Wednesday June 11th 2014

Holy Spirit of God, you called Barnabas to make Jesus known in new lands. May we always welcome those who bring your good news. Help us to listen to their teaching. Call on us, one day, to become apostles, too. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Fr Vlad

On the weekend Fr Vlad announced that he will be leaving us at Wyong Catholic Parish to pursue studies. While we will still enjoy having Fr Vlad until the beginning of September I know you will join me in wishing Fr Vlad the very best in his pursuit to deepen his knowledge of his faith even more. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Fr Vlad and I know you will join me in thanking him for the dedication he has shown to the students and families at St John Fisher. For your information I include his excerpt from last weekend’s Parish Bulletin.

Dear brothers and sisters,

On this Solemnity of the Pentecost, I wish to advise everyone in the parish that I am leaving on 1st September 2014. I will continue to pursue my doctoral studies at the St. Thomas Pontifical University (Angelicum) in Rome for at least one year. This has come about as my sabbatical leave for being 20 years in the priesthood. Fr. Raul and Fr. Alex will continue to serve the parish. This is not yet the time for farewell notes and speeches because I still have plenty of things to do in the parish before my departure. May I just ask everyone to please include me in your prayers as I prepare for my new adventure.

Athletics Carnival

This Friday we will be holding our Annual Athletics Carnival at Mingara. We have very generous parents running the BBQ for us so please consider giving some time to assist them on the day and return the slip in the newsletter so they are able to plan.

Please assume that the carnival will be on. If it is postponed we will put an announcement on 2GO and Sea FM between 7.00-7.30am, it will also be in the ‘news’ section on our school website, http://www.sjfdhb.catholic.edu.au/. If postponed the school canteen will be open as usual.

P&F News

Thank you to the parents who have planned the School Disco for Friday 20th June. This will be a great event for the children. To assist with their planning please fill out the order form enclosed with this newsletter, it also can be found in the upcoming events section on our school website.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who spent 3 days last week in our National Capital. Their behavior was exemplary and the knowledge of our Parliament and Government was very obvious through their responses and questions at the various sites.

Some of the very special experiences this year were to have our new Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove take time out to talk to our children during their tour of Government House and an interesting session with our local member, Mrs Karen McNamara MP and the Parliamentary Secretary for Education, the Hon Scott Ryan who shared their responsibilities and why they chose to enter Parliament with the children.

I offer a huge thank you to Mr Perkins, Mrs Burdett and Mrs Bradshaw who were outstanding in their organization and care of the children. It was a great experience for all of us.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Student Reports will be coming home on Monday 23rd June. We will look to offer Parent Teacher Interviews in the second week of next term.

Staff Development Day

Please put in your diaries that we will be having a Staff Development Day next term on Friday 8th August.

Please keep Mrs O’Shannassy in your prayers as she will be undertaking eye operations and will look to return next term.
God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This coming Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in the church year A. Trinity Sunday is always celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday. Trinity Sunday honours the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word “trinity” does not appear in Scripture, the concept of “trinity” is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages).

Celebrating the Feast of St John Fisher

There will be a special whole school mass at 9:15am on Friday the 20th June to celebrate the Feast of St John Fisher. St. John Fisher was an English Catholic Priest, Bishop, and theologian. He was a man of great learning, so much so that he eventually became Chancellor of the University of Cambridge in England.

St. John Fisher was executed by order of the English King, Henry VIII for refusing to accept the king as Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church’s doctrine of the Pope as being the only leader of the Catholic Church. He was named a cardinal shortly before his death. He is honoured as a martyr and saint by the Catholic Church. Parents and friends would be more than welcome at this mass.

Scot Frazer, Religious Education Coordinator

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last week the children in Year 6 visited Canberra for three days as part of their unit of study on Australian Government. The children were excellent representatives of St John Fisher Catholic School, being complimented on their knowledge, behaviour, friendliness and manners at all of the venues we visited and also by our coach driver and tour guide.

In a packed itinerary the children visited: Questacon, The National Art Gallery, The National Museum, The War Memorial, Parliament House, The Electoral Education Centre, The National Dinosaur Museum, The Australian Institute of Sport, Old Parliament House, embassy tours, Black Mountain Tower and Government House. It was an exhausting, but enjoyable and very worthwhile educational experience. The children were accompanied by Mrs Burdett, Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Shanley and Mr Perkins.

