PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new School year brings. Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our teaching and learning and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive and respectful to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends and colleagues. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year.

Amen

I am delighted to welcome new and continuing families to the new school year especially those who have their first child starting in Kindergarten. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces and a few anxious but expectant faces streaming into the school on Monday.

I extend a warm Liwara welcome to the following staff: Mrs Paullette Lambert—Assistant Principal & Yr 2G; Mrs Melissa Cahill—Yr 4G & IT Coordinator; Mrs Jane Evans—Social Worker; Miss Alberta Bodeker—Yr 4R (Mr Terry Tanham on leave); Mrs Bronwyn White—Kindy G; Mrs Judy Eaton—Admin Officer (Wed & Thu am); Miss Jennifer Ducasse 2R (Mr John Greenhill on leave); Mrs Sharryn Scivolo 3G (Mrs Karen Swift on leave) and back from Parental Leave, Mrs Michelle Greene 3G & Mrs Karen Weston—History & Geography. A very special welcome to Fr Elver, our new Parish Priest, who celebrated Mass with the staff last week. We look forward to continuing the strong school-parish relationships we have with Fr Elver, Fr Stephen and Fr Victor as they spend time with our students in discussion, prayer and reflection during the year.

NEW FAMILY NIGHT

I look forward to spending time with our new parents at the welcoming sundowner. Invitations will be sent out to parents new to the school and I encourage you to take this wonderful opportunity to allow us to welcome you to Liwara. I thank the P&F committee members who will be catering for this event and who will be present to share fellowship with the new members of the Liwara community. It will be the start of what we hope will be a rewarding and memorable journey.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - OUT OF BOUNDS AREA

Parents I thank you in anticipation of your full support in keeping off the grassed area above the new retaining wall and the wall itself. We have had the wall built to strengthen and support the land mass behind it, which was gradually shifting. An engineers report determined the immediacy in attending to this. We will have an “Out Of Bounds At All Times” sign placed in clear sight in the near future but till that time I ask that you adhere to my request and act immediately by keeping off the areas mentioned above. Children from Pre Primary to Year 6 were given the same information on Tuesday so they are all well aware that the area is now out of bounds, at all times. I thank you for your full cooperation.

I thank all who have facilitated a smooth transition into the new school year. The students for their enthusiastic approach to school on the first day, the parents for ensuring their children were well prepared and ready to start with all their belongings and the staff who have put in many hours of their holidays to ensure all was in readiness to welcome the children.

God bless
Andrea Millar
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL PRAYER
Our first whole school prayer service for 2015 will be conducted on Monday 9 February at 2.40pm. Year 5 will lead the prayer and we invite parents to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

FIRST MASS
We celebrate our first whole school Mass tomorrow, Friday 6 February at 11.30am in the All Saints Church. Students from Year 1–6 will attend. We 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 2015 school life.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
All teachers from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be conducting two information sessions on Wednesday 18 February. Parents are expected to attend at least one session. Whilst these sessions will work for the majority of families, there will be a small number of parents that may not be able to attend. It is important to make direct contact with your child’s teacher, if you will not be attending any sessions, to get the information that was presented. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Paulette Lambert and John Dols

ASSEMBLY
The first assembly for the year will be held on Friday 27 February at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 5 students will lead and present the assembly items. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly and the presentation of awards.

FAMILY INFORMATION PACKS
The Family Information Pack including the 2015 Annual Fees and Family Details form, will be sent home this week. Please return the Family Details form by Friday 13 February, noting any changes, particularly current contact information and email addresses. The current email address is required to enable the newsletter notification to be emailed to you. You will also find the Use of Student Images and Internet Policy forms. This information will also be required to be completed and returned by Friday 13.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION
Those students enrolled in this program will commence in Week 2. The tutor will send a timetable home later this week.

REACH TESTING
An independent consultant will be at our school on Tuesday 10 February to undertake general testing of students in Years 3 and 4, as well as any student in Years 5 and 6 who missed previous testing. The result of the testing will be used, in part, to identify children for the REACH program. If your child is in Year 3 or 4, it is important they arrive at school on time. There is no requirement for practice or study for these tests. Thank you for your assistance.

NEW FAMILIES NIGHT
WHEN:  Friday 13 February
TIME:   7:00pm
WHERE:  Ahern Centre Courtyard
         by invitation only

Invitations will be sent to parents who have their first child starting Kindy or have children enrolled another year level. I encourage these new families to take the opportunity to meet other families and allow us to welcome you to Liwara.
SCHOOL HOURS
Bell times for children in Yrs PP– Yr6 from Monday to Friday in 2015 are as follows:

- First Bell: 8.45am
- Recess: 10.35am—11.00am
- Lunch: 12.40pm—1.20pm
- End of school: 3.00pm

CANTEEN
Welcome back to school for 2015. Please continue to use the Term 4 Canteen Menu for now. New menus will be out in a couple of weeks. Please come into the Canteen to put your name on the volunteer list. I look forward to your assistance.

Mrs Helen Miller

HELP NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN
PLEASE COME IN AND PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST.
Your help is much appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP
Order forms are available online under uniform shop on the school website www.liwara.wa.edu.au. Orders can be faxed, emailed or handed into the office with full payment. Uniform items will be dropped off to your child’s class on Tuesday mornings.
New email address is uniformshop@liwara.wa.edu.au
Mrs Marina Mickleson

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
If you are interested in finding out more information about the service or expressing an interest in enrolling your child please contact the school office or the designated supervisors Deborah Salame 0417 180 422 or Jesse Walls on 0488 083 657.

MEDICAL 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, NOT to 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.

NEW
REFRIGERATED
WATER COOLER NEAR
THE YEAR 2 ROOM