INTRODUCTION:
We hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God’s presence in our lives. Although he lived about two and a half thousand years ago, the prophet, Jeremiah, has words that are still relevant for us at the beginning of this new school year:
“The Lord says, I know the plans I have for you.... Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” 
Jeremiah 29:11

REFLECTION:
Set your sights high the higher the better.
Expect the most wonderful things to happen, not in the future but right now.
Realise that nothing is too good.
Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you up in any way.
Eileen Caddy

PRAYER:
“God, our Father, We ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our school community this year. May the manner in which our school expresses itself to the wider community bear witness to the active presence of your Spirit among us. Amen”

Welcome to the first school year of the new decade and to the choices and opportunities the new beginning presents to us. To all families and in particular the new students and their families who have joined the Liwara school community this year we offer the warmest of welcomes. This includes the families who are enjoying the exciting experience of having their first child start Kindy. Joining the Liwara Community as staff members this year are Oliver Banks (Assistant Principal and Year 6 teacher), Michelle Morris (Year 2) and Claudette Graham (Education Assistant in the Kindy). I extend a special welcome to them. We welcome back to our staff in 2011 from leave, Joy Ince (Support Teacher), John Greenhill (Year 2), Remy McGavigan (Year 5) and Deb Froome (Library).

We look forward to working as a team. Parent’s enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of our teachers and support staff. Together through our positive actions we can create the right conditions, the right environment and the right opportunities for the unfolding of the new. Along the way we look to celebrate the achievements that come from our combined endeavours.

I thank all involved in facilitating a smooth transition into the 2011 school year. The students for the eagerness to begin and their positive outlook, the parents for ensuring their children were well prepared and ready to start with all the things they needed and the staff who had put in many hours of additional work to ensure all was in readiness to welcome the children. As we move into the new year we have great expectations for what it holds and anticipate only the very best to come out of it.

WHERE IS GOD IN THIS?
In 2010 we used a Scriptural reference to enlighten and inspire our evangelisation priorities. Last years scripture text and this years reference are from the same scripture passage.

2010
“In the service of the Lord work not half heartedly but with conscientiousness and an eager spirit”. Romans 12:11

We build on this with

2011
“Be joyful in hope, persevere in hardship, keep praying regularly”. Romans 12:12

Through the skills and faith of the teachers there will be opportunities provided in the classes for this scripture passage to be translated into a teaching that can be understood by the children at their different ages and stages. I ask that parents also reinforce the messages contained in the guiding reference.
Students will finish Term One on Monday April 18th and begin Term Two on Thursday May 5th. The unusual structure of the Term One and Term Two dates is due to the timing of the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this year. This is to avoid Year Three, Five, Seven and Nine students coming back and commencing the NAPLAN tests on the first day back in Term Two. The WA Government decided to adjust the finishing time for Term One and the Start for Term 2. The original NAPLAN dates were set to suit the Eastern States holiday periods and therefore WA needed to adjust the term dates to ensure fairness for our students. Therefore the Term dates for 2011 are as follows:

**TERM DATES**

- **Term 1** Wed February 2nd until Monday April 18th inclusive.
- **Term 2** Thursday May 5th until Friday July 8th inclusive.
- **Term 3** Monday July 25th until Friday September 30th inclusive.
- **Term 4** Monday October 17th until Thurs December 15th inclusive.

**STUDENT FREE DAYS**

The following will be the Pupil Free Days in 2011 in addition to public holidays and term holidays.

- **Tuesday March 8th** (Day after Labour Day Long Weekend)
- **Tuesday April 19th** (End of Term One)
- **Friday June 3rd** (Day before Foundation Day Long Weekend)
- **Tuesday June 7th** (Day after Foundation Day Long Weekend)
- **Monday August 8th**.

These days are provided in the Catholic School Term dates to facilitate a Professional Development program for staff.

**BER PROJECT**

For those people who have entered the school grounds in the last week you will have noted the new buildings have not been completed in time for the start of the 2011 school year. An extension of time has been sought and granted until the end of March. It is hoped to move into the new library at the end of February and that the canteen and uniform shop will also be operational at this time. We will be seeking assistance from parents during the week commencing February 21st to pack books and move the Library resources to the new facility. Further details will be put out about the move in a separate letter.

**SCHOOL ACCESS**

To ensure the safety of community members while retaining walls and ramps are completed, access to the school via the gate outside the Year Two classrooms has been temporarily closed. Access for the next two weeks from the North Side of the school is via the oval and the pre-primary ramp. Please avoid using the pathway that links the school and the Church. If coming from the Church use the steps close to the Church and take extra care when crossing through the car park to the oval. Please note the fences are there for the protection of our students and community members and the areas that have been fenced by the builders are not to be entered under any circumstances.

