Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

**A Daily Prayer**

There are many different forms of prayer, both informal and formal. One method we have been using with the children over the last several years as a school is a form of prayer taught to us by St Ignatius. It allows us to still our mind, reflect on events of the day and then pray to God to work with us in moving to the future.

Yesterday all classes spent time praying the Examen after lunch at 2.00 pm which we are looking to do on a regular basis. I enjoyed leading the prayer with the children in KC. It would be a wonderful way to spend some quality time with your children at bedtime processing the day, clearing the mind for sleep and developing a relationship with God. The process includes the following steps.

**REMEMBER**

Walk through the day with God.
Think about all the good things that have happened today.

**SEE**

These good things are a Gift from God.
These are times when the Holy Spirit has been working within you today.

**THANKS**

Thank the Lord for all these good things.

**NOTICE**

Think about your most favourite experience today.
Think about your least favourite experience today.

**ACT**

Tomorrow keep me with Jesus as I try to work on...

**PRAY**

Allow the Holy Spirit to focus on one feeling or one encounter I had today. (Positive or negative). Pray about that!

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**Parish Events**

You will find more detail further in the newsletter of an upcoming Parish Fair at St Peter’s College Tuggerah on Sunday 17th August from 9.30 am - 3.00 pm. The aim is to celebrate our Parish community as well as raise funds for the Church.

Family Fun day & Farewell to Fr Vlad: 24 August starting with Mass at 10.30 am

Please note: Due to an unavailability of the Priests there will be no morning Masses this week.

**Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to come to the school to work with the teachers to develop the best environment for the students. If you were unable to make this time please 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 Development Day**

As we have been stating there is a Staff Development Day on the Friday of week 4 which is the 8th August. This will deal with deepening our knowledge of the new English Syllabus and Mathematics Syllabus.

**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 time in the classroom sharing activities with all the children until around 11.00 when we invite the children to bring their grandparents to the hall for morning tea and to view the Wakakirri performance. All are very welcome and it would be great to have your children contact their Grandparents to invite them along to the morning.
Sports Update
Our School Rugby Union Team has been busy preparing for the upcoming Rugby Union Competition. Thank you to Mr Pobjie, our prac teacher, Mr Ellis and the Central Coast Rugby Union Development Officer, Mr Magriplis who have been working with me to prepare the boys.

P&F Update
Last night we had a very positive meeting with the leadership team of our P&F. Some schools are lucky to have 8 people turn up at P&F General Meetings and it was a great pleasure to see this many generous people committed to building spirit in our school turn up to a planning meeting.

Many points of business were discussed which will be followed through at the upcoming P&F General Meeting on Tuesday 5th August at 7.30 pm in our LARC. Put it in your calendar as we would love to see you there.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
This coming Sunday will be the seventeenth Sunday in the church Year A. Like last Sunday, Jesus tells us more about the Kingdom of Heaven in this Sunday’s Gospel. Jesus proclaims that heaven is like a treasure or a pearl, but that its true value is not always appreciated. Once it has been discovered and truly appreciated however, Jesus challenges us by asking us what price are we prepared to pay for it? Jesus tells us that if we have our hearts truly set on the Kingdom of Heaven then we should spare nothing in trying to acquire it!

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2014
All children in years 3 or above who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation now have the opportunity to enrol in the parish 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
- Wednesday 30th July at St Cecilia’s Church

Both commencing at 7.30pm.

St. Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop)
The students from St. John Fisher will mark Mary Mackillop’s feast day with a short liturgy on Monday the 4th of August at 8:50am.

Scot Frazer
Religious Education Coordinator

LARC NEWS
Welcome back to Term 3 - a big one in the LARC! In Term 3 we celebrate Book Week! Each year the Children’s Book Council of Australia assigns a theme to Children's Book Week and this year that theme is - “Connect to Reading”. This theme gives us many opportunities to think about how we connect to reading whether it be connecting with a favourite book, connecting to technology through internet, e-books and more, connecting to each other and perhaps sharing the joy of a book we have read... and so the list goes on...

Book Week is in week 6 this term, (18th-22nd August). Children will participate in activities at school during this week. Watch this spot for more information regarding Book Week in the next couple of weeks!

Happy Reading!
Christine Higgins (Teacher Librarian)

During Term 3 we will be “connecting” in many ways such as Parent Teacher Interviews and Book Week – “Connect to Reading”. Kidsmatter suggests some reasons why “connecting” can be a positive thing to do.

Connecting at school
Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It’s about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents/carers to support children’s mental health.

- When schools and parents and carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.
- When parents and carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents and carers can get involved in.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.

WAKAKIRRI
On Grandparents day, Friday 15th August at 11.30am, we will be having a full dress rehearsal in the school hall. Grandparents and parents are welcome to watch the performance.
A reminder that our Wakakirri Performance is on Wednesday 27th August at Riverside Theatre Parramatta. All students in Wakakirri will receive a detailed note shortly with further details about the performance day. Tickets that have been purchased for this performance should arrive at school the first week in August and will be sent home with students the following week. At this stage we do not have any extra tickets available.

**P&F**

**P&F GENERAL MEETING**

This Term’s P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th August 7.30pm in the LARC. If you have any subject matter relating to this meeting, please feel free to email them to: sjfparentandfriends@gmail.com

Please note this date in your diary, and hope to see you there.

Regards

Rebecca Blake

SJF P&F President

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

A celebration for Grandparents Day is being held at the school on Friday 15th August. The morning will begin with a special mass at 9.15am, followed by a visit to the classrooms, a special performance and morning tea. Please see the invite that is included in today’s newsletter and invite your family’s Grandparents along. We will also need a few helpers to prepare morning tea on the day. If you are able to help, please complete the RSVP and return by 11 August.

**LOOKING FOR A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT?**

Wyong Catholic Parish are holding a Family Fun and Food Spring Fair on Sunday 17th August at St Peter’s College from 9.30am to 3pm. Entertainment includes jumping castle, the Dixie Swing, u drive mini jeeps, reverse bungee, the money grab, laughing clowns, popcorn, fairy floss and more. Lots of market stalls including some great Australian, Asian and Indian food, Devonshire teas and more. Under cover – rain, hail or shine.

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**CALENDAR 2014**

**JULY**

24  Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club Due
28  Mass - Year 2
29  ICAS - English

**AUGUST**

1    Mass - Kindergarten
5    P&F General Meeting 7.30pm in LARC
8    STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
12   ICAS - Math’s
15   Grandparents Day 9.15am
15   Whole School Mass 9.15am
18-22 Book Week
18   Mass - Year 3
21   Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club Due
22   Mass - Year 4
27   Wakakirri Performance Date

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**MERIT AWARDS**

**MRS BURKE**

Ella R

**MR BURNS AND MRS O’SANNASSY**

Sienna K, Joshua M and Olivia J

**MRS COTTERELL**

Alyssa L, Cruz H, Noah D and Evie S

**MS DICKSON**

Lauryn T, Jacksun C and Kyal B

**MR EDWARDS**

Hannah M, Eden M and Lola T

**MRS FOLEY**

Jasmin P, Joshua B, Ella R and Jemima B

**MRS VAIL**

Daniel K, Blake H, Grace P and Evan H

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**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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