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 4th 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 8th February
Year 1/2: Tuesday 9th February
Year 3/4: Thursday 11th February
Foundation (Prep): Tuesday 16th 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 4th 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 online 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 on our website.

SCHOOL LEADERS ~ 2016
School Captains
Daniel Amendola & Claire Duckett
Blue (Kinnaird) House Captains
Natasha Aldred & Dean Christodouloupolous
Green (Slattery) House Captains
Stephanie Girolami & Annae 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) 3/4P
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 (Mon, Thurs, Fri)
Lorraine Hill (Tu, Wed, Thurs)

Administration
Virginia Macdonald Deputy & Curriculum Leader
Rachel Bernardo Student Services

Positions of Leadership
Antonietta Corp REC leader
Michelle Seel Literacy Leader
Jill Palermo ICT leader
Michela Pradel Maths leader
Karen Wakeling
Emily Shannon
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

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

Monday 29 School Photos

March
Wednesday 2 Foundation students at school
Wednesday 9 Parents Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 10 & Friday 11 School Closures 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