Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

I am preparing this newsletter as we prepare for the school beach day for Years One to Six at Dunsborough Boat Ramp. This excursion is to celebrate all that has been achieved this year. My thanks to Mrs Sinclair for organising this day with support from all staff from Years One to Six. Thanks in anticipation of the support organised by Leanne Verhoeff via the Smiths Beach Surf Club volunteers, to provide the qualified lifesavers required for an event of this nature. We look forward to a fun day to complete the year.

**Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has designated the year from 8th Dec, 2015 to 20th Nov, 2016 as a Holy Year of Mercy. The year commenced with a special Mass on Tuesday at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Bunbury to launch the year in our diocese. Our prayer for this week is based on the goal of Pope Francis for the year of Mercy. More information will follow in the new year detailing how we will celebrate this year in our school and parish.

**Graduation Mass and Dinner**

On Friday evening we celebrated a beautiful Mass to thank God for the considerable contributions our Year Six students have made to our school, families and community. A huge vote of thanks to Fr Ian, Mrs DelaneMrs Horrocks and Mr Torrese for making this Mass such a meaningful celebration.

The Mass was followed by dinner in the hall, prepared by the Year Five parents. The hall was presented on a Mexican theme and had to be seen to be believed. We were able to share a meal with the graduating students and their parents in a beautiful setting. This was an excellent model for the young people of how a strong community recognises and appreciates the gift of the graduating students.
Mrs Kartana and Mrs Sweeny were the staff involved in the generous work of the Year Five parents. There were too many parents to mention, and I don’t want to miss anyone out. Melinda has asked me to thank Katinka and Warren Boyes (Year Six parents) for providing the flowers for all of the tables, as well as many generous prizes for the games on the night, sourced from their shop, Busselton – Coastal Life Surf.

Christmas Concert and Awards Evening

On Monday evening our whole community gathered for the annual Christmas Concert. This year it was the year five class who presented a highly entertaining modernised nativity play. They were supported by a choir made up of every student from Pre Primary to Year Six. It was amazing to see all the students so happy to be a part of this high quality performance. Congratulations to everyone involved, but particular thanks and congratulations to Mrs Horrocks for empowering the students to perform with such enthusiasm and skill. Thanks also to:

- Mr Hogan for his work with the sound and the logistics of setting up and cleaning up the hall.
- Mr Danaher for his work on the sound,
- And our regular volunteer, Mr Brendon Jagoe-Banks, who helped us as the sound engineer.

The evening was a beautiful way to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas, at the same time as an opportunity to build impressive school spirit and teamwork with the involvement of the whole community.

Student Leaders for 2016

Congratulations to all students who received awards at the Graduation Mass and at the presentations following on from the Christmas Play. The elected student leaders for 2016 were announced on Monday evening as well. Congratulations to:

Head Girl: Molly Greaves  
Head Boy: Zac Beers
Deputy Head Girl: Polly Higgins  
Deputy Head Boy: Lyndon Pritchard

Best wishes to our leaders for 2016 who, together with all their classmates, will continue the impressive level of student leadership we have enjoyed in 2015.

Second Semester Reports

Second semester reports will be sent home on Friday. I have read and will be signing all reports. I have been really impressed to see the amount of improvement and development happening for the vast majority of students. My thanks to the teachers for the time and consideration required to complete such professional, affirming, accurate and diagnostic reports.

All of our staff will be attending a Religious Education in-service for Accreditation to work and teach in a Catholic School on Monday with Fr Tony at St Thomas More in Margaret River. As a result, parents wishing to make report interview appointments will need to call on Tuesday or Wednesday morning to make the appointments for Wednesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 1.30pm.

Book Lists for 2016

Details were sent out previously regarding the ordering and delivery of the 2016 booklists for K-6. Please refer to the school website: [http://www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/communication.html](http://www.ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/communication.html). An amendment to the email sent to families is an $8 delivery fee as opposed to free delivery. In addition to the on-line purchasing option, I am aware that Sea Change News have always provided a booklist service if parents would prefer this option. Just print off the order and supply this and they will source the items on the booklist for you.

School Fees

As a growing and developing school, we need school fees paid promptly so we can continue to provide the resources and facilities to promote learning for all students. The prompt payment of fees by families is much appreciated. Could any families with overdue fees please pay them as soon as possible to help us balance our budget for 2015.
If parents need help, please contact Sandra or Des for a confidential meeting to arrange a payment plan.

**Return to School in 2016**

School commences for students on Monday 1st February. Staff will be returning on Thursday 28th January. The school office will be open from Wednesday 27th January.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open next Wednesday 16th December and Friday 29th January from 8am – 10am for anyone requiring last minute uniforms. A reminder that second hand uniforms are available at any time during office hours. Please call in at reception for a key. Thanks again to our wonderful uniform volunteers.

