

# LIWARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## 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.*

*"Stand firm in faith, be people of courage:  
be strong."*

*1 Corinthians 16:13.*

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## REFLECTION:

Behold, this day I make all things new.  
Leave yesterday behind and move swiftly into this wonderful new year,  
knowing that it holds within it only the very best for each one of you,  
and expect only the very best to come out of it.

See My wondrous promises come about one by one;  
see My hand in all that is taking place;  
behold the birth of the new heaven and new earth.  
Dance and sing with joy and give eternal thanks  
as you see it emerge  
and become substance and form  
and grow and develop.

Can you accept that anything can happen this year  
and keep on your toes and be constantly alert?  
Are you ready and prepared for the most wonderful things to take place?  
Are you an optimist?  
Are you super-positive?

All this helps to hasten things up  
and enables you to see only the very best outcome of every situation.  
Because you are looking for the very best you help to bring it about.  
You know that all things are possible and simply refuse to take "no" for  
an answer.

By this very positive action you create the right conditions,  
the right environment for the unfolding of the new.

Welcome to the 2012 school year and to the choices and opportunities it presents to us. A special welcome to the new students and their families who have joined the Liwara community this year. This includes families who are enjoying the exciting experience of having their first child start Kindy. May the time ahead be rewarding for all.

I extend a warm welcome to Elizabeth Bryce (Music), Michelle Meehan (Yr2G), Danielle Parker (Yr 3R), Kelly Watkins (Yr 4 G), Melissa Zach (PPG), and Graham Churchill (Grounds and Maintenance) who have joined our staff in 2012.

We welcome back from leave Karen Swift and Lorraine Dominish.

## TERM DATES 2012

**Term 1** Wed February 1st until Thursday April 5th inclusive.

**Term 2** Thursday April 26th until Friday July 6th inclusive.

**Term 3** Monday July 23rd until Friday September 28th inclusive.

**Term 4** Mon October 15th until Wednesday December 12th inclusive.

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

## STUDENT FREE DAYS

The following will be the Pupil Free Days in 2012 in addition to public holidays and term holidays.

Friday **March 2nd** (Day before Labour Day Long Weekend)

Monday **April 23rd** (Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday **April 24th** (Pupil Free Day)

Friday **June 1st** (Day before Foundation Day Long Weekend)

Tuesday **June 5th** (Day after Foundation Day Long Weekend)

Monday **August 13th** (Pupil Free Day).

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

## NEWSLETTERS

This is the only paper copy of the newsletter that will be issued to all families in 2012. 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 TEACHER MEETINGS

The PP—Year 6 teachers will conduct two information sessions for each year level on Monday February 13th. Parents are asked to attend one of these sessions. The teacher will repeat their presentation 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.

DATE	SESSION TIME	VENUE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 13th	5.30—6.30pm	PP-Yr6 In Classrooms
	7.00—8.00pm	PP-Yr6 In Classrooms

## 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.

## STAFFING 2012

**Principal:** *Greg Ward*

**Assistant Principals:** *Clive Chitty and Oliver Banks*

**Bursar:** *Lee Hansen*

**Admin:** *Anthea Pickering, Jenny Turner*

**Canteen:** *Helen Miller*

**Grounds and Maintenance:** *Graham Churchill, Laurie Watts*

**School Counsellor:** *Samantha Goldberg*

**OSHC:** *Deborah Salame, Jessie Walls and Donné Holmes*

**Kindergarten:** *Sharon O'Brien, Elaine Jolly, Claudette Graham*

**Pre Primary:** *Karen Swift (Term 1) Leisa Pisano & Melissa Zach – TA's - Shirley Van Rullen & Emma Tanham*

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

**Year 2:** *Michelle Morris and Michelle Meehan*

**Year 3:** *Susan Venaille and Danielle Parker*

**Special Needs Assistant:** *Pauline Libardi & Renee Haynes*

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

**Intermediate School Team**

**Year 4:** *Kelly Watkins & Terry Tanham*

**Year 5:** *Amanda McCabe and Andrea Rattray, Neil Hamilton -Browne & Silvana Sputore*

**Year 6 Learning Centre Team:** *Gemma Ballantine, Clive Chitty and Oliver Banks.*

**Library:** *Deb Froome, Remy McGavigan and Lorraine Dominish*

**Physical Education:** *Neil Morrison*

**REACH:** *Clare Magee*

**Performing Arts:** *Elizabeth Bryce*

**Art:** *Anne-Marie Kelsall*

**Italian:** *Nicole Ceriani*

## PRAYER

Our first whole school prayer service for 2012 will be conducted on Monday afternoon February 6th at 2.30pm in the All Saints Church. Year 6 will lead the prayer and parents are welcome to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

## ASSEMBLY

The first assembly for the year will be held on Friday February 17th at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 6 students will lead and present the assembly items. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly and the presentation of awards.

## YEAR 6 RETREAT

On Friday 10th February both Year 6 classes will be involved in a leadership retreat. The venue for this will be the Ahern Centre. We have organised a guest speaker in the afternoon, he is a well known Australian sportsman. Children will wear free dress on this day.

## BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS

On Thursday morning February 9th we will gather as a Liwara community to celebrate our first school Mass for 2012. 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 2012.

## MEDICAL ALERT—PEANUT ALERT

This year we have several children who are severely allergic/anaphylactic to peanuts and egg. **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 2012. 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 or 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.

## NEW PARENT NIGHT

On Friday evening February 10th 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 weeks 2 &3

## SCHOOL HOURS

Bell times for children in Yrs PP– Yr6 from Monday to Friday in 2012 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

The new Term 1 Canteen Menu was given out yesterday and is now on the Website.

## COMMISSIONING MASS

On Tuesday evening the Liwara staff will join with staffs of other Catholic Schools in the North Coastal Region to celebrate a commissioning mass at St Mary's Cathedral. At this mass our staff are commissioned to serve in the school and there is a prayer of blessing asking that each staff member will have the heart and mind of Christ as they fulfil their vocation.

## TERM CALENDAR

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

<http://myschoolweb.net.au/liwara/index.php/term-calendar>



## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop Hours

8.30am

to

9.30am

**TUESDAY MORNINGS**

## 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 on **0488 083 657**.



## CANTEEN

Please use the new Term 1 Menu. It is on the website if you have lost your copy.

**Thank you to my helpers. We still need helpers for the canteen—please call in to put your name on the roster.**

Thanks Helen

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### 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)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.