



Term 4

Week 9

8 December 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 10

Mon 12th	•Meet the Teacher
Tue 13th	•1:30pm Farewell Assembly •6:00pm Year 6 Mass & Graduation
Wed 14th	•8:30am-3:30pm Uniform Shop Opened
Fri 16th	•Last Day of School •No School Banking

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the agapanthus' flower at this time of the year we are reminder of the coming of Christmas. This flower, which is also called **The Star of Bethlehem**, flowers in Advent as we are preparing for the wonderful celebration of Christmas.

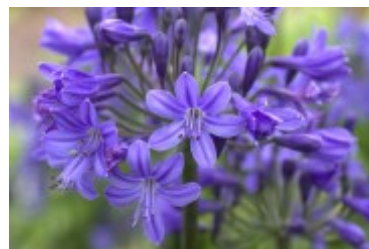
As a Catholic school, we take particular focus on the true meaning of Christmas and work closely with our children so that they will also experience the joy of the birth of Jesus. Our society floods us with commercialism and advertising which can very easily make us focus on our own needs rather than others.

The true meaning of Christmas is shown by others in our world who look to "give" and not to "receive". This was shown originally by God who gave us His only son who came to show us how to love God and others.

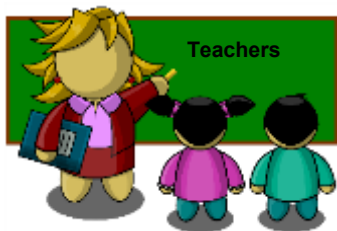
Let us pray that this year we are able to live the true meaning of Christmas and show and encourage our children to do the same.

Yours in education,

Paul Devlin
Principal



MEET THE TEACHER - NEXT WEEK



The "Meet the Teacher" time next Monday is a process where we promote all children to their classes for next year. The children then get to spend about 30 minutes with their 2017 teacher and they talk about the year ahead. The process is for the children to begin their orientation for the coming year and new teacher. The parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher at an information session planned in February. More details about this date will be shared next year.

FAREWELL FOR STAFF

This year we will also be farewelling Mr Brendan Edwards who has served as our trainee technician for two years along with Mrs Erin Blackman, Mrs Marina Downey and Mrs Cassandra Laing who have taught casually in substantial blocks this year. We thank these staff members for their contribution to Corpus Christi this year and wish them all the best for their future.

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

This weeks Tuesday assembly will be starting at 1:30pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Formation

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

John asks, 'Are you the one who is to come?'

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

Who is the special person we are waiting for at Christmas?

Why is Jesus so special?

Who are the people in the world who need Jesus?

Let us pray that Jesus will come into people's hearts this Christmas.

Why do we need Jesus?



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Catholic Culture

ADVENT WREATH

Meaning of these symbols



Circle : has no beginning or end – represents God's life which is everlasting – his love for us has no end.

Evergreen : their ever-greenness reminds us of life, growth and hope.

Candles : Waiting for Jesus to come. **Purple** – time for preparation, time to recognize our need for Jesus. **Pink** – a sign of joy because we know that God loved us so much that he sent Jesus into the world.

Purple Ribbon : Ribbon – decoration on gifts – we should give other people some of the love of Jesus through our good deeds and kind words. Purple – represents hard work and that our giving to others will be hard work too.

Each week a candle will be lit (1st week Hope-light one purple candle, 2nd week Faith- light two purple candles, 3rd week Joy-light the pink candle, 4th week Peace- light the last purple candle)

Understanding Faith Online Resource

We are able to use an online resource to support our religious education. Please log in and check this site out as it is funded by CEO and we would like the students to use this at school and at home so we retain the funding.

understandingfaith.edu.au
user : ceo.parra.6735
password : 2016.ceo.parra



Social Justice

CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Once again thank you for supporting our Parish and its branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the Corpus Christi Christmas Hamper appeal. Your donations of canned food, tins of ham and Christmas goodies to fill our class hampers was once again overwhelming. We had over 60 hampers to donate. We will present these to Tess Lennon from Vinnies at our Christmas Celebration tonight. Your service and mercy has made someone else's life so much easier this Christmas.

