LIWARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Introduction:
Life is a constant Advent season.
We are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil.
The world is not as just, not as loving as we know it can and should be.
But the coming of the God Jesus Christ and His presence amongst us
brings light, hope, joy, peace and love.
Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of God’s coming
by taking time to have a closer look inside ourselves away from the busy outside.
Advent is a time to rejoice and let your gentleness to be known to everyone.

Reflection:
As we seek Christ, as we find Him, as we follow Him,
we shall have the Christmas spirit, not for one fleeting day
each year, but as a companion always.
We shall learn to forget ourselves.
We shall turn our thoughts to the greater benefit of others.

Prayer:

God our Father
We ask the Spirit to clothe us with compassion, humility,
meekness and patience and to let the peace of Christ rule our hearts.
May the dawn of His coming find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming
the light of His truth.

Amen.

Dear Parents,
As we approach the end of the 2013 school year we are grateful for the special moments
that have been shared, the adventure we have experienced and the presents we have
unwrapped. There are many things that have inspired us but there have also been
challenges that when met have helped us to grow. We celebrate and give thanks for
God’s blessings that have flowed freely in our community.
As the Year 6 students prepare to graduate and move onto secondary school I wish them
a bright attitude, much happiness and much success. When Brad Ness, the captain of the
Australian Rollers addressed the 4-6 students in Term 3 he talked about setting goals but
not to dwell too much on our misfortune if these goals are not attainable and
circumstances intervene to change your dreams (he lost a leg in a boating accident). He
encouraged them to always persist and to buy in to family, teams and life in general. He
also highlighted that when life seems unfair look around you and you will find people
who are worse off than you, so count your blessings not your problems.
The Year 6’ers have been consistent in their endeavours and have made a positive
contribution to school life. For those families who will be closing the Liwara chapter, as
your youngest child leaves the school, I thank you for the contribution you have made to
our school community. We look forward to celebrating the Mass of Thanksgiving with
you.
I thank each member of the community for the gifts you have shared to make the 2013
school year a bright and successful one.
As I sign off on my final Liwara newsletter I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to
serve the school community. The strong community spirit that is ever present is deep,
sustained, authentic, impressive and life giving. The energy is generated from the
passion, generosity and willingness of community members to contribute to the common
good. I have been blessed to have worked alongside a highly professional staff who have
a commitment to developing and delivering high quality teaching and learning programs
for the Liwara students. There is a blend of professional integrity, skill and great energy
in the work of the staff.

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I have valued the partnership with parents in our school endeavours. I have an admiration and respect for the willing sharing of time and talent by parents to enrich our endeavours especially through membership of the P and F, School Board and through the support we receive for school programs and activities from a large band of volunteers. As we welcome Andrea Millar to Liwara as the principal I wish her a rewarding and fulfilling time in this remarkable school community. We as a community are blessed to have pastoral guidance from Fr Vinh. I have appreciated the support he has given to me. Finally my biggest delight has been to celebrate the growth, development and learning of our Liwara students. We have every right to be proud of our collective achievements. I wish Liwara continued success and much prosperity in the years ahead.

May the hope, peace, joy and love represented by the birth of Jesus be within your family as you gather for Christmas. May there be plenty of enjoyable moments for your family over the Christmas holidays.

**STAFF CHANGES**

Leaving the staff in 2013 are:

**Yvonne Liebeck**—Appointed as Head of Primary at Mercy College.

**Gemma Ballantine**—Appointed to a teaching and RE role at St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga NSW.

**Pauline Libardi**—Appointed to an Education Assistant role at Whitfords Catholic Primary School.

**Sharon O’Brien**—Looking forward to a happy event very soon and will conclude her time on the Liwara staff.

**Amy Leahy**—Heading home to Victoria.

I express a deep appreciation for the gifts each has shared with the Liwara community and wish them well in their future endeavors.

On leave next year will be Michelle Greene (Semester 1), Karen Weston (12 Months) and Joy Ince (LSL first Term).

Joining the staff in 2014 will be Kristy Graffin, Angela Gray, Natalie Pin and Clare Bristow. The employment process for some positions are still being finalized. A complete staff list is not able to be published in this newsletter.

**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2013**

A reminder the last school day for students in 2013 is Friday December 13th.

**FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2014**

The 2014 school year will commence for students on Monday February 3rd. Children return to in February in their full summer uniform. A reminder to parents when buying uniforms items including shoes & accessories they must conform with the school uniform code (see the Uniform Requirement List included with this Newsletter).

**REPORTS**

Second semester reports will be distributed to students on Friday, December 13. The information in these reports needs to be considered alongside other information conveyed during the year through portfolios, parent/teacher conferences and learning journey nights. If parents wish to meet with the teacher to discuss their child’s report, teachers will be available on Tuesday 17th Dec between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Please ring Anthea in the front office on Monday 16th December for an appointment.

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

**Thanksgiving Liturgy of the Word (PP- Year 4)**

This will be held in All Saints Parish Church on Wednesday 11th of December at 2.20pm. The liturgy is lead by representatives from each year level. We invite all parents and extended families to join us in this joyful celebration and thanksgiving for what we have received this year.