**REACH TESTING**

An independent consultant will be at the school on **Monday 21st** to undertake general testing of the children in years 3-4 as well as any children from years 5-6 who have missed previous testing. The result of the testing will be used to identify children for the REACH program. Testing will commence at **5.30pm** and so it is important that, if your child is in the test classes, that they arrive at school on time. There is no requirement for practice or study for these tests.

**STAFFING 2011**

- **Principal:** Greg Ward
- **Assistant Principals:** Clive Chitty and Oliver Banks
- **Bursar:** Lee Hansen
- **Admin:** Anthea Pickering, Jenni Turner
- **Canteen:** Helen Miller
- **Grounds and Maintenance:** Laurie Watts, Ted Smart
- **School Counsellor:** Samantha Goldberg
- **OSHC:** Leiza Brooks, Deborah Salome & Emily Ey
- **Kindergarten:** Judy Rothacker, Elaine Jolly, Claudette Graham
- **Pre Primary:** Leisa Pisano & Sharon Fearon - TA’s - Shirley Van Rullen & Trish White

**Year 1:** Jacqueline Chivell & Karen Hopkins - TA - Jenny Turner

**Year 2:** John Greenhill and Michelle Morris

**Year 3:** Susan Venaille, Rosemary O’Malley

**Special Needs Assistant:** Pauline Libardi

**Literacy and Support:** Yvonne Liebeck & Joy Ince

**Intermediate School Team**

- **Year 4:** Marie Ormond & Terry Tanham
- **Year 5:** Gemma Ballantine, Neil Hamilton-Browne & Remy McGavigan
- **Year 6 Learning Centre Team:** Amanda McCabe, Andrea Rattray, Clive Chitty and Oliver Banks.
- **Library:** Deb Froome, Silvana Sputore and Lorraine Dominish
- **Physical Education:** Neil Morrison
- **REACH:** Clare Magee
- **Music and Drama:** Shannon Redding
- **Art:** Anne-Marie Kelsall
- **Italian:** TBA

**NEWSLETTERS**

This is the only paper copy of the newsletter that will be issued to all families in 2011. All subsequent newsletters will be available electronically via an email link to the school’s website. It is important that we have an up to date email address for you. A small number of paper copies of the newsletter will be available through the school office for families who are experiencing difficulties receiving them via electronic means. No newsletters will be distributed through the classes. Normally our school newsletter is published on the even numbered weeks and the P and F newsletter will be published if needed on the odd numbered weeks of term.

**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

The information sessions for the classes will be held on one night only, Monday February 21st. Due to the Ahern centre still not being ready I will not address all parents in class clusters. Instead as was the case in 2010 the teacher will repeat their information session 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 families who will need to contact the class teacher whose session you were not able to attend to get the information that was presented. These sessions are an opportunity for parents to be informed on class programs and expectations. It is important that at least one parent attend these meetings.

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**FAMILY INFORMATION PACKS**

The family information pack including the annual fee account and the family detail forms for updating will be sent home next week. Please return family detail forms ASAP with your up to date email addresses. This is necessary for the newsletter notification to be emailed to you.
BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS
On Thursday morning February 10 we will gather as a Liwara community to celebrate our first school Mass for 2011. Students from Year 1-6 will attend. Mass will begin at 9.00am in the All Saints Church. I invite all members of the Liwara Community to join us as we pray for the well-being of our school and to look to God our Father to bless us, guide us and empower us as we begin the school year. May the gifts of God’s spirit be alive and practised in every aspect of our school life in 2011.

SCHOOL PRAYER
For first term we will continue to assemble for prayer in the All Saints Church on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm. We will also present the Achievement and Principal Awards at this gathering. The first prayer service will be led by the Yr 6 students on Monday February 7th at 2.30pm.

Parents are welcome to join us for the prayer and presentation of awards. Please remember prayer services are just that and are not to be applauded. I also ask that parents assist us in ensuring that there is respect and reverence when using the church by setting a good example. No photographs are to be taken during the prayer service but parents are welcome to take photographs of their children receiving awards. We are very appreciative that Fr Vinh has given us permission to use the Church for these gatherings.

