Dear Parents,

Last week, in application for leadership positions, a number of our Year 6 students presented themselves to their peers before a student vote. Following the vote, the school staff comprehensively discussed the students preferences before determining the successful students. This year, as sometimes occurs, we were presented with the scenario of a tied vote, resulting in the following outcome: Congratulations to our three Captains, Lucy, Kye and Abby and our two Vice Captains, Dominique and Clare. Congratulations also to our Year 6 students who were successful in their application for the respective leadership committee roles: Amy and Makaela (Catholic Ministry), Jarod and Ruby (Communications), Lachlan and Lachlan (ICT), Shaun and Brianna (Environment), Joseph, Chloe and Tilly (Library), Monica, Chelsea and Ellie (Social), Luca and Zoe (McGrath House Captains), Xavier and Jake (Nagle House Captains), Bayley and Gina (Brady House Captains) and Bodhi and Danielle (MacKillop House Captains). In addition to the traditional induction and blessing of school captains which occurred at our Family Mass on Sunday, we will induct and bless our committee leaders at our first whole school Mass for the year this Friday. I congratulate these boys and girls again and know they will engage in their leadership roles proudly this year.

It was great to see such a strong turnout at our Family Mass on Sunday. I believe there is a real strength in the bond between parents, staff and the wider parish community that enriches our school community. It is important for our children to see that we are all working towards the common goal of nurturing and supporting their growth. I encourage all families to come along to our next Family Mass.

Thank you for your support of our Parent Information Night. Your attendance sends a very positive message to your child/ren of your concern for their education. I encourage those who were unable to attend to contact their child’s teacher for an overview of the information presented.

Over the coming weeks, you will see our Behaviour Expectations included in the school newsletter. You might wish to cut these out and keep them as a reference at home. This week, we have included “Respect Learning” on the back of the newsletter.

I have set up a Parent Portal on our school intranet site. You can only access this intranet with your child’s username and password. We will upload any notes home to this Portal and various other files of interest throughout the year. I have added the complete set of Behaviour Expectations to this portal contained in a Word document. I hope you find it useful.

Have a great week,

Dan Gubby.
RE News
Upcoming dates
Fri 15th Feb - Opening of School Mass 9.30am
Thurs 21st Feb – Confirmation Parent Meeting 6.00pm
Thurs 28th Feb – whole school Mass 9.30am
Sunday 10th Mar – Parish Family Mass to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week
We warmly invite all parents, carers and family to join us to celebrate these liturgies and Masses.

Parish Family Mass
What a wonderful way to start the year!
Last Sunday was our first Parish Family Mass for the year and saw around 30 families from our school community come together to celebrate Mass and then gather socially at school for a BBQ afterwards. It was great to see so many adults and children enjoying the opportunity to catch up and have some fun on the day.

Our next Parish Family Mass is Sunday 10th March. So why not come along and join in the fun and celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week – a time to celebrate our school and community.

To all those families who came along last Sunday, thank you for supporting this opportunity to build community and we look forward to seeing you again next month…. maybe you could encourage another family to come along and join us.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Our Confirmation Sacramental program will commence in week 4 this term in preparation for reception of the Sacrament on 10th April. A parent meeting will be held next Thursday 21st February at 6pm for all parents of children participating in the program. Whilst this Sacramental program will mostly involve the children in Yr 2, we invite children from Yrs 3 – 6 who are baptised and would like to receive this sacrament to join us for this program. Please complete the slip below if you would like your child to prepare for Confirmation and return to Mrs Parker as soon as possible.

________________________________________________________________

Confirmation Program
Child’s name ________________________________
Class ____________________
I would like my child to take part in the Confirmation Sacramental program this year.

Signed ____________________________________

P & F Meeting: 19th February 6.30pm all welcome

School Uniform Shop - Parent volunteers wanted to assist with the facilitation of this service.
Book Club

Book Club orders are due back tomorrow. All book club orders need to be sent to the office clearly labelled with student name and class, in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag. Payments can be made via cheque, credit card, or exact cash (no change will be given).

Wanted- If anyone has an old record player they are willing to donate Mrs McAnelly would like one for year 3/4 art, working order is NOT necessary.

Student Awards from Week 1 & 2

Kinder W- Joseph C - for putting his hand up before he speaks.
Katie B - for listening when others are speaking.
All KW- for settling well into school.

Kinder R- Dean B - for being a great helper.
Keeley H - for being a responsible leader.
All KR- for settling well into school.

Year 1A- Billie W - for beautiful writing in her writing book.
Jett E - for his attentiveness and positive attitude to work.
Jakob R - for displaying positive work habits in group work.
Luka B - for wonderful neat handwriting.
Dominic B - for working hard and perfect manners.

Year 1C- Myah D- fantastic number work in maths.
Riley A - fantastic year one work habits.
Jed A- Being a year one superstar! Great work Jed.

Year 2A- Jaxson Mc - completing all set task neatly.
Lilly M - well organised and interesting stories.
Christian R positive attitude to learning.

Year 3/4Mc- Jackson F - helping children in mathematics.
Jay-Dee S - a great effort in storywriting and fantastic handball skills.
Tess E - fantastic effort in handwriting and bookwork.
Sophie P - impressive artwork.
Tess E - impressive artwork.
Alice F - impressive artwork.

Year 3/4W- Ashleigh M - fantastic worker.
Ella P - completing work and getting along with others.
Samuel G - great contributions in class and giving of his best.
Ryley S - learning to listen and work quietly.
Alex G - making a fantastic start to her new school.

Year 3/4P- Joel C - for his outstanding Yr4 leadership this week.
Capri E - for her positive approach to school.

Year 5/6GM- Logan J - great efforts in clap catch and cricket.
Serafina J - a great start to OLHOC and year 5/6.
Bodhi A - an excellent start to 2013.
Blake M - Excellent work in all areas. It is going to be a great year.
Amy C - super results in spelling.
Evelyne L - settling in to OLHOC so easily.

Year 5/6F- Simon F - making an excellent start to the year by completing tasks with care.
Dominique G - her willingness to help in any way.

Year 5/6BM- Damon W - for being a mathematician.
Clare M- for having a mature approach to all tasks.
OLHC 2013 School Captains.

- Try your best to participate and understand
- Respect others’ opinions
- Do not call out in class
- Listen attentively while the teacher is speaking

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Mobile Cafe

Jason & Kylie Drew
0414 617 076

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- cold drinks
- hot/cold lunches & snacks

daily to your workplace, corporate and sport events