Dear Parents,

As this will be the last full newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support you give staff at school in their roles that provide the formal education for your children. There is hardly a day that there are not parents or grandparents in the school helping either the classroom programs or doing other voluntary tasks to help the organisation function. Thank you. Not only does it improve the educational outcomes for students it makes a school a community and a great place for us all to be. Hopefully the personal invitations for the Helpers Morning Tea on Thursday have reached you. It isn’t possible to find a date or time that would suit everyone who helps, especially those who are involved as helpers out of hours, but I do hope many of you are able to attend.

A reminder that more hamper items are required for our St Vinnies collection. Please have them to the school office by Friday morning at the latest.

Next Tuesday December 17th our year six students will be selling produce from the school vegetable garden from 2.30 at the front of the school. The produce will be harvested that morning and will include spring onions, baby carrots, potatoes, silver beet and radishes. All moneys will support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. If you are picking up children at the end of school on Tuesday you could arrive a bit earlier and purchase some items or send some money with children and they can purchase just before the bell goes at 3.15pm. Prices will start at 50 cents.

Reports and assessment books with digital portfolios will come home with students on Monday.

School recommences next year on Wednesday January 29th for years 1 to 6. Beginners commence on Thursday January 30th at various times. Please watch for a letter next week with your Beginners starting time. Please also refer to the parent handbook for the early finish times and Wednesdays off dates for beginners.

On January 3 Ben Higgins is marrying his fiancé Amy. We wish Ben and Amy all the best for the day and a long happy life together. Ben is taking a couple of extra days leave and will return to school on the Monday February 3rd.

A reminder re the times of Christmas Masses is later in the newsletter but a special reminder about the family Mass at 7.00 pm Christmas Eve. Ian and I will be in Sydney by then to celebrate both Christmas and my mother’s 90th birthday on Christmas Day.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and restful family holiday. May you have the spirit of Christmas which is Peace, the gladness of Christmas which is Hope, and the Heart of Christmas which is Love.

See you all in 2014.

Maria McIntyre

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

• GRADE 6 GRADUATION & DINNER - TONIGHT
• HELPERS MORNING TEA THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT 10.45AM
• LAST DAY OF TERM, END OF YEAR MASS AT 11.30AM, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.30PM WED 18TH DECEMBER
• TERM 1 2014 BEGINS YEARS 1 to 6 WED 29TH JANUARY
• BEGINNERS 2014 BEGIN THURS 30TH JANUARY

CalendArdates

Weekly Prayer

Who are we, God our Father, amidst all of your creation?
Yet you so loved the world that you sent Jesus, your Son, to live fully as one of us.
I rejoice that he is beside me now.

Achieving Together in Faith
Hi All,

There is a lot of excitement at OSHC this week, with the children all looking forward to our Christmas party on Friday night. If you haven’t already done so please RSVP no later than Thursday. We need to know how many are coming for catering purposes.

Numbers are starting to build for the Vacation Care Program. Bookings close this Friday so make sure you have submitted your form if you require care.

I am printing off all accounts for the end of term today. Please keep an eye out for your accounts. It would be greatly appreciated if all accounts are settled by the end of term.

Have a great week.

Stacey & the OSHC Team

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We wish all our Grade 6 graduating students a wonderful evening tonight and all the best at their secondary schools. Good luck to:

- Weston Airs
- James Amanatidis
- Alana Benetti
- Sam Caramma
- Elise Connolly
- Ella Connolly
- Benjamin Currie
- Monica Di Deo
- Alexandra Gearing
- Elena Gongis
- Michael Lazarus
- Jack Murphy
- Jesse Pan
- Sonia Rahmani
- Cristian Ranieri
- Nuwin Rathnayake
- Natalie Salib
- Georgia Skarpetis
- Gi Joon Son
- Jenna Steel
- Jaden Ton
- Matthew Worsley
- Mihaele Zalac

For some families their youngest child is in year six and so their formal connection with our school comes to a close tomorrow so we farewell the following families:

- Airs Family
- Benetti Family
- Di Deo Family
- Lazarus Family
- Rahmani Family
- Rathnayake Family
- Steel Family
- Worsley Family

- Amanatidis Family
- Caramma Family
- Gongis Family
- Pan Family
- Ranieri Family
- Son Family
- Ton Family

We also farewell Alana and Charlie who will be attending Our Lady of the Pines which is closer to home and Tailah and Hans who will be attending Beverley Hills Primary.

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Children Participation in Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday 24th December, will be at 7.00pm at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

We would like to have children from the school and parish involved in reading, singing, music.

If you would like your child(ren) involved please, contact Sr Lyn at the parish Office - 98421480 or leave a message at the school office.

Blessings
Sr Lyn
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Make Your Kids a Healthy Meal!

Grab a healthy recipe from our amazing cook book, sold at Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School. It’s only $5.00 a book and it comes with 50 delicious recipes from Year One and Two. All the money raised goes to Bahay Tuluyan who helps the poor in the Philippines. Grab a copy from the school office today! Produced by Emily, Demi, Dylan and George.

2014 LUNCHTIME TENNIS

Lunchtime lessons are a fantastic way for busy parents to fit in a professional tennis lesson for their child. We focus our lessons on the learning of sound technique, learn to rally, score and learn tactics for matches and having fun. We use top quality portable nets, and lines to set up realistic tennis courts on the school facilities.

This way, students can enjoy a realistic tennis lesson in the school groups. All equipment is supplied; all children need to do is simply turn up and be ready to play. Lessons have a maximum of (5) students per coach.

TERM 1 starts Wednesday, 29th of January!

WHEN: Mondays/Wednesdays lunchtime during Term 1/8 weeks
DURATION: Lessons go for 45 minutes
WHERE: Ss Peter & Paul's Sports Yard (synthetic grass surface)
WHO: School coaching caters for all pupils from 5 to 8 years
COST: $105/term
FAMILY DISCOUNTS: 10% off for the 2nd child

How do I register my child/children?
Contact Head Coach Simon Batoni on 0409 547 855 or E-mail info@qualitytenniscoaching.com.au

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www.doncastercalisthenics.org.au

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Parish of Ss Peter and Paul
Timetable for Christmas

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday, 17th December, 7.30 pm

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30 am & 6.30 pm and
after morning Mass Tuesday to Friday

Christmas Mass Times
Christmas Eve—7.00pm Family Mass
11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
followed by Port & Christmas Cake in the narthex
Christmas Day 9.00am and 10.30am (in English)
No evening Mass Christmas Day

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