**Thanksgiving and graduation Mass (Year 5-6)**

This will be held on Thursday 12th of December starting promptly at 6pm.

**Graduating class of Year 6 Students:** All students must be at the church no later than 5.30pm in full summer school uniform. The Year 6 students have allocated seats for their class. No seats are reserved for families; It is first in best dressed! We understand that members of the extended family may wish to join in the celebration but ask families to be mindful that seating may be limited.

**Year 5 students:** Are expected to attend this Mass in support of the graduating class and in preparation for their graduation the following school year. All Year 5 students must be at the church no later than 5.30pm in full summer school uniform. The respective class teachers will be waiting inside the church where seating has been allocated ready to check students off the role. Parents are not expected to stay. We ask that the students be collected promptly from within the church at 7.30pm from their class teacher. We encourage you to share pickups and drop offs with other families. If you are not collecting your own child, a signed note giving permission for the allocated person to collect your child must be given to the class teacher prior to the evening. Preparation has begun for each of these and we look forward to seeing you at one of these two celebrations!

**FUNDING**

Dear Parents,

Over the past week you would have seen many media reports about the Abbott Government’s withdrawal from the previously agreed funding model known as the Better Schools Plan.

I am pleased to advise you that on December 2, the Prime Minister reversed his stance on this issue and has now given a commitment to deliver funding certainty for Catholic schools over the next four years. This announcement delivers certainty for our system both in terms of the total amount of Federal funds available and the manner in which it is delivered. It will ensure that all of our schools are able to plan appropriately over the short to medium term to support the current and future needs of students and staff. I commend the Federal Government for their commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students across the country.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald Director Catholic Education in WA.

**ASSEMBLY**

The next assembly for the year will be held on Friday 6th December at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 6 students will lead and present their final assembly items. We expect the assembly to go for approximately 1 hour. You are also invited to stay for morning tea and a chance to say farewell to Greg after the assembly.

**LIWARA OFFICE HOURS**

Liwara office will be open from January 23rd 2014.
CLASS LISTS
Parents will be notified of their child’s class through the report envelopes (i.e. whether your child is in the Red or Green class). A staff list will be included in the report envelope as it is known at the time of publishing. It is anticipated the list will be incomplete and subject to change as staff employment processes have not been finalised.

In notifying you of your child’s teacher it is important that parents are supportive and positive when discussing placements with their children. Once children are placed in a class and parents are notified it is fixed for the year. It is important that we teach our children to accept, adapt and make the most of new and different situations.

2014 SCHOOL BOOKLISTS
Booklists were sent home via the note baskets. Accompanying the booklist is a letter explaining the ordering process. Please read this information carefully and choose the best option for you. There is also a link via the Lwara home page that will explain the process and options to you. Any queries please don’t hesitate to call the office for further information.

YEAR 6 SOCIAL—WEDNESDAY
11TH DECEMBER
The Year 6 Social will be held in the Ahern Centre. The Social will commence at 5.30pm and conclude at 7.00pm. Light refreshments will be provided to the children during the evening.

Staff from the Simmonds Dance School will provide the music and run the event. Year 6 staff will attend and help with supervision. Parents are invited to mingle with other Year 6 parents in the Lwara staffroom while the children are dancing.

I thank Allison Glenister for organising and coordinating the Year 6 social evening.

We ask that the dress for the Year 6’s be in line with previous years. Boys wear long trousers, shoes and shirts with a collar. Shorts and T-shirts are not in keeping with the purpose of the evening. Girls are asked to wear a dress.

Jewellery and makeup are at parents discretion.

The Simmonds Dance School are currently teaching a range of dances to the children. The Cha-cha and Barn Dance are examples. Parents are asked to attend for the last 10-15 minutes of the evening to dance with their child. We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents there to be part of this special event. John Dols - for the Year 6 Team.

PRE PRIMARY NATIVITY PLAY
I thank the pre-primary children and the pre-primary staff for bringing the Christmas story to life for the school community through the Nativity Play on Friday. The pre-primary's then performed the play at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco for patients and staff on Monday. There was great joy, delight and pride as the children brought the good News of Jesus being born in the humble but loving environment of a stable in Bethlehem.

REACH EXPO
We had the opportunity to celebrate and share the learning of students involved in the GATE and Matrix groups that are part of the REACH program on Tuesday. I was delighted by the work the children had done to explore a special interest topic, the diversity with which they displayed their learning and the enthusiastic way they shared their knowledge. There was an impressive showcasing of the skills and abilities of the students participating in this part of the REACH program.

Thanks to the many parents and grandparents who attended and were able to see first hand some of the excellent work their children have done. An extra BIG thank you to the Mickelson family for donating the Van Der Graaff Generator, which will be used in our science curriculum in the future.

I thank Clare Magee for the outstanding work she does to coordinate and facilitate the REACH program.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION
The information letter about the 2014 Instrumental Tuition program went home on 22nd November. Please check with you child to see if they received it. Please complete the form and return it to the office asap if you are wishing to continue or start music tuition in 2014.

