

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.*

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

Romans 12:12

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REFLECTION:

“Christmas is almost here!” So what do we think of when we hear such news? Probably, the thoughts that come to mind, are those associated with the necessary preparations that go to make the day an enjoyable occasion marked by lots of food, presents, lights and tinsel. Besides this type of joy there is another: “Let’s arise with joy in our hearts and share it with everyone. The meaning of Christmas will always be the birth of Jesus, God’s Son.”

The goodness of a Christian, one who models life on Christ, is not a matter of achieving a high moral standard or of scoring high marks in a test of “rules-observance”. It is letting the wonder of God’s love come through our lives and allowing it to be available to other people. Love is given so that love can be born in another and given in return.

PRAYER:

“As a baby, Jesus came
From his home above,
He left his throne and where he was to teach us how to love.
As a baby, Jesus came
The hope of eternal life,
Recalling us back to God giving meaning to our lives.”

HAVE A HAPPY and JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the 2011 school year we are thankful for the gift of our experiences, the joys, the things that have inspired us and the challenges that have helped us to grow and step out beyond ourselves.

As the Year 6s prepare to graduate and move on to secondary school I wish them good health, strength to meet the challenges ahead, patience to toil for good, charity to see good in the people around them, love enough to be helpful to others, faith to make real the things of God and enough success to make us proud. May they be guided by the love of God and their families to make the most of their opportunities in secondary school. The Year 6s have been consistent in their endeavour this year and made a positive contribution to school life.

For those families who will be closing the Liwara chapter as the youngest child leaves the school, I thank you for the contribution you have made to our school community. We now look forward to celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass with you. I thank each member of the community for the gifts you have shared to make the 2011 school year a successful one.

May the Peace of Christ be within your family as you gather together to celebrate the mystery of His Coming. Happy Christmas and may there be lots of enjoyable moments for your family over the holidays.

STAFF CHANGES

We have a number of staff who will be on leave during the course of next year. I wish Marie Ormond, Judy Rothacker, Leisa Pisano, Rosemarie O'Malley and Jessie Walls a relaxing and enjoyable time as they fulfil their plans for leave during 2012.

John Greenhill has accepted the offer of a secondment to St Luke's Woodvale as the Assistant Principal in 2012. I congratulate John on this appointment and wish him every success in this new role.

We will farewell Irma McCullen, Emma Tanham, Renee Haynes and Caroline Ristovsky at the end of the year after they have very capably fulfilled temporary roles at Liwara. I thank them for the contribution they have made in their time with us. Emily Ey will leave the OSHC team to concentrate on completing a teaching course. I thank Emily for the work she has done as a foundation member of the OSHC staff and the help she provided to establish this service in the school.

Earlier in the year we acknowledged Ted Smart who retired as a part-time groundsman. Ted did many things above and beyond his duties to make Liwara a great place to be.

Finally I acknowledge Trish White who is leaving after 18 years of service as a Liwara staff member and Laurie Watts who is retiring as our full time groundsman. Both have made a big impact through their work at the school. I wish them a trail that brings many rewards and much joy as they fulfil their retirement plans.

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 & TBA

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

Year 2: *Michelle Morris and Michelle Mehan*

Year 3: *Susan Venaille and Danielle Parker*

Special Needs Assistant: *Pauline Libardi*

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*

Music and Drama: *Elizabeth Bryce*

Art: *Anne-Marie Kelsall*

Italian: *Nicole Ceriani*

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Thanksgiving Liturgy of the Word (PP- Year 4)

This will be held in All Saints Parish Church on Wednesday 14th of December at 2.00pm. The liturgy is lead by representatives from each year level. We invite all parents and extended families to join us in this joyful celebration and thanksgiving for what we have received this year.

Thanksgiving and graduation Mass (Year 5-6)

This will be held on Wednesday 14th of December starting promptly at 7pm.

Graduating class of Year 6 Students: All students must be at the church no later than 6.30pm in full summer school uniform. The Year 6 students have allocated seats for their class. No seats are reserved for families; it's first in best dressed! We understand that members of the extended family may wish to join in the celebration but ask families to be mindful that seating may be limited.

Year 5 students: Are expected to attend this Mass in support of the graduating class and in preparation for their graduation the following school year. All Year 5 students must be at the church no later than 6.30pm in full summer school uniform. The respective class teachers will be waiting inside the church where seating has been allocated ready to check students off the role. Parents are not expected to stay. We ask that the students be collected promptly from within the church at 8.45pm from their class teacher. We encourage you to share pickups and drop offs with other families. If you are not collecting your own child, a signed note giving permission for the allocated person to collect your child must be given to the class teacher prior to the evening.

