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 2013 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.

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 hope to celebrate the achievements of our children that came from our combined endeavours.

I thank all involved in facilitating a smooth transition into the new school year. The students for their 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 have 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 best to come out of it.

I extend a warm welcome to Amy Leahy (6R), Mandy Horsley (KG), Christie Talbot (KG) and Natalie Regan (KR) who have joined our staff in 2013.
We welcome back from leave Judy Rothacker and Marie Ormond.
TERM DATES 2013—STUDENTS

Term 1 Mon February 4th until Friday April 19th inclusive.
Term 2 Wednesday May 8th until Friday July 5th inclusive.
Term 3 Wednesday July 24th until Friday September 27th inclusive.
Term 4 Mon October 14th until Friday December 13th inclusive.

Please note the finishing date for our students at the end of the year is Friday 13th December.

STUDENT FREE DAYS

The following will be the Pupil Free Days in 2013 in addition to public holidays and term holidays.

Monday May 6th (Pupil free day)
Tuesday May 7th (Pupil free day)
Tuesday June 4th (Pupil free day)
Monday July 22nd (Pupil free day)
Tuesday July 23rd (Pupil free day)
Monday August 19th (Pupil free day)

These days are provided for 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 2013. All subsequent newsletters will be available electronically via an email link to the school’s website on a Thursday. 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 Tuesday 12th February. 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.

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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.

STAFFING 2013

Principal: Greg Ward
Assistant Principals: Yvonne Liebeck and Oliver Banks
RE Coordinator: Gemma Ballantine (Semester 1)
Bursar: Lee Hansen
Admin: Anthea Pickering, Jenny Turner
Canteen: Helen Miller
Grounds and Maintenance: Bruce Dominish, Laurie Watts
School Counsellor: Samantha Goldberg
OSHC: Deborah Salame, Jessie Walls, Donné Holmes and Eliza Ackland
Kindergarten: Leisa Pisano and Judy Rothacker — TA’s
Elaine Jolly, Christie Talbot, Natalie Regan and Mandy Horsley
Pre Primary: Sharon O’Brien & Melissa Zach – TA’s
Shirley Van Rullen & Tracy Pearce
Year 1: Jacqueline Chivell & Karen Hopkins - TA - Jenny Turner
Year 2: Michelle Morris and Michelle Green
Year 3: Susan Venaille, Rosemarie O’Malley and Karen Swift
Special Needs Assistants: Pauline Libardi and Renee Haynes
Literacy and Support: Yvonne Liebeck & Joy Ince
Intermediate School Team
Year 4: Amanda McCabe and Andrea Rattray & Terry Tanham
Year 5: Marie Ormond, Neil Hamilton-Browne & Silvana Sputore
Year 6 Learning Centre Team: Gemma Ballantine, Oliver Banks (Terms 2-4) and Amy Leahy (Terms 1 and 2) and Joy Ince.
Library Administration Officer: Lorraine Dominish
History: Remy McGavigan
Physical Education: Neil Morrison
REACH: Clare Magee
Music and Drama: Elizabeth Bryce
Art: Anne-Marie Kelsall
Italian: TBA

PRAYER

Our first whole school prayer service for 2013 will be conducted on Monday afternoon February 11th 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 22nd 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 15th 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. Children will wear free dress on this day.
**BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS**

On Friday morning 8th February at 9.00am we will gather as a Liwara community in the All Saints Church to celebrate our first school Mass for 2013. Students from Year 1-6 will attend. 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 2013.

**NEW PARENT NIGHT**

On Friday evening February 15th at 7:00pm 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.

**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 all children.

**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 2013 are as follows.

- First Bell: 8.45am
- 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 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. I thank you in anticipation of your cooperation with these arrangements.

**Canteen**

Please continue using the Term 4 2012 Canteen menu until the new menu comes out next Monday Feb 11th. Please use the new Menu from Tuesday 12th February.

There will be a new roster for this term so please call the office to put your name down to help Helen or pop in when you drop your children at school.

**CRUNCH AND SIP**

Crunch and Sip will once again operate in the classrooms in 2013. 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

The school community will join with the Parish community for the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 13th February at 9:00am in the All Saints church. Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Journey. Ashes on our forehead marks us as Christians, as people who carry Christ’s message in the actions of our lives. Actions that hopefully give those with whom we make contact an insight into Christian behavior.
**PARKING**

Parking around schools is regulated for children’s safety. Please observe all council parking regulations or a fine could result! Parking is available in 3 areas around the school.

**TOP ACCESS ROAD**

Parking is available on the access road from Verticordia through to Tuart Road (one way). Parking bays are to be used. There is no parking parallel to the fence as this creates confusion and dangerous situations for moving traffic and children. *Please use the utmost caution when using this road. A drop off and pick up zone is clearly marked to facilitate an efficient system for the collection of children in the afternoon. Parents are not to park and leave their vehicle in the pick-up and drop off zone at any time.*

**LOWER CARPARK, TUART ROAD**

This area is clearly marked for access, flow through pick-up and parking.

**CHURCH CAR PARK**

This is available before and after school.

**STAFF CAR PARK**

This is for staff ONLY and should not be used to set down or pick up children.

At dismissal time students wait in one of three supervised areas:
- Lower Western car park
- Top Access car park (near Year 5 classrooms) – drop off/pick up zone only
- Oval car park.

These areas are supervised until 3.20pm. It is appreciated that parents are punctual. In the event of an emergency, please advise the office that you will be late. Children who are not collected by 3.20 are sent to the office to wait.

**REACH TESTING**

An independent consultant will be at the school on Monday 18th February 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 help identify children for the GATE and Matrix programs. Testing will commence at 9am sharp 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.

Clare Magee
REACH Coordinator
The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.


Uniform Shop Hours
8.30am to 9.30am
TUESDAY MORNINGS
NB: The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday Dec 4th.

If you wish to put your name down please call Helen on 9447 5133.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fax: 9246 2692 - Mob: 0422 422 773
Website: www.allsaintsgreenwoodwa.org.au
Email: greenwood@perthcatholic.org.au

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.