Wednesday August 27th 2014

**God of our ancestors, you freed the children of Israel from slavery and from fear. You were with them by day and by night. Be with us on our journey. Guide and protect us, and bring us to the joy of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

**Wyong Parish Leadership**

Last Sunday we celebrated the pastoral leadership of Fr Vlad over the last two years and wished him well on the journey ahead. Thank you to Mr Frazer for organising the Mass and for the children and families who assisted on the day.

In his farewell speech Fr Vlad handed over the keys of the Parish to Fr Raul who will lead our Parish. I feel very blessed to have Fr Raul working with us and I know you will join me in congratulating him on this position.

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Mass**

Next Friday 5th September we will be celebrating Fathers’ Day with a breakfast from 7.00 am followed by Mass at 9.15 am. Classrooms will be open for the children and fathers to visit from 8.20 am. Assuming the weather is fine parents may like to take this opportunity for their children to take them up to the top playground to see the new retaining wall and turf as well as the slab for the new cricket nets.

Thank you to the brilliant P&F social committee for organising the breakfast as well as the Fathers’ Day Stall next Tuesday 2nd September.

**Wakakirri Tonight**

After countless hours of preparation the big day is here for Wakakirri children who make up a quarter of our school. Last Friday’s presentation was well received by the children and family members and displayed their readiness for the big stage. As one of the key messages of the story is persistence, it is clear the children involved have now had first-hand experience at working together to hone a performance to produce something truly outstanding.

I know you will join me in thanking Ms Dickson, Mr Perkins, Mrs Amor, and Mrs Rodgers for their absolute commitment to the children and to the production. We were also truly blessed to have Alexis Pobjie sharing her brilliant dancing skills and choreography with the children. I also offer sincere thanks to the many people who assisted with the costumes, props and make-up and it would be remiss of me not to mention the incredible work of Sandy Scullin-Brown.

**Good luck to all tonight.**

**Daily Writing**

One of our strategic goals this year is to improve the student outcomes in Literacy and a key focus of our recent Staff Development Day was the place of daily writing. Yesterday I listened to two students from each class share a chosen piece of their daily writing. It was most impressive.

**Public Speaking**

Last night Daniel B represented the Central Coast Catholic Schools at the Diocesan Public Speaking Finals. Out of all the schools in the Diocese Daniel came second overall. This is a brilliant outcome considering the quality of public speakers across all our schools. Congratulations Daniel.

**Australian Championships**

Congratulations to Lucy D who last week competed against the best touch players in NSW as part of the Polding Team. Polding made it to the grand final and were ahead thanks to a run-away try by our Lucy before being run down by a strong team from Sydney North.

After the tournament they named the NSW Team to play at the Australian Championships and we are very proud to have Lucy named in this squad. An amazing achievement at any level but even more so as she is still in Year 5.

As it is directly involved in school sport all schools are requested to assist the family in the costs involved in participating in the upcoming Australian competition in Victoria. Successful students are provided with raffle tickets to sell to the school community with great prizes including a laptop, LED television and 3 iPod shuffles.

Next Friday 5th September we will have a Sport Mufti where students can wear the uniform of their favourite sport or team and bring along a $2.00 coin which will give them a ticket in the raffle. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Fathers’ Day Breakfast. Congratulations Lucy.

**Book Week Celebrations**

Thank you to Mrs Higgins for organising all the events to celebrate literature in our school. Congratulations also to all
the parents and carers who had the children looking fantastic at the Book Parade last week as well as those who were able to come along and give them an encouraging audience.

Please note that Mrs Higgins has included information about the Big Book Swap for next Thursday 4th September so please look for a well-loved book in good condition that you can send in with your child next week.

God Bless and see you all in week 4 next term

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Next Sunday will be the twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary time in the church Year A. In Matthew’s Sunday Gospel, Jesus, aware of the hardships and difficulties that lay ahead of him warns his disciples that following him is no easy task. Jesus tells his followers that when the Son of man comes he will reward those that have done the “Hard yards” for him!

Father’s Day Mass
There will be a special Father’s Day Mass at 9:15am on Friday the 5th of September. All dads would be more than welcome to come and celebrate this special mass with our school community.

Scot Frazer, Religious Education Coordinator

LARC NEWS

What a fantastic Book Week we had last week! The children's and the teacher's costumes were very creative and colourful. Thank you all for your wonderful efforts. The children had a great week and it was lots of fun to finish the week with our Book Parade.

