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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 school year!

I hope and trust that the holiday period enabled families to come together and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season.

I extend a very warm welcome to our new families .... and to new staff Sarah Counihan (1/2C), Anna Giannikos (Learning Support Officer) and Naomi Fornaro (Performing Arts).

Our school motto of: *'That they may be one'* provides us with a strong sense of community and of coming together to support the children in their learning and development. We will continue to strive to develop a 'safe, nurturing, inclusive school based on acceptance and respect for all and strong Gospel values' (from our School Vision Statement). This year we have adopted the theme of "Companions on the Journey" as our theme for the year and the symbol of a "Road." We believe that these will enable us to be reminded of the *Year of Mercy* that Pope Francis proclaimed.

I look forward to a very successful and exciting year. Please refer to the school calendar for important dates. These dates will be updated as the year progresses.

#### MORNING TEA

All families are warmly invited to a welcome morning tea in the hall tomorrow at 9am.

#### SCHOOL MASS

We will come together next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9am to celebrate the beginning of the school year. All are very welcome to join with us at Mass.

#### SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named. We expect all children will have their hats by Monday.

#### HOLIDAY SPENDING

During the holidays we took delivery of more chrome books, more laptops, more iPads, some new interactive screens – at a cost of around \$80 000. We purchased new student chairs for the 1/2 Level.

Also the sails over the Adventure playground were cleaned and repaired. They will be installed on Friday.

#### SCHOOL FEES

Statements for school fees were sent home today. Thanks to the families who have already paid their fees today.

#### LEVEL INFORMATION NIGHTS

These meetings will be a valuable opportunity to meet class teachers, hear more about class expectations and responsibilities of your children as well as hearing a little about the focus of the year.

Meetings will be held in your child's classroom and commence at 7pm to conclude by 8pm:

Year 5/6: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Year 1/2: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3/4: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Foundation (Prep): Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### 'O' WEEK

At the beginning of each year we focus on establishing a positive classroom and school environment. This year the focus of 'O' week is on the 5R's for belonging to our community:

- ✓ Showing Respect
- ✓ Being Responsible
- ✓ Being Reasonable
- ✓ Being Reflective
- ✓ Building Relationships in our community

#### FAMILY FISH'N'CHIP NIGHT

As a culmination of 'O' week we invite all families to our family Fish'n'Chips evening on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February between 5:30 and 7pm. The aim of the evening is to gather as a school community to begin the year. It is a BYO everything evening. I look forward to seeing many families on the night.

#### ASSEMBLY

Our regular Friday morning assemblies will commence Friday week. Parents are warmly welcome to attend the Friday morning Assemblies which commence at 8:55am.

#### OSHC PROGRAM

Our Out of School care program is up and running again. This is a wonderful program that provides quality before school (from 7am) and after school (until 6pm) care and activities for our students.

#### TIQBIZ

A reminder that we will be using the Tiqbiz app to contact parents regarding upcoming events, staff absences and our weekly newsletter. Class teachers will also use this app to inform families of classroom notices. The Tiqbiz app can be downloaded onto an android device, an iPhone or iPad or a windows phone. We are hoping that all parents will join so that we can improve our communication with you.

- ✓ Search in app store for 'tiqbiz'
- ✓ Open and download
- ✓ Open the app and register with name, email and password
- ✓ Click the 'Find Boxes' and type in our school name
- ✓ Tick the grey boxes on the right hand side that apply to you (e.g. whole school, plus your child's class, but not staff)
- ✓ Once you have ticked these, go back and click the menu button on the left hand corner. Click 'Inbox' and now you are ready to receive notifications

## LUNCH ORDERS

Classroom Cuisine will again provide our lunch order service on every day except Tuesday.

**All orders must be placed on line before 8.30am.** School have no access to the service and **will not** be able to place late orders. For information or to order, please visit: [www.classroomcuisine.com.au](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au) on our website.

