God of the poor and powerless, you are always present to us in our sisters and brothers who are in need. Open our eyes to see you. May our hands be always ready to serve you in everyone we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls

Reflection on Community
In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus responds to the question of what is the greatest commandment of all. He gives the most beautifully concise response that is equally as relevant today:

Jesus said to him, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

We must constantly measure ourselves against these commandments, especially in regard to our levels of tolerance.

St John Fisher School Fair – A Community Celebration
Sunday’s Fair was the culmination of countless meetings, hundreds of emails and thousands of conversations and thoughts. It was the endpoint of collecting, storing, lifting, transporting, cooking, designing, planning, convincing and much more.

It really was a brilliant day to be a member of our community and was amazing to come back from leave to such positive energy. In all measures it was a complete success building a powerful sense of community, sharing our beautiful site with family, friends and strangers and making approximately $20,000 to be used for our students.

Congratulations to Kate Hooke and Sharon Francis in particular for taking on the massive role of pulling together so many volunteers and doing it with grace, good humour and competence. You truly displayed courageous leadership.

Congratulations and thank you also to all the P&F Leadership Team and the many Stall Coordinators who put themselves out there over the last several months to ensure their stalls were a success. Thank you also to the many workers on the day including parents, family members, teachers, students and ex-students including the local scout troupe whose work on the BBQ displayed selfless giving of their time. It was a long day in the heat but well worth it for all.

Thank you to our many generous sponsors who are listed on the website, especially our major sponsors, Ian Boyle at Property Central Berkeley Vale and John Acton at Mortgage Choice Tumbi Umbi.

St John Fisher Raffle
Thank you also to Rebecca Blake for organising the raffle which was very well supported by our parents and produced a profit of approximately $6,000. Thank you to all the families who returned tickets and congratulations to the lucky winners.

P&F Annual General Meeting
More information will be forthcoming but we will be having our final P&F Meeting on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the LARC. After a hugely successful year by the P&F we hope to see a good crowd of parents to finish off the year.

End of Year Celebration
At the end of each year we come together in the evening to catch up with friends as we approach Christmas. It is a low key night and we are presently working on the format of the night which will involve some musical items from the children. This year the gathering will be held on Monday 8th December at 6.00 pm.

Staff Development Day
As has been advertised in the newsletter there will be a Staff Development Day on Friday 7th November. The staff will be working together on aspects of Wellbeing and will be off site on the day so please put the date on the calendar.

Dates for 2015
The first day for students in Years 1-6 will be Thursday 29th January.
The first day for Kindergarten students will be Monday 2nd February.
Teachers return on Tuesday 27th January and a number of students will be booked in for assessment on Wednesday 28th January. Kindergarten students will be booked in for assessments from the Wednesday to the Friday.

Sports Update
Congratulations to Lucy D who has returned from the Australian Touch Championships. At assembly Lucy filled us all in on a very successful carnival with NSW making it to the final to meet a determined Queensland who beat them 6-3. Thank you to all the families who supported her previously in the lead up to the carnival. My inside knowledge informs me that Lucy played brilliantly which is even more of a feat when you consider she is only in Year 5. We were very pleased to hear that big sister and ex-student Jasmine D was voted Player of the Carnival for NSW in her section.
Kindergarten 2015
We know the year is moving on when we are looking to welcome our Kindergarten children to Play Group and Orientation.

Play Group will be on Mondays 10th and 17th November from 10.00 - 11.15. The play group is an informal gathering of the children and parents and is organised by parents. Thank you to Colleen Templeton who has volunteered to co-ordinate play group this year. We need people to assist Collen so please drop me a note with a contact number if you would be able to assist her on these days.

The more formal Orientation Sessions are on Tuesdays 18th and 25th November from 9.30 -11.00. These are co-ordinated by the teachers. There will also be an Information Evening for new parents on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the LARC.

Much Appreciated Welcome Home
It has been very gratifying to come back to such a welcoming community after being away for the last 8 weeks. It has been lovely to share aspects of both my retreat and holiday in the States with interested parents, children and staff. As I shared with the children on Monday, I did not see a school with our physical beauty.

It is very reassuring to know that Mr Chris Burns was able to so capably take over in my leave and I also note the support he received from Mr Frazer and Mrs French as well as the staff. It is great to be back at St John Fisher.

God Bless

Barry Shanley
Principal

R.E. NEWS
This coming Sunday will be the Feast of All Souls. It is a very special day in our church and here is a short prayer that explains to us why All Souls is such a special day.

Dear Lord,
We remember all those who have passed from this life into the next.
We stop to remember all who have died especially our relatives and friends.
We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.
We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.
We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.
Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

First Eucharist
Could we also keep in our prayers all those children who are currently preparing for First Eucharist.

