Dear Parents, Boys and Girls

Promoting Interfaith Harmony
I would like to draw your attention to a letter that the Diocesan Administrator, Fr Vince Casey has circulated around the Diocese. The letter focuses on the need for harmony between different faith communities in the light of recent incidents of hatred and intolerance towards members of Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities. You can find the complete letter on the School website. The following extract from the letter is certainly worth reflecting upon.

“This current wave of unrest in Australian society rightly increases our need for vigilance and awareness as citizens but also, more importantly, calls for our wakefulness as Christians. Centred on Christ, we are a people called to witness to God’s love for all humanity. The tragic political conflicts occurring in the world must never be an excuse for the venting of racial prejudice or religious bigotry. On the contrary, they should cause us to intensify our commitment to fostering interfaith friendships and intercultural harmony.”

New Syllabuses
All primary schools in the nations are going through a transitional period in regards to Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and their accompanying syllabuses. This year saw the introduction of a new English syllabus and a new Mathematics syllabus in NSW, both based on the new National Curriculum. In the next couple of years new Science and History Key Learning Areas will be introduced. The link below provides much more information about KLA implementation and what will be taught in each new KLA. I urge you to consult this Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) website as it is an excellent resource to consult regarding your child’s education.

School Fair
The waiting is nearly over! Sunday will see the culmination of a magnificent team effort tirelessly led by Kate Hooke and Sharon Francis. Make sure you come along on Sunday with the whole family and a bunch of friends. The stalls will be full of bargains and treasures, the rides exciting and much delicious food and drink to be savoured by all! Many thanks to each of the grades from Kinder to Year 6 who have brought in huge volumes of donations. The quantities are staggering and yet another example of how generous a community we have here at St John Fisher. It will undoubtedly be a very busy day so please keep close track of your children’s whereabouts and enjoy the Fair as a family unit.

Just a gentle reminder that our raffle is drawn at the fair so it is essential that all books be returned by tomorrow at the latest. The success of this important fundraiser relies on all members of the community doing their bit.

Swimming Schools
Both the K-2 and 3-6 Swimming Programs are now in full swing. It is essential that all children learn how to swim, particularly our students living so close to beautiful beaches and many with swimming pools in the backyard. As a result of the programs we are looking forward to high levels of participation at our swimming carnival towards the end of this term (5th December).

Family Portraits
Many thanks to Louise Miller and Kelly Lukic for managing the family portrait fundraiser last weekend, it was a huge success.

Touch Footy
It was a great sight to see so many students from all our local Catholic schools gather together yesterday for the Touch Football Gala Day. As always and as expected, our students joined in the action with vim and vigour whilst at the same time displaying the very highest levels of sportspersonship. Many thanks to the coaches/managers for the day who looked after the students’ wellbeing and ensured that everyone had an enjoyable day.

Welcome Back Barry
It is with a great deal of pleasure and some relief that I welcome Barry back in town. After two months away traveling the world and undertaking study I’m sure he will have some stories to tell. You will be able to say hello to him at the Fair.

See you at the Fair

Chris Burns
Acting Principal

R.E. NEWS
This week’s Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40 The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment) follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are
trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for the reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection. The third question is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees’ question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Let us remain open to loving God and loving our neighbours.

Mrs French
A/Religious Education Co-ordinator

MUSIC: COUNT US IN

Our school has registered and all classes have been rehearsing “Let Me Paint You A Song” in readiness for the 30th October. Music: Count Us In is Australia’s biggest school initiative with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2100 schools across the nation.

Why join in? To have a new learning experience, celebrate music making and remind everyone of the importance of music learning.

“Decades of research shows that learning music can help students’ self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. There are also strong links between music learning and academic skills in literacy and numeracy. Research shows that music is unique in its flow-on benefits to students who learn it.” MCUI Website.

A 2005 review of music education in Australian schools recommended that for students to benefit, their music education needed to be ‘continuous, developmental and sequential’. This is what students at St John Fisher experience.

All students have been asked to BRING A PLAIN SINGLE COLOURED T-SHIRT to put on over their uniform on the day so we can attempt to not only sing “Let Me Paint You A Song” but also create a picture by combining our T-shirts in a fun way!

So, on Thursday 30th if you’re free at 12:30 come along and enjoy our performance.

