Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Farewell and Thank You

This Sunday at St John Fisher Hall we farewell our Parish Priest Fr Vlad. Fr Vlad has been a great pastoral leader for the St John Fisher community over the last several years. He has touched the lives of all our children through his commitment to offer regular Masses both to the whole school and to classes twice a week. I know you will join me in offering our sincere thanks and offer our prayers as he moves on to a new journey in his vocation.

The celebration will start with Mass at 10.30 am and will be followed by a gathering where families are encouraged to spend time together, share some fun activities and bring a picnic lunch. Mr Frazer will be looking to involve a number of the children in the Mass so please return the slip he has included in the newsletter if you will be attending so he can work with the children tomorrow.

Grandparents Day - Wow

It was such a pleasure for us all last Friday to open our school to so many wonderful Grandparents. Please pass on our thanks for making the effort to come along and share in our community. I offer a huge thank you to Marnie and Louise and all the parents who assisted in so many ways on the day.

Book Week

Thank you to Mrs Higgins for organising all the activities for Book Week. Over the next two weeks there will be no homework as we are encouraging the children to spend extra time reading. I hope you enjoy the peace.

Public Speaking

Each year the Diocese runs a Public Speaking Competition for the children in Year 6. We were very pleased to have a large number of our students prepare a 3 minute speech at the school level to allow us to choose two representatives for the Northern Cluster of the Central Coast.

Yesterday Mr Perkins escorted Lauren A and Daniel B to St Brigid’s Lake Munmorah. Well done to both students who performed brilliantly among what was a very high level of public speaking. Congratulations to Daniel B who is now selected to represent the Central Coast at the Diocesan level at Asquith.

Wakairri

After all the hours of preparation it is amazing to think that the Wakairri performance is next Wednesday evening at the Riverside Theatre Parramatta. Good luck to all the children and teachers who have worked together as a committed team to produce a brilliant performance.

Funday / Book Parade / Wakairri

Just a reminder that this Friday the children are requested to bring a gold coin donation for the Year 6 Funday. They are invited to come along dressed as their favourite book character and will have a Book Parade at 9.00 in the morning in the hall. Parents are very welcome to stay for this.

At 2.00 pm we will be putting on the Wakairri performance for the students. Parents are welcome to attend.

Staffing Update

I will be taking leave for the last three weeks of this term and the first three weeks of next term. The leave this term is Renewal Leave and I will be attending a two week course in Mindfulness during that time. Next term will be Long Service Leave and I am looking forward to some travel on the East Coast of the States with my wife.

In my absence we are very lucky to have Mr Burns as Acting Principal, Mr Frazer as Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs French as Acting REC.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

This coming Sunday will be the twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time of the church Year A. In Matthew's Sunday Gospel Jesus is so impressed by the faith that Peter shows for him that he announces that Peter will be the rock that Jesus will build his church upon. He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven, as the symbol of the authority he places on Peter and Christ's Church.

**Family Fun Day- Farewell to Fr. Vlad**

There will be a special mass to farewell Fr. Vlad at 10:30 am on Sunday the 24th of August at St. John Fisher, Tumbi Umbi. We need lots of students from our school to help with some of the various ministries for this mass including the singing. If your child is able to join in and help out for this mass please complete the reply slip and return to school asap.

My child ________________________________ will be attending the special farewell Mass for Fr. Vlad at 10:30am this Sunday the 24th of August.

Parent/Guardian: __________________________

Scot Frazer, Religious Education Coordinator

**LARC NEWS**

**Stay Connected! BOOK WEEK IS HERE!**

Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed a great visit from Wyong Shire Library yesterday, hearing stories and seeing them acted out in a variety of ways.

I hope many of you were able to stop and read during the "Reading Hour" last night! It was a perfect night for being indoors and sharing stories!

**Friday, 22nd August**: Children’s Dress up as a Book character day! Children come dressed in their book character costume and may stay in this for the day. The Book Parade will take place at 9am in the school hall.

**Book Week 2014 – “Connect to Reading” all week “Drop Everything and Read”**

**Indigenous Literacy Day**

In week 8 this year we are going to celebrate Indigenous Literacy day on Thursday, 4th September. As part of this we would like to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation - an organisation which aims to improve Literacy and Numeracy for Indigenous children. We are holding a “book swap” on Thursday, 4th September and ask children to bring in a book they no longer read and which is in good condition. All books will be displayed and for a gold coin donation children can choose another pre-loved book to keep. Books can be brought in NOW!

Many thanks, Christine Higgins (Teacher Librarian)

**CAKE STALL: THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST**

There will be a cake stall tomorrow as part of the Year 6 Fun Day. Cakes will be sold at recess and lunch for .20c, .50c and $1.00.

**FUN DAY 2014: FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST**

This year's fun day will be held on 22nd August, rain, hail or shine!! This day is also the Book Week Parade which is at 9am. All children can wear their book character costumes and are asked to bring in a gold coin donation.

Mrs Sue Burdett and Mr Brett Perkins (Year 6 Teachers)

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**MARTIAL ARTS – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be no Martial Arts After School Sport next week Wednesday 27th August. Most of the students as well as Ms Dickson will be attending the Wakakirri performance in Parramatta on this day. The program will continue the following week.

