Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,
This term promises to be a term of great learning and wonderful events.

**ACTING PRINCIPAL IN TERM 3**
For the first four weeks of Term 3, I will be on long service leave. Mrs Franziska Jackson, who is currently the Principal at St Joseph’s Kingswood, will be replacing me. I know you will make Mrs Jackson feel very welcome during this time.

**NAPLAN**
Last week students in Years 3 and 5 sat for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in their learning studio.

**BUILDING UPDATE**
In the next couple of weeks we will start to see signs of builders getting ready to complete our last learning studio. Also Parramatta Marist will be part of a building program which will join on to our current Administration block. Both constructions will more than likely affect some of our school routines and practices.

**BINGO NIGHT**
A reminder that our Bingo Night is only 4 weeks away! This promises to be a fun night bringing together our school community. We are still accepting donated gifts to create our prizes for the night. Not sure what to send to school? Check out our school app in the Parent Info section.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**
We have had over 100 applications for our Kindergarten enrolments for next year. Everyone should be congratulated staff, students and parents for creating such a wonderful school spirit at Mother Teresa Primary!

**CONGRATULATIONS**
Congratulations to our wonderful students, Neel Darvatkar, Mina Gendy, Richard Imbug, Shihan Manamperi, Sebastien Nakhoul, Charlee Nasr, John-Luc Saroufin, Michael Tassone and Johnny Tsimigos, who represented the school in the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 7th May.

Have a wonderful week,

Gary Borg
Principal
Maria Boyd R.E.C.

PENTECOST:
“Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people. Enkindle in them the fire of your love.”

We read of this astounding event of the coming of the spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. People, who had been paralysed by fear and uncertainty, seem to miraculously transform, and their lives take on an heroic and inspiring energy that sustains them from then till the end of their lives. Yet this was not the first time they had encountered the Spirit. They had lived and walked alongside Jesus, witnessing his actions and hearing his words for three years. They had witnessed the horrific events of the arrest and crucifixion and seen the power of God in the Risen Christ. They had been given the Holy Spirit through Jesus, when he breathes the Spirit into them after his resurrection. So what is different in the upper room, with the doors and windows locked? We receive the Spirit in all the Sacraments, not just in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Are our lives visibly transformed? Perhaps the locked room is the same as a locked heart and mind. We can be given many gifts in life, but if we choose not to open them, or decide not to use them, what benefit are they, no matter their value. I believe the miracle of Pentecost was the readiness and openness of those present. It was their time to be open to the Spirit and what a difference it made. Let us pray that we too may be ready to accept the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, today.

Sacramental Programs

Session 1 commences Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Parent/s and child must attend. This is in preparation for the children’s First Holy Communion on Sunday 16th June 2013. For more information, please contact Sacred Heart Parish on 9635 9262.

PLEASE HELP!!!
Year 5 have a Mathematical challenge this term to build a Cubby House for Kindergarten using 2 litre (squared) milk bottles. If you could please send in used, washed, 2 litre bottle with the lids, Year 5 would be most appreciative. (eg in image).

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – Friday 24th May 2013
This Friday is National Walk Safely to School Day. It asks parents and carers to walk their primary school aged children all or part of the way to school. It encourages regular physical activity and helps reduce hazardous traffic congestion in and around the school, creating a pedestrian-safe area for children entering the school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Thank you to families who have been sending in the Earn and Learn stickers. Thanks to your support last year, we were able to raise 61472 points! We would love to reach that target again, if not more. Keep collecting the stickers until 9 June 2013. Please send completed sticker sheets/stickers to school.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
School commences at 8:35am. Supervision in the morning is provided from 8:05am until commencement of school. School finishes at 2:45pm. Children will be supervised until 3:15pm. School office hours are from 7:45am to 3:45pm Monday to Friday.