MEDICAL ALERT—PEANUT ALERT
This year we have several children who are severely allergic/anaphylactic to peanuts. ANAPHYLAXIS is a severe and sudden allergic reaction which requires immediate medical attention and can be fatal. The slightest contact with products containing peanuts/nuts or even the smell alone, can initiate this life threatening reaction. We are asking you, as parents, to NOT provide Peanut Paste, Nutella, Nut Muesli Bars, Tiny Teddy White Choc Dipper or any other products containing nuts or nut extracts to your children whilst at school. If these products are consumed at home before attending school, could you please make sure that hands and faces are thoroughly cleaned. Products that don’t have nuts as an ingredient, but the label states “May contain traces of nuts” are OK to have at school. As a caring community we need your support to ensure the safety of these children.

CRUNCH AND SIP
Crunch and Sip will once again operate in the classrooms in 2011. The Crunch and Sip helps to support healthy eating habits. It is a mini-break where children between the start of the day and recess and between recess and lunch can access fresh fruit and vegetables and water. Children bring along to school a water bottle and piece of fruit or a small container with pieces of fruit or vegetables to eat during the mini-break. This approach is said to assist mental performance and concentration. It needs to be noted that the rule of water only and fresh fruit and vegetables only is non-negotiable and must be observed. Roll-ups etc do not fit within these rules. It is not a problem if children don’t have fruit and vegetables to eat during the mini break.

LIWARA NETBALL CLUB 2011
Welcome back to another year of Netball. Registrations and Grading will be coming up shortly. Notices will be sent to the classrooms. If you are new to the school girls start in grade 2.

NEW PARENT NIGHT
On Friday evening February 18th the P and 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 and 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.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
Those students who have applied to do private lessons in piano, guitar, flute, violin or drums will commence lessons in week 2. Clarinet may not start till week 3.

SCHOOL HOURS
Bell times for children in Yrs PP–Yr6 from Monday to Friday in 2011 are as follows.

Start of School 8.50am
Recess 10.50am—11.10am
Lunch 12.40pm—1.20pm
End of school 3.00pm

I would encourage parents to ensure their children are punctual and ready to start school at 8.50am. There is no class or grounds supervision before 8.30am. Parents are advised that children are not to be on the premises before 8.20am. As the school now has an Out of School Hours Care service, I advise parents if children are at school earlier than 8.20am they may be directed to a supervised area and parents will be required to register their children and be charged for the care provided. We try to manage the safety risk to our children and it is not appropriate for children to be on school grounds when supervision is not being provided. I thank you in anticipation of your cooperation with these arrangements.

CANTEEN CHANGES
Please see the last page of this newsletter for important information in relation to the Canteen. Please send in the reply slip if you are able to help in the canteen.

YR 7 ENROLMENT AT SACRED HEART IN 2013
An information session will be held for parents of year 5 students interested in knowing more about the Sacred Heart Enrolment process at 5.30pm on Thursday February 17th in the Liwara school library. Jan McGrath who manages the enrolment at Sacred Heart will address this meeting.

PREPARATORY CLASSES
For Year 6 and above Classes commence second week each school term
Preparatory Chemistry Thursdays 4.30 – 6.30pm
Cost: $180/student/term
Preparatory Mathematics Fridays 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Cost: $180/student/term
Preparatory Physics
Students wishing to study Physics must study Mathematics first.
For more information see Clare Magee REACH Coordinator.
The calendar is in process and will be available to access on Friday 4th February on the Liwara Website at


**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Hours

8.30am to 9.30am

**TUESDAY MORNING**

**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 Leiza Brooks the centre supervisor on 0488 083 657.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Canteen opening days are changing. For 2011 the Canteen will be open Mondays & Tuesdays and Thursdays & Fridays. The Canteen will be closed on Wednesdays. Please note this on your calendars. The new summer menu will be sent home this Friday and will also be posted on the school’s website. Please remember to use the new prices. Price increases for 2011 will be kept as low as possible to recover operating costs. We do rely on parent help to keep the Canteen operating. Our Manager Helen Miller would be delighted to speak to parents, grandparents etc who may be interested in volunteering in the Canteen. Please complete the form below and send it back to the office.

Our beautiful new Canteen building is nearing completion and we anticipate the Canteen will operate from the new building from the start of term two. Be part of Liwara history by being the first Canteen helpers to work in the new premises!!!

Canteen Helpers Reply Slip

Name: ………………………………………………………………….
Eldest Child’s Class: ………………………………
Phone Number………………………………………………………..
I am interested in helping in the Canteen. I am available on the following days:
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday
I could do……. shifts per term (ie 10 shifts would be one per week)