VACSWIM HOLIDAY SWIMMING PROGRAMS
The enrolment flyers were sent out through the note baskets. If you didn’t receive one please call into the office and pick one up.

GREENWOOD DENTAL THERAPY
The Greenwood Dental Therapy Centre will close on Thursday 19th December for the holidays. Emergency centres during this time are:

- 20.12.13—Haldon DTC on 9409 6362
- 23.12.13—Hudson Pk DTC on 9342 4217
- 24.12.13—24.1.14 Mr Henry on 93130555

Greenwood DTC reopens on Tuesday 28th January. We remind parents that all appointments are sent to the home address. If you have moved, please notify the DTC on 92035611. We offer enrolment to all school students from Pre-Primary to Year 11. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE
On the School Oval: 7pm Carols, 7.30pm Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
In the Church: 12am (Midnight Mass), 7.30am and 9am (No 10.30am)
We wish Mr Ward well in his future endeavours at St Peters, Bedford. Mr Ward has been our Principal for 7 years and we thank him for the outstanding contribution he has made to the ongoing development of our school during that time.
SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENT LIST

All children are to wear clean, tidy school uniforms.

**GIRLS - Summer Uniform**  Liwara uniform dress
- **Brown school sandals** (no socks) or **Black school shoes** with school uniform socks.
- **Liwara school jumper as needed.**

- **Winter Uniform**  Dark green tunic (Yrs 1 – 3) / skirt (Yrs 4 – 6) with white shirt and school tie.
- **Black school shoes** and plain school uniform socks or skin coloured tights.
- **Liwara school jumper as needed.**

**BOYS - Summer Uniform**  Grey Liwara school shirt and shorts.
- **Brown school sandals** (no socks) or **Black school shoes** with long school uniform socks.
- **Liwara school jumper as needed.**

- **Winter Uniform**  Grey Liwara school shirt, shorts and school tie.
  (Long grey college trousers optional)
- **Black school shoes** and grey school uniform socks.
- **Liwara school jumper as needed.**

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

**Girls** – School sports polo shirt with Liwara crest, dark green skirt or sports shorts. **Black sports shoes** and school sport uniform socks. Green tracksuit with school crest.

**Boys** – School sports polo shirt with Liwara crest and green shorts. **Black sports shoes** and school sport uniform socks. Green tracksuit with school crest.

**Note:** Faction t-shirts (faction colours) are to be worn for Athletics and Swimming Carnivals and may be worn on sports days during the term. White or the new sports polo shirts must be worn if sports uniforms are worn on class excursions and for interschool sports.

**PRE PRIMARY UNIFORM**

**Summer** - Liwara Tazlon Shorts, Liwara Polo Shirt
**Winter** - Liwara track suit pants, Liwara track suit top, Liwara polo shirt
  - Liwara school hat, Liwara sports socks, black sports shoes or brown sandals.

**GENERAL UNIFORM NOTES**

**Hats with the school crest must** be worn whenever children are out doors in all terms.

**Children are to wear the correct school uniform including school hat.**  Children are to bring a note of explanation if they are unable to wear the correct school uniform.

All items of clothing are to be clearly marked with the child’s full name.  Full sports uniform is to be worn on class Phys-Ed and Sports days.  Children are to take pride in their school uniform and personal appearance. Hair beyond collar length is to be tied back, red or green ribbons or scrunchies only.

**Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Nail polish & Jewellery must not** be worn to school, with the exception of a watch.  If it is necessary for earrings to be worn they must be **plain stud earrings**.
TERM CALENDAR

The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.


CANTEEN

Please call into the Canteen to put your name on the TERM 4 Roster.

Thursday 5th December—Cathy Bacskaia
Friday 6th December—HELP NEEDED
Monday 9th December— Jenny Bennett
Tuesday 10th December— Kathryn Edwards
Thursday 12th December— HELP NEEDED
Friday 13th December— Sharon Lund

A very big ‘THANK YOU’ to all the helpers over this year. Your help is appreciated. Enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas

Helen Miller
Canteen 9447-5133

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
During the School Holidays

Tuesday 17th December 9:00-11:00am
Tuesday 28th January 9:00-11:00am
Friday 31st January 3:00-5:30pm

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL VACATION CARE SERVICE

If you are interested in finding out more information about the service or expressing an interest in enrolling your child contact the school office or the centre supervisor Deborah Salame or Jesse Walls on 0488 083 657.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

7 Liwara Place, Greenwood, 6024 -
Tel: 9447 6225
Fax: 9246 2692 - Mob: 0422 422 773
Website: www.allsaaintsgreenwoodwa.org.au
Email: greenwood@perthcatholic.org.au

Parish Priest – Fr Vinh Dong / Assistant Priest
– Fr Stephen Hill
Resident Priest – Fr Tam Lai / Fr Tai Trinh
Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday - 9.00am. Wednesday evening at 6.45pm
Weekend Masses: Saturday - 9.00am (anointing every 2nd Saturday of the month) & Vigil at 6.00pm
Sunday - 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm
The Church is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm weekdays (except school holidays)
Reconciliation: Saturday - 9.30am to 10.00am & 5.00pm to 5.30pm or by request.