Thank you, Jennifer Dickson

**WAKAKIRRI INFORMATION AND TICKETS**

Our performance is next week and all the children and teachers are very excited. We are extremely proud of the dedication of all the Wakakirri Crew. We will be performing for the rest of the school this Friday after lunch. This will be our last big dress rehearsal and it is important that all cast and crew are here on the day.

Tickets and an important note will be sent home with the children today. The school does not have any extra tickets; however I have been told limited tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

Thank you, Wakakirri teachers

**ABOUT FRIENDSHIP**

Relationships skills are important to a child’s future success as an adult as well as their day-to-day life. We need to know how to make and maintain friendships, resolve conflict, make decisions and solve problems to get along in the world.

Children aren’t born with these skills. Like many skills, they are learned and improved with regular practice as children mature.

With positive and effective guidance from families, children can develop these life skills and experience good mental health and wellbeing.

http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/resources/about-friendship

**CANTEEN NEWS**

For the next 2 weeks the canteen will be participating in Fruit Week. There will be a selection of fruit pieces for the children to purchase. With each purchase they will receive a sticker. Collect 2 stickers to receive a small prize. I will send all entries to Sydney to go into the major prize draw.

**SIF SCHOOL FAIR**

**FAIR MEETING-WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM**

Our next fair meeting will be held on 10th September at 7:30pm in the school hall. It is IMPORTANT that all stall coordinators/helpers attend. We also welcome all parents who would like to help out on fair day.

We still need donations of pots and plants, second hand clothing, toys and house hold goods. Please email Kate at sif.fair@gmail.com. Two boxes have been placed in the school office for donations of handmade craft items and handmade jams, relish and sauces - please note that any edible handmade items need to have ingredients clearly listed.

Thank you, Kate Hooke
MERIT AWARDS

MRS BURDETT
Finley T, Zac G, Daniel B, Rhamini P, Elliza H & Amy R

MR BURNS AND MRS O'SHANNASSY
Sienna K, Emerson S, Brody A & Nathan T

MRS COTTERELL
Georgia S, John B & Liam M

MS DICKSON
Halle B, Bonnie B & Luke B

MR FRAZER
Harley O, Xander L, Lily C & Bronte T

MRS FRENCH
James M & Brayden T

MRS RODGERS
Zoe Y & Stirling D

MRS VAIL
Flynn M, Jean A & Poppy H

CALENDAR 2014

AUGUST
21 Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club Due
22 Book Parade 9am
22 Year 6 Fun Day - gold coin donation
25 Mass - Year 5
27 Wakakiri Performance Date
29 Mass Year 6

SEPTEMBER
2 Father's Day Stall
4 Indigenous Literacy Day - Book Swap
5 Father's Day BBQ Breakfast 7-9am
5 Whole School Mass - Father's Day 9.15am
8 Mass - Kindergarten
12 Mass - Year 2

OCTOBER
17 Family Portraits 3-9pm

P&F

GRANDPARENTS DAY
It was lovely to see so many grandparents at our school last Friday. The children were so excited to show their families around their classrooms and have a special morning tea with their grandparents. A BIG thank you to the parents who helped baked scones and prepare the morning tea. A special thank you to Marnie Eason for making this day happen.

FAMILY PORTRAITS: FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 3-9PM
Why not get your Christmas shopping done early and book a session to have a family portrait. This year we have arranged Advanced Life Photography to come to the school. To secure your session, please return $20 in an envelope marked 'Family Portraits' to the office with the slip below indicating your preferred times. First in, best dressed!

FATHER'S DAY
On Tuesday 2nd September the P&F will be holding a Father's Day Stall. Each child will need to bring in $5 on Tuesday 2nd September. Your child will be able to purchase from a range of great gifts. We ask that all students purchase one gift each; they may then purchase a second gift once all of their class has chosen.
We are looking for helpers to assist on the day. If you are able to help, please complete the slip below and return it to the office by Friday 29th August.

On Friday 5th September the P&F will be holding a Father's Day BBQ Breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. This will be held under the COLA outside the hall from 7am onwards. Please come along and enjoy a FREE bacon and egg sandwich with your family. We cannot hold events like this without assistance, so if you are able to assist, please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday 29th August.

SJF FATHER'S DAY STALL / BBQ BREAKFAST HELPER
Name: ________________________________
Child's Name: ________________________
Mobile Phone: ________________________
Class: ________________________________

- I would love to help with the Father's Day Stall on Tuesday 2nd September.
- I would love to help with the Father's Day BBQ Breakfast on Friday 5th September. I am available to help at these times (please circle)
  6:30 - 7:45am  7:45 - 9:00am  6:30 - 9:00am

FAMILY PORTRAITS AT SJF 17TH OCTOBER
Name: ________________________________
Mobile: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________

Youngest child's name & class: ________________________________

- I have included $20 to secure my booking. Please indicate your preferred times ranked in order (1-6)
  3:30 - 4:00
  4:00 - 5:00
  5:00 - 6:00
  6:00 - 7:00
  7:00 - 8:00
  8:00 - 9:00

*Sessions are allocated 10-15mins each.

CANTEEN ROSTER

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST
Sonya Wallace     Wendy Dennis     Danielle Maxwell
MONDAY 25TH AUGUST
Sarah Bailey     Sarah Mee
WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST
Lyndall McDonal
FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST
Debbie Appleyard     Barbara Brandon     Natalie Tunstead

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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