Remember to stay connected and “Drop everything and read” this week!

Indigenous Literacy Day
Next week, week 8, we are celebrating 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 – Happy Reading!
Christine Higgins (Teacher Librarian)

ICAS WRITING COMPETITION

Eleven of our students sat for the International Competition and Assessment in Schools (ICAS) Writing Competition this year. Out of these eleven students, seven were awarded with a Merit Certificate or higher which was a very pleasing performance.

Oscar W will be awarded with a Merit certificate next Monday while Kirah C, Thomas M, Lili M, Mackenzie E and Joseph B will be receiving Distinctions - very well done guys!

It is always very gratifying to see students do well in these types of challenging competitions. It is therefore especially pleasing to acknowledge outstanding performances, one such being Annika B’s. Annika has achieved a High Distinction and in doing so was placed in the top 1% of all Year 4 students undertaking the test. A brilliant effort from a very accomplished writer!

Chris Burns

CANTEEN NEWS

I am about to do the Term 4 roster if anyone needs to make a change or would like to go on the roster please fill out the slip below and return to the school office ASAP.

CANTEN ROSTER

I ___________________________ am able to volunteer Monday / Wednesday / Friday (please circle). My contact number is: ___________________________

Craft/Gourmet jar donations
Handmade craft and gourmet jar donation boxes are now in the foyer of the school office. Please support the school fair and drop in any items you are able to donate.

Corporate Sponsorship
We still have a few spots left for corporate sponsorship. If your business is interested in sponsoring a stall please email Kate at sjf.fair@gmail.com or call 0439478979

Fair Meeting
Our next fair meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September 7:30pm in the school hall. Please come along to show your support and to lend a helping hand.

Bookstall donations - children’s books
Our book stall would love donations of children’s books in great condition. These can be boxed up, labelled and placed in the P&F room. Don’t forget to hold onto at least one book so you can participate in the upcoming book swap.

Facebook - Have you 'LIKED' us on Facebook yet? It’s a great way to stay up to date on all things fair related. Feel free to add your family and friends - The more the merrier.
**CANTENE ROSTER**

**FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST**
Debbie Appleyard  Barbara Brandon  Colleen Templeton

**MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**
Leonie Wright  Melissa Lalor

**WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**
Angela Brown

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**
Tanya Thorsen  Tammy Schleu  Kylie Gatt

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**MERIT AWARDS**

**MRS BURKE**
Billy A, Ben H, Parker R & James M

**MR BURNS AND MRS O'SHANNASSY**
Ari S, Ashleigh G & Saige W

**MRS COTTERELL**
Emme A, James B & Toby B

**MRS FOLEY**
Alexis N, Joshua B, Kayla P & Joshua H

**MR FRAZER**
Bryson G, Blake F, Elliana T, Chantelle N & Brooke P

**MISS TONNET**
Toa P & Cate M

**MRS VAIL**
Addison F, Cooper B & Dylan B

**MR WELSH**
Thomas B & Jennifer L

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**P&F ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – FINAL WEEKS**

Don’t miss out on purchasing your 2014-2015 Entertainment Book. Sales will close at the end of this term. Payments can only be made online. To purchase a book, go online, type in the address below and give your details. Choose the pick-up option and your book will be sent home from school with your child.


If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Lukic on 0450 833 217 or sjf.parentsandfriends@gmail.com

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**FAMILY PORTRAITS**

When: Friday 17th October from 3-9pm. There are only 8 timeslots left. To secure your photographic session, please return $20 in an envelope marked ‘Family Portraits’ to the office with the slip from last week’s newsletter indicating your preferred times. Bookings close on Friday 5th September. You will receive confirmation of your time after this date.

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**FATHER’S DAY**

Tuesday 2nd September will be our annual Father’s Day Stall. All children will be taken with their classes to purchase a Father’s Day gift. Each child will need to bring in $5 on Tuesday 2nd September. Students will be able to purchase extra presents for grandparents if needed. We are looking for a few more helpers to assist on the day. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office by Friday 29th August.

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**SJF FATHER’S DAY STALL / BBQ BREAKFAST HELPER**

Name: ____________________________

Mobile Phone: ______________________

Child’s Name: _____________________  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

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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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