Preparation has begun for each of these special events and we look forward to seeing you at one of these two celebrations!

BOOKLISTS

Please remember to pick up your books from Wooldridges—10 Clarke Crescent Joondalup from 12th Jan—1st Feb (normal trading hours).

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

A reminder the last school day for students in 2011 is Thursday December 15th. The 2012 school year will commence for students on Wednesday February 1st. Kindy and Pre-Primary students will have a staggered intake. The details of these will be included in a separate letter.

LIWARA OSHC CENTRE STAFFING NEWS

There are some changes to the OSHC staff for the first part of 2012. Deborah Salame will be taking over the Supervisors role whilst Jessie Walls is on leave. We are saying goodbye to Emily Ey who is leaving due to work and study commitments and welcoming Donne Holmes & Eliza Ackland. Both Donne and Eliza are qualified and experienced child care assistants and Deborah Salame who has been with us since we opened is qualified and licensed for the supervisors position and has over 20 years experience in child care. The centre is offering a great vacation care program and bookings are filling fast. Please contact Jessie or Deborah now on 0488 083 657 for bookings for either Vacation Care or Before or After School Care for 2012.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

The information letter about the 2012 Instrumental Tuition Program has gone home today. Please check with your child to see if they received it. Please complete the form if you are wishing to continue or start music tuition in 2012.

2012 CLASS PLACEMENTS

This year parents will be notified of their child's 2012 teacher through the report envelopes. That is class lists will not be displayed. Many factors are taken into consideration when children are regrouped and placed in a class. In notifying you of your child's teacher it is important that parents are supportive and positive when discussing placements with their children. Once children are placed in a class and parents are notified this is fixed for the year. It is important that we teach our children to accept, adapt and make the most of new and different situations.



REPORTS

Second semester reports will be distributed to students on Wednesday December 14th. The information in these reports needs to be considered alongside other information conveyed during the year through portfolios, parent/teacher conferences and learning journey nights. As indicated earlier in the newsletter this year parents will be informed of their child's 2012 teacher through the report envelopes.

UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday January 25th from 8.30—10.30am and then again from 5.00—7.00pm.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to the Liwara community Luca Marocchi a brother for Tayla 3R and Milan 5R.



YEAR 6 SOCIAL—MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH

The Year 6 Social will be held in the Ahern Centre. The Social will commence at 6pm and conclude at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided to the children during the evening.

Staff from the Simmonds Dance School will provide the music and run the event. Year 6 staff will attend and help with supervision.

Parents are invited to mingle with other Year 6 parents in the Liwara Staffroom while the children are dancing. Drinks and light snacks will be provided by the P & F.

We ask that the dress for the Year 6's be in line with previous years. Boys wear long trousers, shoes and shirts with a collar. Shorts and T-shirts are not in keeping with the purpose of the evening. Girls are asked to wear a dress.

Jewellery and makeup are at parents discretion.

The Simmons Dance School are currently teaching a range of dances to the children. The Cha-cha and Barn Dance are examples. Parents are asked to attend for the last 10-15 minutes of the evening to dance with their child. We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents there to be part of this special event. *Clive Chitty* - for the Year 6 Team.

FINAL TERM FEE ACCOUNTS

Fee accounts have been sent home today to all families who don't have payment plans in place. Payment is due by 2nd December please. If you are unable to make the full payment please call the Bursar, Mrs Hansen to discuss payment options. Families experiencing financial hardship are able to apply for school fee assistance.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Carols, 7pm - Vigil Mass, 7.30pm on the school oval

Midnight Mass in the church

Christmas Day: Sunday, 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am (NO 5.30pm)

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

*All children are welcome to bring a torch

*Disabled parking – If you require a parking space please contact the parish office

HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL, MIDNIGHT AND DAYTIME MASSES

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 Jessie Walls on **0488 083 657**.



CANTEEN

Please use the new Term 4 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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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.

PARISH NEWS

Fater Tai was ordained a priest in Geraldton Cathedral last Thursday 1 December. His Thanksgiving Mass will be held in our parish on Saturday 10th December followed by a celebration. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Liturgy—Sunday 27 November after the 5.30pm Mass.

Christmas Music – The choir invites anyone who loves to sing Christmas carols to join them to sing at the Christmas Vigil Mass. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.