



MOG NEWS

Newsletter for Mother of God Catholic Primary School East Ivanhoe

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Important Dates

- *Mon 10 March- Labour Day Holiday
- *Thur 13 March- 3rd Parent Helper Training session
- *Sat 15 March Prep & Junior Sch working Bee
- *Mon 17 March- Catholic Education Week begins & Open Day
- *Tues 18 March- Open Day
- *Wed 19 March- Fire Carriers Day @ Amberley (Yrs 4 & 5 students)
- *Thurs 20 March- Twilight Sports – Students dismissed at 1:00pm – Sports start at 3:15pm
- *Sat 29 March- Trivia Night
- *Mon 31 March- School Photos
- *Tues 1 April- Whole school Mass & Yr 3 Students Reconciliation
- *Fri 4 April- End of term 1.30pm

NEXT MONDAY 10 MARCH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY



"Have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we gathered as a school community in the Marian Centre where we participated in a Liturgy to celebrate the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. Mr. Anderson and our Senior school students led us in this liturgy. Lent leads up to the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar where we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus brought the promise of hope for all so that we may *"Have life and have it to the full."* (John 10:10)

During Lent we are called to pray, fast and give to those who are less fortunate than us and as we do this we are reminded of Jesus. During this season of Lent each classroom has a Project Compassion box and the children will hear about the work of Caritas Australia. Project Compassion is an annual fundraiser for Caritas Australia. Our Senior School students have prepared their own Lenten Reflections which are displayed in their classrooms. Indiana's has kindly agreed to share her thoughts:

I am grateful for all the lovely things I have, like a house, family, education, food and safety. I am really grateful for all the people that love and care for me. I live in Australia in a safe country with no wars, no conflict and no arguments. My Lenten promise is to be encouraging and I am giving up hot chips. I know I like hearing nice friendly comments. So I can make people happy. I am giving up Hot Chips because it will make me healthy.

Sacramental Program: The following are the dates for the following Sacraments:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: April 1st (Year 3 students)

First Eucharist: Sunday September 14th (Year 3 students)

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 1st June (Year 6 students)



MOG CHOIR – Melody Bell has started working with an enthusiastic group of students each Monday morning at 8am. If you would like to join the MOG choir you are very welcome. Just get out of bed that little bit earlier and start the day/week singing. Join the choir in the Marian Centre. Reply slip at the end of this newsletter.

Catholic Education Week – 16th March – 23rd March – 'Entrust yourselves to God and dare to dream.'

During Catholic Education Week we are having two Open Days – Monday 17 March and Tuesday 18 March between 9:15am – 1:00pm. On Thursday 20 March a group of students will be attending the schools Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30am.

Twilight Sports – 20th March at Chelsworth Park – 3:15pm start --- Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm so that we can set up for the sports to begin at 3:15pm. Students to arrive at Chelsworth Park at 3:00pm. Parents to bring rugs and chairs to sit on. Please see flyer attached.

Thank you to all parents for making the effort to come to school yesterday for the Parent/Student/Teacher discussions. We look forward to working with each of you throughout the year to ensure that together we are supporting your child.

Today we hosted the Librarian's network in the Marian Centre thank you to the parents who supported us.

School Closure Days for 2014: The Parent Representative Council have approved the following days to be school closure days for students at Mother of God during 2014. These days allow the staff to participate in professional development activities as a whole staff. The dates are as follows:

Friday 9 May

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 July – Staff Conference

Friday 22 November

Louise McGrath
Principal

RE NEWS

Lent

We have now started the season of Lent. This year we are having a big focus on Project Compassion. The theme this year is based from the scripture of John 10:10. 'Have life and Have it to the Full' The children in religion will focus on prayer, fasting and Almsgiving and the meaning of these in their lives. They will explore stories of people Project Compassion are supporting this year. If you are interested in learning more about this yourself go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion. Each class will have a box where if they choose children may make small donations.

Mass

This week 11 March Senior School will attend mass. Middle school will attend the following week 18 March.

Reconciliation

Thanks to all the Year Three children and parents who attended the information evening with Denise Arnel. Remember to keep sharing stories with your children about your experiences and discuss how you will celebrate the sacrament in a special way on Tuesday 1 April. Remember this starts at 11:45am.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

The School Wide Positive Behaviour Core Team



It is great to see students wearing their wrist bands proudly. They were given them last week at our school assembly and we encourage students to wear them to school as part of their school uniform.

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to James who won the 50 metre freestyle and butterfly at the division swimming. He now proceeds on to the regional carnival next Wednesday.

This week inter school sports will be played at Ivanhoe Primary School. Cricket is at Seddon Reserve. All other sports played at Ivanhoe Primary.