## SCHOOL LEADERS ~ 2016

### School Captains

Daniel Amendola & Claire Duckett

### Blue (Kinnaird) House Captains

Natasha Aldred & Dean Christodouloupoulos

### Green (Slattery) House Captains

Stephanie Girolami & Annalese Capomolla

### Red (O'Brien) House Captains

Harry D'Rozario & Abbey Ryan

### Gold (Watson) House Captains

Jake Tabaczynski & Samantha Rallis

### Environment Captains

Jemma Ryan & Peter Makrogiannidis

### IT Captains

Henry Higgins & Kristian Aparo

### Social Justice Captains

Daniel Grano & Lauren Lucchese

### Arts Captain

Ben Harris & Alessia Airo-Farulla

## STAFFING

### **Foundation (Prep)**

Nicole Harink Prep H

Georgina Laming Prep L

### **Level Two (One/Two)**

Elise Pape 1/2 P

Emily Shannon 1/2 S

Sarah Counihan 1/2C

Ilona Cetrola &

Franca Paduano (W) 1/2CP

### **Level Three (Three/Four)**

Sofie Burger 3/4 B

Jo Hunt & Leah Macdonald (Tues) 3/4 HM

John Killeen 3/4K

Jill Palermo & Franca Paduano (Tues) 3/4JP

### **Level Four (Five/Six)**

Michella Pradel & Sue Tobin (Tues) 5/6 PT

Phil Solari 5/6 S

Tania Weston 5/6 W

### **Specialists**

Karen Wakeling Resource Centre & ICT (T, Th,F)

Sue Tobin PE (Th,F)

Naomi Daw Fornaro Performing Arts (Thurs, Fri)

Marisa Lucia LOTE (Italian) (Tues, Thurs, Fri)

Jo Hunt Visual Arts (Tues)

### **Student Services**

Michelle Seel

Sr Patricia Keogh

Karen Gosling

### **Chaplain**

Sr Patricia Keogh

## **Class support/Integration Aides**

Sue Jenkins

Lorraine Hill

Isabelle Georgalas

Vicky Kalliontzis

Anna Giannikos

### **Administration**

Virginia Macdonald (Mon, Thurs, Fri)

Rachel Bernardo (Tu, Wed, Thurs)

### **Positions of Leadership**

Antonietta Corp Deputy & Curriculum Leader

Michelle Seel Student Services

Jill Palermo REC leader

Michela Pradel Literacy Leader

Karen Wakeling ICT leader

Emily Shannon Maths leader

John Killeen Sport Co-ordinator

Tom Coghlan Principal

## **TERM ONE DATES**

### January

Thursday 28 Yrs 1 – 6 commence  
'O' Week program commences

Friday 29 Foundation commences  
9am Welcome morning tea

### February

Wednesday 3 No Foundation

Thursday 4 Opening of School year Mass 9:15am

Family Fish'n'Chip night

Monday 8 Yr 5 & 6 Information night 7pm

Tuesday 9 Yr 1 & 2 Information night 7pm

Wednesday 10 Ash Wednesday 11am Mass

No Foundation

Thursday 11 Yr 3 & 4 Information night 7pm

Friday 12 5/6 Basketball clinic

Sunday 14 First Sunday of Lent

Monday 15 Cartooning Workshop incursion

Wednesday 17 Yr 5/6 ANZAC experience excursion

Parish Council

Thursday 18 Education Board meeting 7:30pm

Monday 22 Cartooning Workshop incursion

Wednesday 24 No Foundation

Parents' Association AGM 7:30pm

Thursday 25 Yr 3 Reconciliation Family night 7pm

Friday 26 Enrolments for Catholic Secondary  
school close

Saturday 27 Reconciliation Commitment Mass  
5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR

School Photos

### March

Wednesday 2 Foundation students at school

Wednesday 9 Parents Association meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 10 & Friday 11 **School Closure days**

Monday 14 Labour day Holiday

Wednesday 16 OPEN Day

Education Board AGM

Thursday 17 St Patrick's day – Sports day

Sunday 20 Palm Sunday

Wednesday 23 Combined schools Mass – Sacred Heart  
PS, Oakleigh

Thursday 24 Holy Thursday

Children dismissed for Easter holidays

### Term 2

#### April

Monday 11 Term 2 commences

