaviour management.
- This year one of our main focus will be implementing Diocesan strategies initiated by work facilitated by Dr Lynn Sharratt- Learning Intentions, Success Criteria, Learning Walks and Talks, Assessment Waterfall. We are also undertaking an EAL/D initiative.
- Assemblies for Yr 1, Yr 5 and Yr 6 have been held. All other classes will have assembly's this Term.
- Children in Yrs 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN last week.

Sport

- School Cricket Team participated in the Mark Taylor Shield Cricket Competition. Unfortunately the team was defeated by St Michaels Nowra.
- The Annual Swimming Carnival was held on 16 February. Children enjoyed the day. Special thanks to Mrs Booth and the many parents who assisted at the carnival.
- School swim team competed in the Western Region Carnival. Some excellent results.
- Children trialled for various Diocesan teams. E.g. Hockey, Rugby League, Soccer and Netball and Rugby Union. Hayden M has been chosen to represent Mackillop in Hockey. Chaise A chosen for Rugby League.
- School Cross Country carnival held. Thanks again to the hospitality team.
- Diocesan Cross Country team competed at the Diocesan Cross Country. Paige A and Madeline M will compete at the Mackillop Cross Country
- We have again received funding in the School Sporting Schools program. During Term 1 Children in Yr 1 and Yr 2 and Yr3 participated in lessons, which focused on gymnastics and this Term Yr 1 and Yr 2 will participate in lessons focussing on athletics.

Special Events

- Parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher earlier in the year. A reminder that staff are happy to meet with parents. Please make appointments through your child's teacher or through the office.
- Our school community celebrated Catholic Schools Week
- Children enjoyed the opportunity to enter the Easter Raffle.
- Our School was represented at the ANZAC Day March and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mawson Park Campbelltown on ANZAC Day.
- Welcome BBQ was a great evening. Many positive comments from the new parents.
- The new building is now operational.
- Mrs Fitzgerald was married (Mrs Biviano)

Other

- The official Blessing and Opening of the new building will be held on Friday 1st June
- Kindergarten 2018 interviews have begun.
- School refurbishment is continuing.
- The Spring Fair for 2018 has been cancelled.
- I will be taking leave to attend the Devine Renovation Conference in Halifax, Canada 7th June – 6th July
- Our school is currently hosting 4 prac students from ACU- Mrs Boss and Miss Beckman
- Our school maybe hosting international Students from Japan later in Term 3

General Business Discussion

- Purchase of I-pads
- Staff news – Mrs Chapman will be taking maternity leave
- Our school is pursuing the BYOD Ipad program for 2019 in Yr 5.