Loving God, you send men and women to bring your love and healing touch to all your suffering people. Bless, protect, and guide them.

Make us truly grateful for your care and protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Confirmation

We were all very excited on Monday morning to offer our prayers for the boys and girls who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday. Thank you to the children in the choir who will be bringing their gifts to the ceremonies and to Mrs Burke and Mr Frazer who have prepared the choir and will be accompanying the choir with me at the ceremonies.

Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is the beginning of a journey that will be with the children for their life. While it was 15 years ago on Mothers’ Day that my mum passed over, the strength and joy she received through channeling the gift of the Holy Spirit still lives clearly in my memory and produced a powerful effect on my life. As parents, grandparents and carers we have the same opportunity to be a positive force in the life of our children through talking openly about our experiences of the joy and strength we can gain by being in touch with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Year 5 Camp

This Wednesday to Friday the children in Year 5 will be spending three days at the Southern Cross Outdoor Education Centre at Somersby. The children will experience a great variety of activities that will assist the children to build team skills in a controlled but challenging environment. There was some great energy around the bus this morning as the children waved their parents goodbye. On your behalf I thank Ms Dickson, Mr Welsh and Mrs Annas who will be leaving their families to be both teacher and parent for these children for the next three days. Mr Burns and I will be looking forward to having a night each with the children.

St John Fisher Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 13th June at the Mingara Athletics Track. The carnival is for Kindergarten to Year 6 and involves a good balance of track and field as well as games and activities. On the morning children can be dropped at the track from 8.20 am and will be supervised and of course parents and family members are very welcome to join us on the day.

Supervision will also be provided at school from 8.20 am for children who catch the bus and the children will be walked down to the track with a teacher. Children who are not picked up from Mingara are also walked back to school for the usual dismissal procedures.

P&F Matters

Many thanks to the parents who came along to the P&F meeting last Friday. The minutes of the meeting will be placed on the school website under the P&F section. It was great to hear some of your ideas and opinions in regard to the playground and website.

Over the weekend Rebecca and Dave Blake and Colleen and Wayne Smith with the help of Mr Ceeney have done an outstanding job of cleaning up and painting the Parent/Community Room. What a difference - thank you.

The Diocesan Parent Council has some excellent evening forums coming up which are outlined further in the newsletter. There is a link to the Diocesan Parent Council website on our new website under the
School Community section. It really is worth a look, especially under the Parent Seminars.

**Enrolments 2015**

If you have a sibling who is looking to start school next year it is essential that you collect an enrolment package and **return it to school by the end of this week**. After that date we will be processing enrolments and will be offering places early August.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

**RELIgIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

This coming Sunday is the Ascension of the Lord in the church year A. On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus’ ascension into Heaven. In Matthew’s Sunday gospel Jesus reminds us that he will soon send us a helper, the Holy Spirit to help us to continue the work of Jesus and the disciples. Jesus himself commissioned his small band of disciples to be his witnesses until the "ends of the earth." May we all remember that evangelisation is just not imposing this faith and belief on others but more a continual proclamation of the message of Jesus.

**Confirmation**

Good luck to all of our students who will make their Confirmation this Saturday the 31st of May. These students have been learning all about Reconciliation at special parish classes and in regular Religion lessons at school. Please keep these students in your thoughts and prayers.

**Year 1 Mass**

The teachers and students from Year 1 have been preparing a special Year 1 Mass which will take place at 9:15 am on Friday the 30th of May. Parents of students in Year 1 would be more than welcome to come and celebrate this mass with their children.

Scot Frazer
Religious Education Coordinator

**L.A.R.C. NEWS**

Once again a big thank you to those wonderful parents who have been covering books. We still have a great number of books that need covering and this will be on-going throughout the year, so if you can help we would love to hear from you. You can take the books home and covering materials are provided. We are very fortunate to have so many new books but in order to maintain their lifespan we need to cover them before the children use them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,
Chris Higgins
(Teacher Librarian)

**WAKAKIRRI**

As part of our Wakakirri performance this year we have a "State of Origin" rugby league scene. We are trying to source socks (to borrow or buy cheaply) for each team to wear. We will need 14 pairs of long light blue and 14 pairs of maroon. If anyone knows where we could buy or borrow these (maybe a sporting club?) please see Ms Dickson.

Thank you,
Jenny Dickson

**Canteen Roster**

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ST PETER'S YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS
Not yet completed your high school application?
St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah Lakes encourage you to obtain an Enrolment Application Pack immediately from our College Reception to secure your child's place. We do not want Catholic families to miss out on a place at St Peter's so if you act quickly, you still have time to submit your application for second round offers. For enquiries please contact Karen Peters, Enrolment Registrar 4352 9816

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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SUPPORTING YOUR ADOLESCENT’S LEARNING AT HOME

A practical evening for parents and students Years 5 to 8. (Includes booklet of strategies to take home) - No Cost
- What's a parent’s role? Time to step up.... or step back?
- Understand the ‘Middle Years’ development
- Insights into learning and practical strategies for vital time management and organizational skills.

The transition from the primary school years to secondary school is a process, not an event. Presenter: Angie Wilcox from High Hopes Educational Services.

- Tuesday 17th June 7pm-8:30pm at St Brigid’s Catholic College, Lake Munmorah
- Wednesday 18th June 7pm-8:30pm at St Joseph’s Catholic College, East Gosford.

RSVP to www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

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