**Swimming Lessons**

I can now confirm that swimming lessons for 2016 will commence on Monday 8th February and will be held at the Dunsborough Boat ramp. The lessons will be over two weeks, concluding on Friday 19th February. Advance notice that we will be sending the registration forms on Monday 1st February (first day of school) and need them returned the next day so the groups can be organised. We can’t do it now as many students will be involved in Vacswim over the holidays and we need accurate levelling information. Thanks in anticipation for your support with this.

**Kindy Christmas Play**

Most people in our community will be aware that Mrs Horrocks will not be in Kindy next year. Fortunately, she will still be in the school doing music and will spend some time teaching in the Kindy. The good news is that Miss Horrocks will be the Kindy teacher, so there will be a seamless transition with our Kindy children making the fantastic start to their schooling as has been the tradition.

On behalf of everyone I thank Maureen for her 17 years of outstanding service in the Kindy. Thanks to everyone who returned for Maureen’s last Kindy Concert. It is hard to quantify the value this service has been to the school. Thank you so much and God bless you, Maureen.

**Thank You**

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who has made my first semester as Principal so enjoyable.

Thanks to the dedicated staff who work so hard to help everyone. There are many wonderful things happening in the school as a result of the positive engagement and response from the students, the direction and support afforded by the staff, coupled with an incredibly supportive parent community. The School Board and P&F are the key bodies of parents who are highly involved, but we have many individuals who give of their time so generously. My thanks to:

- Fflur Lambert and Jordy Rock for managing the canteen for 2015. Thanks also to the many volunteers who have helped.
- Alisa Allison for leadership with the OLC Food Garden.
- Bec Smith and Alison Martin for coordinating the uniform shop and Leanne Verhoeff for her work with providing the second hand uniforms.
- All the class parent reps for all they have done to support the students and staff.
- The 2015 student leaders from Year Six and recently from Year Five students who have provided excellent leadership at all events. They are a credit to our school and their families.

**Staff Changes**

This year we farewell Alan Morrison to an Assistant Principal’s position at Mother Teresa Catholic College in Baldivis and Simone Clews to a leadership position at St Mary MacKillop College in Busselton.
On behalf of all in our community, I wish them all the best and thank them for eight years of leadership service in our school. We welcome Miss Karla Lissiman (Year One), Miss Mel Kent (part time EA) and Ms Nicole Jasper (part time EA).

**Award Winners for 2015**

Congratulations to the following very worthy award winners:

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**Condolences**

I would like to express the condolences of everyone in our community to the Torrese family on the passing of Chelsea’s father on Wednesday evening. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

**Prayers Please**

Please keep the grandmother of Jack and Sian Roberts in your prayers as she is seriously ill at present. Prayers also for Mrs Sinclair’s mother who is in hospital recovering from a serious infection.

**St Vinnies**

This morning two of our local St Vinnies’ representatives, Kath Rooney and Sheila Shannon, attended our assembly to collect the St Vincent’s Christmas Hamper donations from our student leaders. My thanks to all families for your support throughout the year for all the appeals we have had to help those less fortunate than ourselves. May God bless your for your generosity.

**End of Term Best Wishes**

As this will be the last newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a fantastic year. I am honoured to be working in such an appreciative community where everyone works to provide the very best they can for the students.

May you all have a holy and joyful Christmas with family, and enjoy a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Kind Regards and God bless,

Des Wilkie
Acting Principal
Christmas Masses & Ceremonies

Christmas Eve
Children’s Mass - Thursday 24th December 6.00pm
Vigil Mass - Thursday 24th December 9.00pm

Christmas Day
Christmas Mass - Friday 25th December 8.00am
Christmas Mass - Friday 25th December 10.00am

New Year’s Day Mass
New Year’s Day Mass - Friday 1st January 9.00am

Our Parish family is gathering to celebrate Christmas together – so why not join us?

We warmly welcome you to join in our Christmas celebrations.

Naruraliste Terrace (between Seagrass Cove & James St), Dunsborough
Fri Jan Johnson: 08 9755 3944

Happy Birthday!
Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Lyndon Pritchard        Leandra Owens        Audrey Turner
Finn Whitcombe         Jazmin Martin         Gemma Henry
Xavier Goodall         Sonny Spittles        Ruby Eastough
Annabelle Phillips     Grace Carroll
**Medications**
If your child holds medications in the school office, please collect at the end of school and return up-to-date medications on the first day of school next year.
Please let us know if your child has developed any conditions that require medications as we need to keep the medications in the office.

