“Be joyful in hope, persevere in hardship, keep praying regularly”.

When you pray, remember that you are not praying to a distant God, but to the God who dwells within you. Don’t just speak the words, feel what they mean in your life. Don’t pray from your lips, but from your heart. Your prayers aren’t for God, they are for you, to remind you of the Holy Spirit within you.

Susan Taylor

RESPONSE:
Spirit of God, in times of my forgetfulness of your presence, make me aware of you through the “voice” of all that I am doing.

PRAYER:
Spirit of God, help me to guide and direct my thought and senses that I may feel strengthened by your presence. I am thankful that you listen to my heart as well as to my voice. May I always experience the peace and joy of your companionship. Amen

Dear Parents,
The Year 6 students will participate in a Leadership Retreat on Friday. The sessions aim to have the Year 6 students reflect on what is expected of them as student leaders and the actions and attitudes they need to display to have a positive influence in their roles. As part of the program they will have a guest speaker and write a leadership oath that they will all make a commitment to uphold. I thank the Year 6 teaching team for facilitating the days activities.

School Mass
Today we joined together as a school community to celebrate a beginning of year mass. It was an opportunity for us to pray for God’s presence in our lives and to be within us as we work, learn and play in 2011. At the beginning of Mass the Year 6’s did a very prayerful and respectful liturgical movement that encouraged us to ‘let our light shine’ in 2011. We were also privileged to hear inspiring words through the Gospel from Fr Vinh and Bishop Joseph who was visiting from Vietnam. I thank Oliver Banks and the Year 6 students for the roles they played in organising and leading the liturgy.

Commissioning Mass
The staff of Liwara will join the staff of other Catholic Schools in the region at a Commissioning Mass on Tuesday evening at St Mary’s Cathedral. It is a time when staff rededicate themselves to their work in Catholic schools and pledge to foster the school mission in their roles by ensuring the character of the school community reflects the Gospel of Christ.

Commissioning of the 2011 Liwara School Board
On Saturday evening at the 6pm mass in the All Saints Catholic Church the Liwara School Board members will make a commitment to use their skills to serve the school community. In making that commitment the school Board members will be blessed and pray that God’s spirit will enlighten and guide their actions.

The 2011 School Board are as follows;

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Romans 12:12
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.

### School Prayer

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.

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 Year 5’s will lead the prayer service on Monday February 14th and the Year 4’s will lead the prayer service on February 21st.

### 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 have been 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.

### 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 the workshops on **Tuesday 22nd** or **Thursday 24th** February. These sessions will provide an opportunity for discussion, prayer and reflection.

They are essential components of the Sacramental Programme at Liwara. An information letter has been sent home to all students in Year 3 with more information regarding these nights.

Please ensure the necessary forms are returned to class teachers by **Monday 14th February**.

Oliver Banks. Religious Education Coordinator

### Congratulations

We join in congratulating Decan Tai on his ordination last weekend at the All Saints Church. On March 4th Deacon Quynh and Deacon Cyprian will be ordained priests at St Mary’s Cathedral at 7.00pm. We join in praying that God’s grace will be with them as they lead people through their special vocation to know and love Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As Christ’s ambassadors may there be many joys and blessings ahead for Deacon Quynh and Deacon Cyprian.

### 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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### The School Psychology Service

Welcome back to a new and exciting year. For those of you who are not aware of the school psychologist’s role my main purpose is to work as part of our larger team to monitor and support students identified as being at risk, academically or on a social and emotional level, as well as to look at ways we can enhance the welfare of all our students.

This year I am hoping to get back into the classroom a bit more and run some group sessions at a whole class level. I anticipate running the Protective Behaviours (PBs) Program again with some of our students and will also be offering a parent session on PB’s later this year. I also envision offering our wonderful Seasons for Growth program for those children affected by grief and loss and this will in all probability be run in Term 3. Kidsmarter continues to be a focus area for Liwara and I will be supporting teachers in implementing various Social and emotional learning programs across the year levels.

