Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all of our existing families and welcome to all of our new families. We will officially welcome our Kindergarten children as a whole group next Wednesday as they will only be attending school for their Best Start interviews before then. We welcome to our staff this year Mrs Nikki Wagner (Yr3/4), Miss Michelle Forsyth (Yr5/6), Mrs Anita Mitchell (office) and Sr Frances Moran (counsellor). I appreciate the strengths you each bring to our school community and look forward to seeing your contributions add to the culture of our school. I would like to also acknowledge a number of staff who are taking on new roles this year: Mrs Cindy Denny will be working as our Additional Needs Teacher; Mrs Maree Scheibel will be working as our Teacher/Librarian and Mrs Gae Daley will be working as Teacher Assistant.

We will be holding a Parent Information Night on Tuesday February 12th starting at 6:30pm. I will welcome parents and outline a few points before handing over to class teachers who will present three sessions: 6:50 to 7:10, 7:15 to 7:35, 7:40 to 8:00. This will enable you to attend one session for each of your children.

After School Care commenced this week and will continue throughout the year as usual. If you wish for your child/ren to attend this service on a regular basis, please ensure that you book them in well in advance as we will need notice to arrange for additional staffing if there is enough interest. Once we have an idea of how many regular attendees there are, we will be able to cater better for spontaneous attendees.

As we still have a number of outstanding school fee accounts from 2012, I have been requested by the Parish Management Committee to ensure all 2012 accounts are finalised as soon as possible. In the next week, notices will be sent concerning amounts owing to be paid in full within 30 days. We have made an effort to maintain school fees over the last two years in order to alleviate some of the financial burden our school families are faced with, however we still need to collect all fees to ensure that we can operate effectively. Please honour your enrolment agreement and respect our need to collect these funds.

Have a great week,

Dan Gubby.
Gifts That Differ
Just as a single body
is made up of many members,
each with a different function,
so it is with us;
though we are many,
we are one body in Christ,
all of us linked to one another.
We have a variety of different gifts
and each of us has been graced by the Spirit
in a particular way, for the good of all…
to one is given prophetic vision,
to another, the gift of serving,
to another, teaching,
to another, encouraging,
to another, the gift of a generous spirit,
to another, speaking with wisdom,
to another, the gift of bringing healing,
to another, faith,
to another, helping others,
to another, compassion,
to another, the gift of being cheerful…
So let us use our gifts, for the good of all;
and we will be building up
the Body of Christ.
(from Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4)

RE News
Upcoming dates
Sun 10th Feb - Parish Family Mass 9.00am : Commissioning of Staff and induction of student leaders for 2013
Wed 13th Feb - Ash Wednesday liturgy 10am in the Church
Fri 15th Feb - Opening of School Mass 9.30am
Thurs 28th Feb – whole school Mass 9.30am

We warmly invite all parents, carers and family to join us to celebrate these liturgies and Masses.

Parish Family Mass
Our next Parish Family Mass will be on Sun 10th Feb at 9.00am. We encourage all families to attend this Mass as it will be a special occasion with the induction of our School Leaders for 2013 and the Commissioning of our School Staff. Afterwards, we will have our usual gathering down at the school where there will be morning tea and a bbq to celebrate. This is a great opportunity to meet new members of our community and catch up with old acquaintances. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.