Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The Parable of the Sower
At Monday’s assembly I spoke to the children about last Sundays’ Gospel which told the story of the farmer who threw his seeds onto the different types of ground and how the seeds took hold and grew strong in the rich soil rather than the rocks and paths.

At this midpoint of the year it is timely to discuss with the children how they can choose to be like the rich soil and take in the advice of teachers and parents. After reading through each of the reports there is a great deal to celebrate and also many gentle pointers which we can work together to keep the students moving in the right direction. To gain the very best for each student it is essential we work together for the good of each student.

I have a very strong feeling that at St John Fisher there is a very powerful sense of the teachers and parents working together and pray that we all have the wisdom to listen to and support each other.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews
Each student, except for the students in 1R who have had interviews and 3F who will have them in week 4, will have received a note about an online booking system for Parent Teacher Interviews. The website is www.schoolinterviews.com.au and the booking code is RCD6A.

If you have had recent meetings please do not feel obliged to book into these meetings as the class teacher will let you know if they see a need for a meeting with you. Please also remember that it is appropriate to request a meeting with a teacher at any time during the school year. The best way is to drop a note with an outline of what you would like to discuss and the most appropriate phone number on which you can be called.

Staff Changes
We welcome Miss Carlee Tonnet to our school for the rest of the year as she fills in for Mrs Roberts who is on maternity leave (no news yet) and to Mrs Newcombe who will be in 3F while Mrs French is on Long Service Leave.

Staff Development Day
As we have been stating there is a Staff Development Day on the Friday of week 4 which is the 8th August.

Grandparents Morning
On Friday 15th August we will ask you to welcome the children’s Grandparents to the school to share the morning with the children. We will start with Mass for the Assumption at 9.15 then invite Grandparents and/or any special family members to spend some time in the classroom sharing activities with the children until around 11.00 when we will have a morning tea. All are very welcome.

St John Fisher School Fair
Our organising committee under the leadership of Kate and Sharon are working feverishly behind the scenes to prepare for our Fair on Sunday 26th October. Next week we will have the first official newsletter which will also be available on the website so please keep an eye out for the updates.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
This coming Sunday will be the sixteenth Sunday in the church Year A. Matthew’s Sunday gospel tells of Jesus sharing 3 different parables to his people each of them explaining the Kingdom of Heaven. One of these 3 parables is the parable of the Mustard Seed.

We could liken the mustard seed that Jesus tells us about in this parable to the children we teach for the mustard seed may be the smallest and most humble of all the seeds but with the right nourishment, love and care it could be capable of growing to be the “biggest shrub of all”, a tree capable of providing a home for all the birds of the air!

Perhaps the question we must ask ourselves as educators of our children is; are we offering the most appropriate spiritual nourishment, love and care to our children so that they are able to fulfil their deepest spiritual and religious potential?

Scot Frazer
Religious Education Coordinator

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2014
The time has come for all children in years 3 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation to enrol in the sacramental program to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parents/Guardians are required to attend one of the Enrichment/Registration Evenings:

Tuesday 29th July at St John Fisher Mass Centre Hicks Lane, Tumbi 7.30pm
OR

Wednesday 30th July at St Cecilia’s Church commencing 7.30pm.

Our Sacramental Program has been re-structured to further enhance the faith development of the children. As this is a Family/Parish based program, we have introduced some activities which will assist in the spiritual growth of the children. It will incorporate class sessions and Mass attendance over a four week period.

A copy of your child’s Confirmation certificate is required if confirmed in a parish other than Wyong. To cover program costs a cash payment of $30 is required.

Please note the dates in our Sacramental Booklet handed out in the beginning of the year have now been changed to incorporate our new program.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORT
Let’s get ACTIVE!!!!

Our Active After School Sport program will begin in week 3.

Why: To enhance physical activity, provide opportunities to experience a variety of sports, quality coaches, lots of fun!

Who: Open to all students in nominated grades (numbers limited)

Where: On site, St John Fisher Primary School

When: beginning Monday 28th July

Monday: AFL K - 4
Wednesday: Martial Arts (Black Belt Martial Arts, Mingara) Years 3-6

Students in years 3 and 4 may apply to participate both days.

Cost: All FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Includes afternoon tea (usually fruit)

Co-ordinator: Ms Dickson in liaison with Mr Shanley

Any students interested must collect an “expression of interest” form from Ms Dickson or the school office. This must be returned by FRIDAY 18TH JULY. The program runs for 7 weeks. Students who gain a place in the activities will receive a note in week 2.

For any enquiries please see Ms Dickson, please do not contact the school office. This program runs regardless of the weather.

CANTEEN
I have LOL cans available to order with lunch for $2.50 until stock runs out.
Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to supervise the children at our school disco at the end of last term. We had a record number of students attending and they all had a fabulous night.

SCHOOL BANKING
NEW REWARDS RELEASED IN TERM 3
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in term 3 are:
- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.

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WYONG PARISH MASS TIMES

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