Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year across NSW and the ACT from 10 March to 16 March.

The theme for 2013 is 'Every Child Counts'.

This year, more than 614 Catholic schools will take part in the celebrations, involving about 261,000 students. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day, and to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to offering children in our schools the opportunity to follow Jesus as members of the Catholic community. Our school is planning a number of activities during Catholic Schools Week that highlight the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place, as well as the many other exciting opportunities that St Mary's provides for its students. We will also focus on the ways in which our school supports the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

Listed below is a schedule of events for the week:

**Monday 11th:** Set up school display along Olympic Hwy- "Every Child Counts"
**Tuesday 12th:** Staff v Year 6 Volleyball Match 2pm playground. (An event not to miss)
**Wednesday 13th:**
- 10am Whole School celebration Mass
- 11am Picnic morning tea on the grass
- 11:30am OPEN DAY

**Thursday 14th:**
- Sharing celebration photo’s through Pic Collage App. on the Ipad’s

**Friday 15th:**
- Whole school cross country

This is a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our school community. We would also like to celebrate with members of our parish and the wider Catholic community. I encourage you to participate in this spirit of celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you during Catholic Schools Week.

God Bless,

Catrina Niddrie

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