St John Fisher Catholic School would like to acknowledge the financial assistance the Australian Federal Government provides to help offset travel costs associated with this educational excursion, through the Parliament & Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme. The Australian Federal Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

Year 6 teachers

WAKAKIRRI

All students participating in Wakakirri should have received a ticket order form. The order form and money MUST be returned by Friday 20th June. After this date any remaining tickets will be offered to those families who have requested additional tickets. All students will need to have paid the “Wakakirri Fee” before purchasing tickets.

Thank you to all the parents who are busy sewing, painting, cutting, pasting and making props and costumes. It would be great if most props could be finished and brought to school ready to use in our school holiday rehearsal.

REMINDER: - School Holiday rehearsal is MONDAY 30th JUNE. Students will receive a note with details of the day next week.

Thank you, Wakakirri Teachers

MUSIC MESSAGE

Well done vocal group and choir members who were able to attend mass last Saturday. A big thank you to parents for organising their children to be at the confirmation mass. The kids were wonderful and sang fantastically.

Mrs Burke

SJF SCHOOL FAIR

We are seeking corporate sponsorship for our school fair. If your business would be interested in sponsoring a stall please contact Kate on 0439478979 or sjf.fair@gmail.com. We still need stall coordinators for gourmet jars and ping pong toss game. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Thank you, Kate Hooke, Fair Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS

I am doing the Term 3 Canteen roster so if you need to make any changes or would like to add your name to the list please fill out the form below.

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CANTEEN HELPERS

I………………………………………………………………………………………..

am able to volunteer on Mon/Wed/Fri (please circle). My contact details are……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Pizza Day

On Friday 27th June the canteen will be having a pizza and soft drink day. Pizzas are from Dominos and soft drink is schooled approved by Golden Circle. Pizzas are 1/4 slice of a whole pizza packed in an individual box. Orders are to be written on an envelope with money enclosed by Wednesday 25th June.
PIZZA  $2.50  Meatlovers or Hawaiian or Cheese
LOL  $2.50  Tropikl or B Current or Razzbri

MERIT AWARDS
MRS BURDETT
Calligan B, Connor E, Troy K and Aaron S

MRS BURKE
Aston W, Charllize W, Lily C, Tevita P, Beau T and Ruby B

MR BURNS AND MRS O'SHANNASSY
Cameron W, Emma F, Ari S and Xavier M

MRS COTTERELL
Grace T, Angus M and Tyra F

MS DICKSON
Rory C, Lacey B and Bree P

MR EDWARDS
Ashleigh V and Ella C

MRS FOLEY
Cooper B, Dylan J, Isabella D and Emily M

MR FRAZER
Matthew K, Henry D, Emily L and Hunter S

MRS FRENCH

MR PERKINS
Jessica M, Olivia P and Oliver N

MRS ROBERTS
Holly B, , Zali D, Darcy M, Cate M, Isabelle L and Maddi S

CANTEEN ROSTER
FRIDAY 13TH JUNE
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
MONDAY 16TH JUNE
Nicole Field  Leonie Wright
WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE
Kathryn Hooke
FRIDAY 20TH JUNE
Tanya Thorsen  Tammy Schleu  Kylie Gatt

DISCO
Tickets are now on sale for our school disco to be held in the school hall on Friday 20th June. All details are on the note attached to the newsletter. We can’t wait to see everyone there with your dancing shoes on! Please return slip and payment by Tuesday 17th June.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BBQ LUNCH
This Friday the P&F will be cooking a sausage sizzle at the Athletics Carnival. Please return your pre-order slip tomorrow to assist with catering. Don’t forget to bring $3.

SJF ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Family Name: ____________________________
Class: _______________________________
I would like to purchase _________ sausage sandwiches.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MORNING TEA
“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other”. Mother Teresa.
Each month our group will be meeting to raise money for the poor. This month our donations will be given to “Missionary Sisters of Charity”. On our journey together we will be receiving and sharing spiritual food through ‘The Word’. Please join us on Friday 27th June in the St Cecilia’s Parish Hall Wyong from 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you need a lift please contact Grace on 0419239668 or Robyn on 0403362530. Everyone is very welcome.

SUPPORTING YOUR ADOLESCENT’S LEARNING AT HOME
A practical evening for parents and students in Years 5 to 8. (Includes booklet of strategies to take home) – No Cost. The transition from the primary school years to secondary school is a process, not an event. Presenter: Angie Wilcox from High Hopes Educational Services. Tuesday 17th June 7pm-8:30pm at St Brigid’s Catholic College, Lake Munmorah AND Wednesday 18th June 7pm-8:30pm at St Joseph’s Catholic College, East Gosford. RSVP to www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

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