Scot Frazer
Religious Education Co-ordinator

BROKEN BAY SUMMER SPORT TEAM TRIALS 2014 (FOR POLDING 2015)
Students who play these sports below at the equivalent of an A grade or representative level and wish to be considered to be invited to attend the Broken Bay trials need to notify Mr Welsh by Friday 31st October.

- Broken Bay Tennis Trials Tuesday 18th November
- Broken Bay Basketball Trials Wednesday 19th November
- Broken Bay Softball Trials Wednesday 19th November
- Broken Bay Cricket Trials Thursday 27th November

ICAS MATHS CERTIFICATES
The ICAS Maths Certificates will be handed out at Monday morning assembly.

Live Life Well @ School is a program that aims to get more students, more active, more often, as well as focusing on healthy eating and drinking habits. By participating in this program we have a received a Government Grant to spend on a healthy initiative at our school. Next week we will be having a water filling station installed on the playground (near the canteen). Students will be able to fill drink bottles with cooled, clean water.

Each week for the rest of the Term we will be having a “healthy kids” focus. This week it is 5 ways to a healthy lifestyle. Please read the flyer included in the newsletter and encourage your children to make good choices regarding their health.

Ms Dickson

Just a reminder that students need to BRING A PLAIN SINGLE COLOURED T-SHIRT ON THURSDAY 30th (tomorrow). Our performance will be at 12:30 in the hall after a live streaming from 12:00 -12:30.

Hopefully we may see ourselves up on the big screen!

Lynda Burke, Music Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS
The Canteen is selling flavoured water for $1.50. The flavours are raspberry and lemon lime.

MERIT AWARDS

MRS BURDETT
Connor E, Troy K, Finley T and Lachy L

MRS BURKE
Tess B and Madison H

MS DICKSON
Lacey B, Rory C and Bronte A

MR EDWARDS
Billy A and Darcy W

MRS RODGERS
Olivia L, Cash T, Leo P and Madison B

MISS TONNET
Vegas M, Georgia O, Noah A and Zali D

MRS VAIL
Daniel S and Ocea S

MR WELSH
Hayden S, Connor S, Lucy D and Stephanie M
MISSION WEEK MASS
Last Wednesday Year 6 representatives - Olivia, Eliza and Tayla, and myself joined many other schools from the Broken Bay Diocese at Our Lady of the Rosary, Waitara, to celebrate Mission Week. The mass was an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the marvellous work by Catholic Mission. Their website http://catholicmission.org.au/wmm has amazing resources and helpful hints on how we as individuals can enrich the lives of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I commend the girls who so beautifully represented our school.

Mrs French

SCHOOL FAIR

Thank you to everyone for your support by purchasing and selling raffle tickets. The raffle made an amazing $6000 profit. Congratulations to the following raffle winners:- 1st - Peta Maynihan, 2nd - Lea Edwards, 3rd - Jasmine Field, 4th - Jenny Bridge, 5th - Margaret Simpson and 6th - Katrina Woods

Rebecca Blake, P&F President

SCHOOL FAIR

What an amazing day we had on Sunday for our school fair. The fair games were lots of fun, the food stalls delicious and the amusement rides were loved. Overall it was a wonderful day that brought our school community together and celebrated the amazing school that we have.

We would like to thank every one of our amazing stall coordinators (parents, friends and teachers) and their helpers for setting up amazing stalls and providing a wonderful service to our community.

Matthew Sanderson and the Berkeley Vale Scout Group did an awesome job on the bbq with our SJF parents. Thank you for your support we couldn’t have done the bbq without the help of Matthew and his team.

A huge thank you also to Mr Ross Ceeney who without a doubt went above and beyond to ensure SJF was ready for fair day. Ross your dedication to the school is amazing and all your hard work is really appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you to our generous corporate sponsors and the local companies on the coast that donated items for our silent auction and chocolate wheel.

And lastly to the children who all pitched in and did their little bit to help with the setup of the fair whether that be by donation or time helping with set up on Friday.

We were blessed with a successful 2014 fair.

Thank you, Kate & Sharon

P&F

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraiser. Just a reminder that you have an appointment time scheduled for next Wednesday 5th November to collect your photos and/or place orders. If you have forgotten your time, please text Kelly (0450 833 217) with your name and I will let you know.

SCHOOL FAIR

What an amazing day on Sunday! The P&F would like to thank Kate Hooke and Sharon Francis for the brilliant job they did with the organisation of the school fair. Also a massive thank you to all the parents who coordinated or helped on stalls throughout the day. We wouldn't have had a fair without you! Please come to the office or hall kitchen to collect your containers from your donated cupcakes.

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.

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WYONG PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's: Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 8am
Saturday 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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