Our Mission

We gather as a community of believers in a Catholic environment to develop in each child a sense of wonder of learning.

Liwara educates children, with the central support of parents, to become faith filled confident and fully rounded, life long learners.

Prayer:

God our Father, open our eyes that we may sense the wonder and awe In the splendour of all your creation ~ from the stars that are large and far away, to people and the tiniest creatures near us each day.

Help us to become more aware of how every living thing is special and to be treated well.

Lead us to respect and value everyone as unique and important, made in your image and likeness. We ask this prayer through Jesus, who became a human being because you love our world so much.

Amen.

Reflection:

“ We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence.... We need silence to be able to touch souls.” – Mother Teresa

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to once again congratulate staff, students and parents for the smooth and positive transition that has been made into the new school year. I look forward to getting to know each of you as we journey together in 2014. Each year we highlight a scripture passage to help us focus on the values we would like our children to practice.

In 2012 it was...

“Stand firm in faith, be people of courage; be strong.”

Corinthians 16:13

In 2013 we chose...

“Christ will make His home in our Hearts through faith.”

Ephesians 3:17

And in 2014 our guiding theme is .......

“Direct my footsteps according to Your Word”

Psalm 119:133

I thank you for your assistance in reinforcing the message contained in the 2014 Bible quote at home, as the teachers, through their skills and faith, will be translating it for the children so that it can be understood by all at their various ages and stages of development.
**SCHOOL PRAYER**

Our first whole school Prayer Service for 2014 was conducted on Monday afternoon, February 10th, at 2.40pm in the All Saints Church with Year 5s leading us in prayer. Thank you to those family members who were able to join us. I commend the students for the reverence they display whilst in the church. Parents and family members are always welcome to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

**ASSEMBLY**

The first assembly for the year will be held on Friday March 21st at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 5 students will lead and present the assembly items. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly and the presentation of awards.

**PARENT INFO NIGHT**

The PP—Year 6 teachers will conduct two information sessions for each year level on Wednesday 19th February. Parents are asked to attend one of these sessions. The teachers will repeat their presentations twice on the same night to accommodate parents who have children in more than one class. While this will work for the majority of families there will be a small number of parents who will need to contact the class teacher whose session you were not able to attend to get a copy of the information that was presented. It is important that at least one parent attends these meetings. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Parent Information Sessions next week, as these are an important way in which the home-school partnership is renewed at the beginning of each year.

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**NEW FAMILIES NIGHT**

On Friday evening February 14th at 6:00pm the P & F are hosting a night for the new parents who joined our school community this year. Invitations will be sent out to parents who have their first child starting Kindy or have children enrolled in one of the other year levels. I encourage these families to take the opportunity to meet other families and allow us to welcome you to Liwara.

I thank the P & F Committee members who are catering for this event and who will be present to share fellowship with the new members of the Liwara community. It is the start of what we hope will be a rewarding journey.

**COMMISSIONING MASS**

The staff of Liwara joined other Catholic School staff in our region, at the Catholic School Staff Commissioning Mass on Tuesday 11 February at St Luke’s Woodvale. It is a time when staff re-dedicate themselves to their work in Catholic education and pledge to foster the school mission in their roles by ensuring the character of the school community, reflects the Gospel of Christ.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Parent/Student Workshops

Reconciliation is all about having the right relationship with God and it is important that parents journey with their children to help nurture this relationship. The parents of those children who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) this year are asked to attend a workshops on either **Tuesday 25th February** or **Thursday 27th February at 5:30pm** in the Ahern Centre concluding at 7:00pm. These sessions will provide an opportunity for discussion, prayer and reflection. They are essential components of the Sacramental Programme at Liwara.

**TERM DATES 2014—STUDENTS**

Term 1 Monday February 3rd - Friday April 11th
Term 2 Tuesday April 29th - Friday July 4th
Term 3 Monday July 21st - Friday September 26th
Term 4 Monday October 13th - Friday December 12th

*Please note the finishing date for our students at the end of the year is Friday 12th December.*

**STUDENT FREE DAYS**

The following will be the Pupil Free Days in 2014 in addition to public holidays and term holidays.
- Friday February 28th (Pupil free day)
- Monday April 28th (Pupil free day)
- Friday May 30th (Pupil free day)
- Tuesday June 3rd (Pupil free day)

2 more days to be announced.

**CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Thursday 6th March in the Enrichment Room from 9 to 11a.m. This workshop is for parents of children from Year 1 onwards who would like to volunteer in their child’s classroom. This workshop covers how parents can help in the classroom, school expectations and children’s developmental learning. The Volunteer workshop must be completed by any parent who wishes to help in the classroom. If you have done this workshop previously you don’t need to repeat it.
SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURE
We begin the 2014 year with a slightly new procedure for students who arrive late to school and/or leave during the school day for appointments etc. All students who arrive late and parents with younger students arriving late, must go to the office first to get a slip which must be given to the class or specialist teacher when the student arrives at the class. If a parent / carer comes to take a student out early, a sign in slip must be filled in and given to the teacher before the student is released into their care. I thank you for your cooperation with this as it ensures that the whereabouts of the students are always known to the school.

FAMILY INFORMATION PACKS
The Family Information Pack including the Annual Fee Account and the Family Detail Forms for updating, were sent home this week. Please return the Family Detail forms ASAP with your up to date email addresses. This is necessary for the newsletter notification to be emailed to you.

SIBLINGS FOR KINDY 2015
If you have a child who is eligible to be enrolled in Kindy for 2015 and you haven’t already filled in an application form, could you please attend to this as soon as possible. We have already begun getting phone calls from new families for Kindy 2015 enrolments and I would like to ensure that all siblings are catered for at Liwara.

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS
I take this opportunity to also remind parents to consider the arrangements that they have with their children for pick-up to ensure children wait in designated supervised areas. The church car park adjacent to the church on the northern side is not one of these supervised areas nor is the turnaround area on Tuart Road. All children must be picked up only from the designated supervised areas below:

1. Lower car park
2. Oval
3. Upper car park

Children still awaiting pick up after supervision finishes at 3:20pm can be collected from the Office. Thank you for your cooperation in using the designated parking and pick up areas only.

MAGGIE DENT
I would like to thank the P&F for organising the Parent Seminar ‘Building Resilience & Self Esteem in Today’s Children’, facilitated by Maggie Dent yesterday evening, Wed 12 February. The overwhelming support by our school community was testament to the popularity of Maggie Dent and the wisdom she shares. The underlying theme to Maggie’s talk last night was that ‘children still need the basics – plenty of loving interaction with significant people who care for them, enormous amounts of play and opportunities to make mistakes and to learn from them’. She also stressed the importance of the fact that you don’t need a lot of money to raise children! Mike Celenza sent me the link to Maggie’s Facebook page where she posted the following comment “I was absolutely delighted to see the new nature playgrounds being built at yet another WA primary school—Liwara Catholic Primary School in Greenwood. Thank you for putting childhood at the forefront of your school curriculum—everyone wins. …..” Thank you to all our community members who supported the P&F by coming to the seminar last night.
**TERM CALENDAR**

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


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**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.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop Hours
Tuesday Morning
8:00—10:00am
And special times
as listed below

Tuesday February 4th & April 8th 2:30-3:30 pm
Order forms are available online under uniform shop on the school website. Orders can be faxed or handed into the office with full payment and will be dropped off at your child’s class on Tuesday mornings.

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**CAFE**

Please call in and put your name on the new 2014 Roster, or call 9447 5133 Thanks Helen

**CAFE**

Thursday February 13—Diann Trichilo
Friday February 14th— Catherine Bishop
Monday February 17th—Simone Lopresti
Tuesday February 18th—Sharon Lund
Thursday February 20th—Rebecca Fox and Maria Udall
Friday February 21st—Diann Trichilo
Monday February 24th—Kathryn Edwards
Tuesday February 25th—Mary Strohfeld
Thursday February 27th—HELP NEEDED

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**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Parish Priest – Fr Vinh Dong / Assistant Priest – Fr Quynh Do
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.