Have a lovely week

Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator



MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW (MAI) TESTING 2017

We will start 2017 with two Staff Development days on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January. As in previous years, we ask that you bring your child or children to school on one of these days to be assessed using MAI by your child's 2017 teacher. This assessment will take approximately 30 minutes and will take place in your child's new learning space. More details will be provided in a letter that your child will bring home after meeting their 2017 teacher next Monday. Our 2017 Kinder students will also be assessed. Their assessment dates are Friday 27th, Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st January. Parents will need to log onto School Interviews <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> to book a suitable time.

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

The uniform shop will be open for trading all day on Wednesday 14th December, 2016. The hours of trading will be 8:30am to 3:30pm.

It will then be opened on Tuesday 24th and 25th January, 2017 from 9:00am to 3:00pm



CANTEEN

Please be aware that the menu for the canteen is a set menu and no changes can be made to this. All items are prepacked and there can be no variation to this. Eg A hot dog comes with cheese therefore you are not able to order a hot dog without cheese.




EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Summer Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **four iPad minis**

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 7 February 2017

Presented in partnership with
Teachers Mutual Bank
We put you first



NOTES DISTRIBUTED

- Year 3 - Head Lice
- Year 2 - Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
- 2G - Teacher Continued Leave
- Year 6 - Don Bosco Fun Day
- 5E - Creative Arts Assessment Pieces

UNIFORM SHOP - WEDNESDAY
 8.30am – 9.30am & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

- * **Pre-paid orders** – These orders can be handed in at the school office at any time but will be processed on Wednesdays ONLY.
- * **Label all items** -To ensure all items are returned to their owners - PLEASE clearly mark all items with your child's name.
- * **Exchanges/Refunds** – All items must be in original condition with all packaging including tags attached. A Receipt is required for any faulty item or refund.

******PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS******

2017 Reminders

JANUARY 2017	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th/29th
Week 1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9:00am-3:00pm Uniform Shop Opened ALL WELCOME 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9:00am-3:00pm Uniform Shop Opened ALL WELCOME 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Australia Day-Public Holiday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Staff Development Day •Years K-6 MAI Testing 	
Week 2	30th	31st	1st	2nd	3rd	4th/5th
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BISHOPS OFFICE

Catholic Outlook

- Bishop Vincent's Christmas Message
- Emilio Martinez rising star with the Wanders
- Parish Profile: St John's at Riverstone
- Mercy reps gather with Bishop Vincent for close of Way of Mercy
- News from our Catholic schools
- German Catholic community still welcoming the stranger
- House of Welcome supporting asylum seekers & refugees

<http://catholicoutlook.org/>

Christmas at St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre

Visit St Pauls Books and Gifts Centre for a great range of gifts that capture the true spirit of Christmas. Books for children telling them the story of the first Christmas, liturgical diaries and religious calendars, nativity sets, candles, beautiful icons, Christmas cards with religious themes, statues and framed pictures of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and the saints. At 238 Church St, Parramatta, tel (02) 9126 8912, email bookcentreparr@stpauls.com.au or shop online at www.stpauls.com.au/book-centre

The Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral: 8-25 December

Experience the joy of Christmas with sound and light projections on St Mary's Cathedral. Bring the whole family to view the Fantasia-style animation of the classic Christmas favourite The Nutcracker Suite, Christmas carols and beautiful visions of the Madonna and Child as painted by the great art masters. Starts 7:30pm with a choir performance. The light show comes on just after dusk and stays on until midnight. Each night until, and including, Christmas Night.

A Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Cathedral: 16 December

Celebrate the Christmas season with a concert featuring the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and The Orchestra of The Antipodes, performing a selection of your favourite carols and Christmas reflections. Two performances: 11:00am and 7:00pm. For all details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au