Brian Anderson

PRC NEWS

Dear All,

Many thanks for your effort, great to see lots of school children and their parents were at Mass today. It is our wish that we should do this more often. Thanks to all Mums who prepared a morning tea." Fr. Thang

You may recall Rob Cungo the 2013 PRC Chair acknowledging the fundraising efforts of the MOG community and the PRC intention to present the School with a \$7,000 cheque. It is with great pleasure we can announce at the PRC meeting on Tuesday 3rd March Stephanie Monardo PRC Treasurer presented Louise with a \$7,000 cheque on behalf of the MOG community. The funds will go towards the school playground and garden development. Thank you for your contribution.

New Parent Mentor Program

In February we held a morning tea and Mentor information session to welcome new families and prep families to Mother of God. The parents who attended the session enjoyed meeting each other and learning a few helpful tips about being a parent at MOG. The new parent mentor program links new and existing families together to help with the transition into primary school. If you would like to learn more about the program please leave your name and contact details with Rebecca in the office.

Gabrielle and Lisa
PRC Co Chair.

MOG VILLAGE FAIR – Saturday 22nd November 2014

Let's get ready for the biggest event on the calendar this year –

The MOG VILLAGE FAIR!

Come one and all to the MOG Village Fair, 10am-4pm, Saturday 22nd November.

How can you help to make this the best Fair ever!

- Please keep this date free for you, your family and friends to come and enjoy all the fun of the Fair.

- Volunteer to help on a stall, donate to a stall or contribute by way of sponsorship (please see attachment).
- Contribute suggestions now. Ideas for stalls welcome. Please email: janemancini@ozemail.com.au

MOG Village Fair – Poster Competition

All students at MOG are invited to enter the MOG Village Fair Poster Competition!

We need your A4 size drawing inspired by the name; MOG Village Fair and by your imagination. Please only include the words: 'MOG Village Fair' on your drawing. Other Fair details will be printed on the advertisements by us. Drawings should be submitted to Reception by Monday 24th March.

The winning entry will appear on the billboards, posters and flyers for the Fair.

The winner will receive a prize including a wristband that entitles them to free rides all day at the Fair.

Village fair request

Hi, as many of you may know my Mum is a 'gun' when it comes to tomato sauce making (the type for sausage rolls and pies as opposed to passata), anyway she is in full swing for this year's Mother of God School fete, so to ease the burden on her I'm chasing up glass 2 litre bottles (for instance the large sherry bottles). If anyone has some that you are happy to give away please let me know and I'll come and get them - if you enjoy a 'spot of sherry' in the evening's - drink up so I can grab the bottles. There's no need to clean them - we have a proper cleaning process that we always follow regardless of how clean they are when we get them.

Janelle Sinclair
0417 361 763

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome to the first book club for 2014. Book club comes out once or twice a term and orders are usually returned within a week.

Just a few reminders for existing and new families:-

Payment can be made by cash, cheques payable to Scholastic, credit card or occasionally when a book is no longer in stock a Scholastic Rewards Voucher will be issued to use on a future order. Credit card payments can be made by a phone payment where you will receive an 11 digit receipt number. This number is then written on the book club order form found on the back of each catalogue. Orders can be left with Rebecca at the Office and when the orders arrive back at school will be delivered to your child's classroom. This always brings squeals of delight and excitement. If you are placing an order which may be used as a gift just drop us a note on the order form and your order can be left in the office for collection.

Scholastic book club orders raise funds and resources for our school. 20% of all orders earn rewards which are used to order new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

Issue 2, March 2014 is due **WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH**

Any questions we can be contacted via the office.

Sharon Fazzino & Simone Game (Laura & Hayley -Year 5 & Sadie -Year 2)
Book Club Volunteers

CDF STUDENT BANKING VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

We are looking for a parent volunteer to take on the student banking role. Bank books are collected on a Monday morning, processed and returned later in the week. The position does not take up a lot of time and is a web-based system. If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Rebecca.

Thankyou.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep – Jack for trying so hard to be a responsible member of our class. Well done Jack!

Stephen for being a responsible class Captain. Well done!

Junior W- Max for the hard work he is putting into his writing.

Javier for his focused approach to learning tasks

Junior S – Giselle for being a respectful and responsible member of JS and helping other students in the class when they need it.

Zachary for being a responsible and respectful member of the class and always being ready to learn.

Middle HM- Sofia for her positive attitude displayed towards all learning!

Giulio for reflecting on choices and talking through strategies.

Middle O- Ayrton for his focussed approach during writing time and always being ready to learn.

Julia for always being ready to learn and all her hard work and effort in all areas of school work.

Senior T – Holly for her responsible behaviour and always being ready to learn.

Alyssa for being respectful in her interactions with others.

Senior G – Luigi for his outstanding leadership as Class Captain.

Indianna for being an attentive listener and showing respect to her teachers.

