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Dear Parents,

The season of Advent is the time in the Church's liturgical calendar that anticipates the birth of Jesus. The 'season' is four weeks long, and marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Since Advent anticipates the birth of Jesus, the stories of the birth and infancy of Jesus are given prominence at this time. In the infancy stories in Matthew and Luke, no indication is given of the time of day or time of the year for the birth of Jesus. In fact they were more concerned with conveying the religious significance of the birth of Jesus. Originally in the early Christian communities, Jesus' birth was celebrated at the time of the Epiphany. However, sometime around 350, the Church declared that the birth should be remembered on 25<sup>th</sup> December. The tradition of celebrating midnight Mass on Christmas originated in the belief that Jesus was born at that time.

Tomorrow at assembly the Year 1/2's will be leading our Advent prayer service, focussing on the theme of Peace.

**COHR MARKET NIGHT**

Congratulations to all who contributed to the success of the Night Market. We are still tallying the numbers and will be able to let you know next week how much was raised.

**SCHOOL FEES**

A reminder that all school fees for 2013 need to be finalised.

At our Education Board meeting last week, the Board recommended that the 2014 fee structure be as follows:

<u>Annual Tuition Fee:</u>	1 child	= \$1305
	2 children	= \$1710
	3+ children	= \$1950

<u>Annual Capital Fee:</u>	\$190 per family
<u>Maintenance Fee:</u>	\$60 per family – to be refunded if a working bee is attended

Subject Levy: \$210 per child (which includes a Technology Levy of \$50)

Excursion Levy: \$60 per child

Interschool Sport: \$40 (Year 5,6)

Book Levy: \$35 per child approx.

Camp: \$230 (Year 5/6 students – approx. to be confirmed)

Accounts are sent out 3 times per year and parents are asked to make prompt payments. Our school has a budget, based on our income and we need fees and levies to be paid so that we can resource our curriculum areas. Parents need to make payments by the due dates each term.

**RUNNING CLUB**

Running Club will resume tomorrow morning.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY –Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on the Oval on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (tomorrow) between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for our school community to get together as the school year draws to a close. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and Jumping Castle ... and (possibly) a special visitor! Families are invited to BYO their needs for the evening.

**CAROLS IN THE PARK – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Our School Choir will be singing at the annual Carols in the Park at Warrawee Park. They are scheduled to sing around 7:30pm.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

There are only two banking Tuesdays left for this year. The token program is changing at the end of this year. If you have 8 or more silver tokens you need to claim your reward on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December with your normal banking. All tokens not redeemed will not be carried over to next year.

So claim on Tuesday.

If you have questions or concerns please put a note in your bank book.

Thank you for all your banking this year and we look forward to another successful year of banking in 2014.

Your banking team  
Kerri Anne, Christine and Caroline

**CONDOLENCES**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Simoni family (Noah 1/2G) on the death of his grandmother this week.

**TERM FOUR DATES**

<u>December</u>	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party/Carols in the Park
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm & Dinner
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year School Mass 9am Year 6 Assembly 2:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Children dismissed at 2:30pm

**LIBRARY**

A reminder that all Library books need to be returned to the Library as soon as possible.

**CAR PARKING**

Please note that exiting the school especially at pickup and drop off times is **strictly** via Ferntree Gully Road exit.

**VEGIE GARDEN**

On Monday at 3.15pm we will be selling beautiful, fresh, organic vegies from our garden. On sale in the foyer.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan  
**PRINCIPAL**

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

The Parish requires children to take part in the Christmas Nativity on Christmas Eve, time to be confirmed but it's usually at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm  
The children will also learn Christmas hymns; Dawn and Lucy welcome all children who want to take part in this wonderful celebration.

# **HOTDOG DAY**

**Wednesday**

**11th December**

**Hotdog, Drink & Donut**

**For just \$5.00**

Please place your money in the envelope provided and return to school by no later than **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN**

**PLEASE have exact money. We are unable to give change.**



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If you can help on the day from 12.00 – 1.30 pm please complete & return this section to the office

Your Name: .....

Childs Grade: .....

Phone No.: .....