**Thank You – from the Gibbons Family**
Thank you to the OLC Community – students, staff and families for your friendship and support extended to Jarvis over his years at OLC. It is greatly appreciated. Tish and Leo Gibbons

**New Babies!**
We have been blessed to have some new babies born into the OLC Community. Congratulations to Spencer, Grace, Emily & Paul Bateman, Pearl, Sean & Sophie Scanlon and Maisey, Shaun & Jasmin Coyle on the arrival of their new family members.

**News from the P&F**

Thank you so much for all the families and staff that have supported our locally owned and operated business over the last year. We are thrilled to donate 1% of the value of these bookings back to the school P and F and this came to $590.

We will continue to run the “travel bank” for 2016 so when you are planning your next holiday please come down and chat to one of our expert consultants, knowing you are also supporting the school. Please remember to mention the OLC travel bank when you make your booking.

Merry Christmas and thank you for your support,
Helloworld Dunsborough.
DUNSBOROUGH
Carols by Candlelight
5pm THURSDAY 17th December 2015
BRING your family for a picnic dinner on the lawn at John Edward Pavilion (near library) - or dine out with Lions Club for the LAST SAUSAGE SIZZLE of the year.

.....of course SANTA will be there on the big RED couch with Mrs Claus from 5-6pm

• CAROLS start at 6.00 pm SHARP
• KIDS - dress up as angels, Wise men or a shepherd & participate in fun Nativity Play.
• Flame safe candles ONLY $2.50
• Carol-oke off b/w north & south side
• Delicious Yakahra coffee and award winning Simmos ice cream.

WHY would you want to MISS OUT !!

In the CHRISTMAS Spirit, Kindly Printed by Stocker Preston, Dunsborough

Nurture Works Presents

BUZ Pit Stop Camp

Vroom, Vroom, Vroom...

Do you need a pit stop?? Then the BUZ Pit Stop Camp is for you.
Fill up your tank, pump up your tyres, get back in the drivers seat and you’re off!

A camp to help kids be in the driver’s seat and take control of their lives

Who: Primary School Children—School Yrs 4—7
When: Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd January 2016
Where: Point Walter DSR Camp (Applecross)

Includes a day trip to Adventure World!!!
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 8th JANUARY 2016
Register online now! www.buildupzone.com

For further enquiries please contact the Nurture Works office on 9351 2435 or email buz@buildupzone.com

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For more information on programs and packages, please contact us on (08) 9575 7577 or email bookings@gravitycentre.com.au

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**Lost Worlds at the Busselton Public Libraries**

**Summer Reading Club**

**Wandering Dinosaurs**
- Busselton Friday 6th January
- Dino Fun (3-6yr olds) 10am-11am
- Dino Explorers (7-12yr olds) 11.30am-12.30pm
- Dunsborough Friday 6th January
- Dino Fun (3-6yr olds) 2pm-3pm
- Dino Explorers (7-12yr olds) 3.30pm-4.30pm

Discover the amazing lost world of dinosaurs with Suzi Dolan from Wandering Dinosaurs. Two sessions at each Library: one for mini paleontologists (3-6yrs) with lots of songs, crafts, stories and a special dino-hunt and one for our bigger dino-experts (7-12yrs) with real fossils to explore, hands on activities and a take home craft.

**Lego Club**
- Dunsborough Tuesday 19th January 2-3pm
- Busselton Thursday 21st January 2-3pm

Do you like building with Lego? Then come to our Lego Club where you can meet other Lego fans, build some great things, play games and have fun!

**Tiny Terrariums**
- Dunsborough Monday 11th January 2-3pm
- Busselton Thursday 14th January 2-3pm

These holidays why not create your own miniature lost world? Come along to our Terrarium making workshop and you will be able to design, build and take home your own mini ecosystem.

**Silly Storytime**
- Busselton Friday 22nd January 10.30-11.30am

Just for those aged 6 and under a silly, wacky and crazy Storytime event as part of the Festival of Busselton. Get your silly on and join us for some fun.

**Ranger Red**
- One Show Only!!!
- Dunsborough Library
- Thursday 28th January 10.30am—1.30pm

Come and meet Ranger Red at the Dunsborough Library. He has lots of friends, with feathers, scales and fur that he would like to introduce you to. Learn all about his special native animal friends before you get a chance to give them all a big cuddle yourself! Plus a craft activity, book signing and sales of Ranger Red’s newest picture book too.

These activities unless stated otherwise are suitable for primary school aged children. All sessions are free. Bookings are essential.

Phone the Busselton Library on 9754 1588 or the Dunsborough Library on 9750 7111 to make a booking.

**All Holidays**

Why not join our Summer Reading Club and see how many books you can read over the holidays. There are incentive prizes for every 5 books you read and read just 20 books to go into the major prize draw.

Register now at the Library to collect your Reading Log Kit.