UNIFORM SHOP

Second Hand Uniform Sale tomorrow Friday 7 March – Marian Centre @ 8.45am.

The uniform shop will be open next Thursday 13 March at 8.45. Second hand uniforms are available – get ready for winter – winter stock now available. Senior school rugby tops \$70.00. Uniform order forms are available at the office, if paid in full items will be sent home via the tote system.

Thankyou- Lisa & Lucy



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To Our MOG Families



Hot Cross Bun Fundraising Competition!

Our events & fundraising team have been busy planning our calendar of events for support in 2014 & this year we are running a competition with our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. The categories are:



Individual chance, Child who sells the most Hot Cross Buns by themself



Team effort, the Class who sells the most Hot Cross Buns together

The attached order form is for families to collect orders. To make it fun, the children can ask their grandparents, aunts & uncles, parents workplace &/or friends. The more we support this drive, the more our children will benefit with the funds raised supporting the **GARDEN PROJECT.**

FINAL ORDERS DUE: Friday 28th MARCH 2014

DELIVERY DAY: Friday 4th APRIL 2014 (last day of term)

**Thank you in advance for your support
From Your PRC!**

Please contact jacqueline@maball.com.au should you have further questions

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

The annual Mother of God Easter egg fundraiser is on and needs your kind donations to assist in its efforts. Donations of all things Eastery are appreciated.

- *Chocolate
- *Easter cake (i.e colomba)
- *Home made Easter eggs
- *Tsoureki....yummy or any other delicious treats you normally would enjoy at Easter :)

All donations will be raffled off and proceeds will go towards fundraising efforts. Please leave your donations at reception.

Thank you for your ongoing support in advance.



MOG WORKING BEE

The first MOG Working Bee for the year is on **Saturday 15 March** from **9 am to 12 noon**.

This is designated for families with children in the **Prep and Junior School** levels. Attendance to at least one of any of the three Working Bee during the year entitles you to a rebate of the maintenance levy.

To work towards fulfilling the playground and garden design the main tasks will be:

- Installing logs around the sandpit for sand retention – digging a trench and cementing logs vertically into place,
- Tree planting,
- Topping up the sandpit
- Coating the deck with deck oil

If you have a wheelbarrow, shovel or ladder please bring them along.
Some much needed work needs to be done to construct a buffer to prevent the sand from escaping from the sandpits.

A BBQ lunch will be provided at the end of the morning's work.

We need certainty of numbers for the work we are intending to carry out at this working bee so please fill out and return the slip below to Rebecca at reception before Thursday 13th March.

If you can provide some help or expertise on this particular project please let me know on the mobile number below.

Paul Doran
Maintenance Committee
doran5@aapt.net.au m: 0447 202 587

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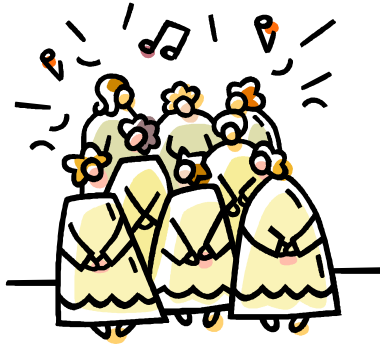
Working Bee Reply

Family Name: _____

Year level: _____

I will be attending the working bee on Saturday 13 March.

I can provide the following specialist skill: _____



Choir reply Slip

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent signature _____ Contact No _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014.

WHERE: MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL HALL

9 Rockbears Grove, Ivanhoe

TIME: 6.30PM.

GUEST PRESENTER: SUSAN McLEAN.

Mary Immaculate School Community has invited staff and parents to attend this information evening. A great way to find out more about keeping everyone safe online.

Interested in playing Junior Football?

Boys and Girls of all ages are welcome at Ivanhoe Junior Football Club – registrations are still open. Contact Gabrielle Hegarty Ivanhoe Football Club Registration Officer 0404 450 645.

Banyule Calisthenics Club

Does your child like singing, dancing, gymnastics and ballet? Calisthenics really has something for everyone. We offer 2 free trial classes.

CONTACT: 0402 849 115

www.banyulecalisthenicsclub.com.au

NET SET GO

All 5-10 year olds (except those participating in 11/Under competitions) will need to be registered as a NetSetGO member (\$45) and will receive a NetSetGO participant pack (valued at \$50).

In 2014 the ANZ NetSetGO Program is divided into two distinct tiers:

Tier 1: "NET" - Skills program (5 – 7 years / beginner netballers)

NetSetGO for 5-7 years is a play based movement skills program. Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic movement skills, in a fun environment consisting of games and activities. Children join the program as individuals, not as teams and the focus is on participation and developing skills. This program will run on Thursday afternoons 4 - 5pm at Nets Stadium beginning Feb 13th - 5th June.