As in previous years I am also available for 1:1 consultations and can assist with issues ranging from learning difficulties, social, emotional and behavioral issues, grief and loss issues, anxiety issues, anger management and bullying. In consultation with parents I can either work with your child during school hours or, depending on your needs, my availability and other factors, help you to access another professional/service that can better meet your needs.

This year I will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and you can contact me via Anthea in the front office.

Samantha Goldberg
Psychologist

### 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 **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.
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.

**DENTAL THERAPY**
The new Dental Therapy Centre at Greenwood Primary School is still not completed. All dental appointments will we at the Dental Mobile at Dalmain Primary School, Dalmain St, Kingsley.

Phone: 0417183458
Centre hours 8.00am – 12noon 12.30pm — 4.00pm Mon-Fri

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**
A number of workshops will be held in Term 1 for parents who wish to either volunteer in classrooms or learn a little more about their child’s learning and how to help them reach their potential. Please note the following dates in your diary. More information will be sent home via your child’s class teacher for specific workshops.

**Early Learning:** Monday 28 February at 9 a.m. in the Reading Room (behind the current Library)
For parents of Kindy and Pre Primary children. We will look at the early years of schooling and how you can help your child develop their early learning skills. An evening session will also be scheduled in the next few weeks.

**Volunteers in the Classroom:** Wednesday, 2 March at 7 p.m. in the Library.
For parents of children in Year 1 onwards who would like to volunteer to help 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 if you would like to help in classrooms from Year 1 onwards. If you have done this workshop previously you don’t need to repeat it.

**Support A Reader Program Training Workshop:** Wednesday 16 March and Wednesday 23 March from 9 – 11.30 a.m. The SAR program is an individual reading program for students from Years 1 to 3. Students work with a trained parent tutor for a short time each day to improve their reading and comprehension skills. We would love as many volunteers as possible!

Further information regarding this wonderful program will be presented at your child’s Parent/Teacher meetings in Week 4.

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**YOUNG MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB**
Budding scientists are encouraged to join the Young Mad Scientists Club. Come and join us to do some awesome slimy, fizzy and bloody experiments with your fellow buddies. The sessions are conducted in the CSIRO Lab at Scitech.

**Date:** 3 March after-school (program will run for 5 consecutive weeks on Thursdays)
**Who:** Year 3, 4 and 5
**Time:** 4.00-5.00pm
**Location:** CSIRO Lab at Scitech, City West building
**Cost:** $40 per student for 5 sessions

Contact our bookings office on 9215 0740 to secure your spot! We also offer teachers the opportunity to have their own personalised after-school Young Mad Scientist Club. Just sit back and enjoy as Scitech runs this event for you! Contact the Science After School officer on 9215 0854 to find out more.

**ASTROFEST**
Join us for a celebration of astronomy, science and the amazing West Australian night sky at this free, fun event. With activities, displays and telescopes of all shapes and sizes, Astrofest is sure to get people of all ages and backgrounds switched on to astronomy and science.

**Date:** Saturday 12 March
**Time:** 5.00-9.30pm
**Location:** Curtin Stadium, Curtin University Campus Bentley
**Cost:** FREE

Astrofest is coordinated by the ‘Astronomy WA’ collective, ICRAR, Scitech and the WA branch of the Australian Science Communicators (ASC-WA). Click here to find out more.

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**NEWSLETTERS**
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.

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Parent Workshops
Family Name__________________________
Eldest Child’s Class____________________
Please circle workshop/s you wish to attend, and return to the office.

Early Learning
Volunteers in the Classroom
Support — A — Reader

Email address for Newsletters
Family Name__________________________
Mother’s Email________________________
Father’s Email_________________________

Please fill in and return to the office as soon as possible.
Thank you Anthea Pickering
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**

**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 was sent home last Friday and it is also available 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!!!

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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)