Lynda Burke
Music Teacher

ST PETER’S INFO EVENING AND ORIENTATION DAY

An information evening for prospective Year 7 2015 students will be held on 17th November at 7pm in the St Peter’s Hall. This will be followed by an Orientation Day on 24th November.

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

A pleasingly large number of students elected to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS) Mathematics competition this year. Out of 32 entries half received a Merit certificate or better!

Well done to Joel S, Alyssa G, Annika B and Joseph B who will receive Merit certificates at next Monday Morning’s assembly. Eight students performed well enough to be awarded a Credit certificate. Great work on the part of: Kirah C, Thomas M, Lachlan M, Cory D, Annelise B, Lola T, James M and Brody A. A hearty congratulations to our four Distinction winners who performed at a very high level indeed: Daniel B, Hayden S, Oscar W and Ari S.

The Mental Health Association of NSW:


The ABC Mental Health Month site:

http://www.abc.net.au/mentalan/

With thanks, The KidsMatter Team

WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE LEND A HAND. OUR FAIR DAY RELIES ON HELP FROM PARENTS TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. PLEASE SMS OR CALL 0439478979....WE STILL HAVE STALLS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS. ALSO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING OUR FAIR PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE DAY PLEASE CALL OR SMS 0439478979, STARTING TIME WOULD BE 9.30AM.

4 SLEEPS TILL THE FAIR

- Please continue to place all plant donations in the drop off zone outside the LARC (carpark side) anytime up until fair day.
- Tomorrow is the last day for books and 2nd hand items to be dropped off to the P&F room. We need to allow our stall coordinators time to sort the items accordingly.
- Wristbands & show bag orders need to be finalised by tomorrow at the latest.
- Please find enclosed the Fair map. To save paper, please bring this along on fair day to help navigate your way around for a fantastic family fun day.
• Keep an eye out for our Coates Hire sign on Friday on Wyong Road advertising the school fair. Special thanks to Coates Hire Berkeley Vale for donating this sign.
• Our Prestige Party Hire cool room arrived today. Thank you to prestige party hire for your support in supplying the fair equipment needs.

LET YOUR TASTE BUDS EXPLORE THE SJF FAIR
On fair day be delighted by the amazing selection of food and beverages, Take a break at “Devonshire Tea” and enjoy the fresh scones donated by Roasted Berry Cafe Mingara. Thank you to Roasted Berry for their support.

Visit our cake stall, sugar shack & cupcake stalls to enjoy a variety of baked goods and homemade sweets. All available to enjoy at the fair or take home. A selection of hot food options will be available from the bbq including sausage sandwiches, egg and bacon rolls, pulled pork & gravy rolls, sweet chilli chicken burgers and veggie burgers. Or enjoy a Turkish gozleme at our very own gozleme stall. Special thanks to Ritchies IGA at Cresthaven, Bidvest, Woolworths and Coles for their kind donations.

CHILDREN’S ART SHOW
The children have been busy creating some wonderful pieces. Be sure to pop in and have a look at the children’s art show on fair day. The art works will be up for sale. All purchasers will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a time zone voucher.

The fair runs from 10am - 3pm come along and celebrate with the SJF community.

Thank you to everyone for your help and support.

P&F

2014 ELECTRONICS RAFFLE DRAWN THIS SUNDAY AT FAIR
Thank you to all the families that have returned their raffle tickets. We had two lucky early bird winners Addison F (KV) and Deakin W (IF) both receiving $50 cash, Congratulations!

We still have 100 books that have not yet been returned. Reminders have been sent out, so please return all booklets ASAP even if unsold.

Looking forward to this Sunny Blue Sky Sunday, and would like to thank in advance everyone that has been, or will be involved in the Fair. It is a fun day for the whole community, and it also shows others how blessed we are, and how hard we have worked to have such a beautiful school. I hope all have a great day!

Cheers, Rebecca Blake
SJF P&F President

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MERIT AWARDS

MRS BURDETT
Zac G and Finley T

MRS BURKE
Lola T, Ngaloafe and Jacob G

MRS COTTERELL
Joshua S and Alyssa L

MR FRAZER
April S, Bronte T, Charlize W and Tevita P

MRS FRENCH
Molly C, Ashtyn C, Mia C and Reagan J

MR PERKINS
Joel H, Jack R, Jack T and Braith W

MRS THURLOW
Jaylen S, Viveca H, Olivia J, Jesse R, Cameron W
And Liam W

MRS VAIL
Zara M and Billy O

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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