Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

School Values and Expectations
This week we are focusing on the value of Respect and the playground expectation that; At St John Fisher we play fairly and allow others to play in peace. Next week the student leaders in Years 5 and 6 will lead a student support session reinforcing this value and expectation.

It gives a very powerful message to the children when they hear the same message from all the people important in their lives, so please take some time to discuss what this expectation looks like at home.

P&F Annual General Meeting
Our Annual General Meeting of the P&F is next Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the LARC. This will be the final meeting of the year and will involve voting in a new Executive for 2015. As you would have observed from the many activities through the year our P&F Leadership Group has provided brilliant activities for our school and we will need many people to share the various roles in the future. Please consider yourself to become part of this team.

The school will be providing some drinks and nibbles to say thank you to the parents who have assisted the school throughout the year. After a hugely successful year by the P&F we hope to see a good crowd of parents to finish off the year.

End of Year Procedures
Over the next few weeks we will be going through the process of allocating students to class groups for 2015. We will consider all aspects of the children’s learning as well as their social needs. We will also ask the children to nominate a number of people they would like to be with next year so we can make sure there is at least one of them in their class. We will make the decisions based on the needs of the children both individually and as a group. If there is something you would like us to consider in the placement of your child it will need to be in writing to me by next Friday 14th November.

Once the classes are formed it is not possible to move children around because of the domino effect it will cause.

The end of year student reports will be coming home on Monday 15th December.

Staff Development Day
As has been advertised in the newsletter there will be a Staff Development Day this Friday 7th November. The staff will be working together on aspects of Wellbeing and will be off site on the day so please put the date on the calendar.

Staffing Update
Last week interviews were coordinated by the Catholic Schools Office for the permanent Religious Education Coordinator position here at St John Fisher. From a very strong field we were very pleased to appoint Mr Scot Frazer to the role. Scot is a very experienced REC and has done an excellent job here this year and I look forward to working with him into the future.

I am also very pleased to announce that Mrs Christine Higgins will continue in the LARC next year. Mrs Higgins is a very experienced and qualified Librarian and has formed a great working relationship with the children and teachers. I am also very appreciative of the work she has done as the Kidsmatter Coordinator.

Kindergarten 2015
Thank you to Colleen Templeton for your leadership with the Play Group. The children were excellent and we look forward to another play group next Monday from 10.00 – 11.15 followed by the orientation sessions on Tuesdays.
18th and 25th November from 9.30-11.00. There will also be an Information Evening for new parents on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the LARC.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

R.E NEWS
First Eucharist
This coming Sunday we celebrate the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Lateran is the Pope’s cathedral as Bishop of Rome - as such, it is the “mother church” of the Christian world.

This solemnity is more than the honouring our “first church” - today is a celebration of the unity of all our churches: the Pope’s cathedral, a village church in the African bush or a Latin American favela, our own parish community.

The body of Christ is not a building but Christ himself; God is not found in this building but in the people who gather within these walls.

This solemnity calls us to realize the sacrament we share that marks our identity as the people of God, the Church that the Risen Jesus formed at his table to which he calls all of us to bless, break and share his body and blood in the Eucharist. -Fr John Frauenfelder

Please continue to keep in our prayers all those children who are currently preparing for First Eucharist. The First Eucharist Ceremonies will take place at St Cecilia’s Church 15/11/14 @ 2pm and St John Fisher 15/11/14 @ 2pm.

Scot Frazer, Religious Education Coordinator

During this term we have been focussing on school values of Respect and Responsibility. Our current “value focus” is “Play fairly and allow others to play in peace”: this is actively encouraged and discussed in class, at assemblies and through visuals around the school. In our Student Support groups (now in week 6 due to Staff Dev. Day) we will work with this value as well as “Speak appropriately and with Manners”.

We ask that you talk to your children at home about these values and continue to encourage your children to adhere to them.

With thanks, The KidsMatter team

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORMS
2015 Family Registration Forms were sent home last Wednesday to all families. ALL families attending St John Fisher in 2015 MUST complete this form. The information contained in this form is used to determine the correct fees for your family and it is also an audit requirement for the Catholic Schools Office and the Government.

Please complete this form, sign and date it, and return to the school office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2014.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN
Congratulations students of St John Fisher … we were part of something big last week. We came together with half a million other students around the nation and sang and moved and even painted a picture. Well done. You looked and sounded lovely.

MERIT AWARDS
MRS BURDETT
Finley T, Lachlan L, Troy K and Connor E

MR FRAZER
Lily C and Matthew K

MRS FRENCH
Lily M, Sienna M, Tara L and Darcy K

MR PERKINS
Hayden P, Lauren A and Connor A

MRS RODGERS
Taj G and Joel S

MRS VAIL
Daniel K and Tylah H
CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running in 2015 we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday. This can be changed to suit.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the school office.

YES I’D LIKE TO HELP WITH SCHOOL BANKING!

Name: ___________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Availability: _____________________________________

P&F

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

Once again after such success from last year we are holding our gingerbread house decorating night on Friday 28th November from 6:30pm to 10pm in our school hall. Come along and enjoy an evening of fun and laughs. The cost is $27. Order forms have been sent home in today’s newsletter.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
Elaine Hallam  Denise Gerrie

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Wendy Dennis

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
Debbie Appleyard  Barbara Brandon
Natalie Tunstead  Colleen Templeton

WYONG PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia’s: Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 8am
Weekend Masses: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 7:30am & 9:30am.
Reconciliation: St Cecilia’s: Sat 8:30am & 4:30pm

St John Fisher: Daily Mass: Mon & Fri 9:15am Tues, Wed & Thurs 8am
Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil: 5pm, Sunday 8:30am & 5pm (6pm DST)
Reconciliation: St John Fisher: Sat 4:30pm

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