Tier 2: "NET SET GO" - Skills and Competition (name replaces all modified competitions in existence ie. Netta Under 9, will now be "NetSetGo 9/u" or "NetSetGo 9/u Res")

NetSetGo is for 8 - 10 year olds is an introduction to the sport of netball and incorporates modified matches and equipment.

It is a skill and competition based program that all children should participate in prior to entering junior competitions.

The rules and equipment for NetSetGO competition have been designed to align the game with the psychological and physical capabilities of young children. The NetSetGO competition rules (attached) will replace the Netta competition rules.

These rules have been recommended by Netball Australia for the 8-10 year old age group, and supported by Netball Victoria competitions within this age range.

Megan Bramich Competition Supervisor 0407 881 517

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

ACT NOW! DEADLINE JUNE 2014

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN:61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au Principal: Derek Nolan CA

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Your Family Tax Specialist

IVANHOE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

YJFL GIRLS LEAGUE 2014

Ivanhoe Junior Football Club is entering the YJFL Girls League with 2 teams in 2014—
Girls U12 and Girls U15

A range of ages will be accepted into each team. Girls will receive a free compression top, towel and gear bag as part of their 2014 IJFC membership.

So - if you are keen to play we would love to hear from you

For more information contact
 Andre Roberts—
andre.roberts@blackrock.com
 or visit the IJFC website.

www.ivanhoejfc.com.au

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Twilight Sports 2014

The Twilight Sports evening is a great evening for parents and children to get together and have some fun. Please get into the spirit and wear your child's team colours we will be giving a prize to the best dresses Mum and Dad. So bring your blanket, hat and join us for a great Twilight Sports Event and BBQ.

Date: Thursday 20th March, 3.15pm
at Chelsworth Park (students dismissed from school at 1.00pm)

The MOG Events Sub Committee will be running a BBQ on the night.

- Volunteers are needed to set up the BBQ, cooking, and serving – If you can assist please leave your name at the office with Rebecca or phone Naz on: 0438 833 699
- A BBQ sausage, drink and icy pole will be available for students and siblings. Sausages, Steak Sandwiches and Burgers are also available for parents on the night. Please complete & return the attached slip along with payment. If your child would like an extra sausage please write the number in the section next to their name and include an additional \$2.00 per sausage.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Twilight Sports

Twilight Sports BBQ Preorder

Please return by: Monday 17th March. Staple to a labelled envelope with correct money.

Students Name:..... Class:..... Extra Sausage

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Preorders	Price	Qty	Total
Kids Meal			
1 x Sausage, 1 x Drink, 1 x Icy pole	\$4.00		
Sausage with bread	\$2.00		
	Total		

Also available on the day: Cans of drink, water, pop tops, icy poles and yes the BBQ. Please pre order student's meals as it ensures we have enough food for all of the kids. Additional BBQ items will be available on the night for parents, subject to availability.



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Parent Representative Council

MOG Village Fair 2014

Every two years Mother of God (MOG) Primary School hosts its community fair. This year, the MOG Village Fair will be held on Saturday 22nd November 2014. The MOG Village Fair is the single most important fundraiser that our school undertakes.

As you will understand support is vital in ensuring its success, both in terms of our fundraising efforts and providing an exciting and rewarding day for all those who attend. It is a wonderful occasion for the whole community to come together and an important opportunity for all those involved to further develop community relationships and also improve their organisational profile.

We invite you to participate by sponsoring our Fair. Your sponsorship will enable us to provide an exceptional event that in turn will bring much needed funds to our learning environment. Sponsorship reflects your commitment to the community and offers you an excellent opportunity to promote your corporate identity. We will ensure your support is properly acknowledged and your contribution provides maximum value to you. The promotional benefits of sponsorship for your organisation are as follows:

Gold Sponsorship

Sponsorship to the value of \$3000

- Outstanding Banner Location on MOG Fence, facing Wilfred Road or on the Marion Centre
- Advertising on MOG Fair promotional boards placed strategically in the local community
- Advertising on commercially placed advertisements in newspapers and other media, print or electronic
- Advertising in the MOG family newsletter

Silver Sponsorship

Sponsorship to the value of \$1000

- Superior Banner location, on major rides or attractions, located in forefront of the Fair
- Advertising on commercially placed advertisements in newspapers and other media, print or electronic
- Advertising in the MOG family newsletter

Bronze Sponsorship

Sponsorship to the value of \$500

- Prominent Banner Location on Fair Stalls
- Advertising on commercially placed advertisements in newspapers and other media, print or electronic
- Advertising in the MOG family newsletter

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss your sponsorship of the MOG Village Fair and how your organisation can benefit through your contribution. Please contact Jane Mancini (MOG Fair Committee) mob: 0408663088/email: janemancini@ozemail.com.au

