Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This weekend we celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church with a Mass at 10.00am, followed by a lunch at the school hall. I am very mindful that it was due to the vision and courage of the early parishioners that our wonderful school opened five years after the parish was established. We have a lot to be thankful for as we enjoy the wonderful school we all benefit from and enjoy today. Please join us for the Mass if you can, or at least offer a prayer of thanks for all that we have been blessed with over the years and ask God’s blessing on the future of the school.

Festival of Fun

My sincere thanks and congratulations to all who contributed toward the recent Festival of Fun. I know all the students had a wonderful time and I have had multiple instances of very positive feedback from community members from outside of our school. The wonderful tone and ethos of our school was clearly on display with the huge contributions of our school families evident. I would also like to thank and congratulate our students for their wonderful behaviour and participation on the day. This was also noticed and commented upon by the visitors. Our students are our best advertisements, and the reason we all work so hard.

It is risky to single out people, given so many people contributed so much. However, I must mention and thank the organising committee of Jordie Rock, Lauren Bidesi, Anna Sidebotham, Michelle Baker, Louise De Chiera and Alicia Higgins.
Finally, thanks to all school families and staff who helped by preparing food, setting up for the day, providing the entertainment, working on the stalls and helping with the clean up late on Sunday afternoon. As a result of this exceptional effort, we raised $25,000, which will be used to help fund our Nature Playground which will commence soon.

(More photos to follow in next newsletter).

**Nature Playground**

On Saturday morning Mark Delane (P&F President and Playground Coordinator) will meet with me and Terry Farrell (Nature Based Play) to mark out the site for the playground ready for the works to commence next weekend. On Saturday, Terry will also inspect the much appreciated donated materials to assess the suitability of each donation. The construction timeline will be:

- Pre-start works will be completed in the O'Connor factory from Mon 7th to Fri 11th Nov.
- Levels will be established and the rocks and logs will be put in place over the weekend of the 12th and 13th November.
- From Monday 14th to Saturday 19th November the Nature Play work team will be on site to complete the works.
- On the weekend of the 20th and 21st November the finishing touches will be put in place at the busy bee. (Information to follow later).
- The best news of all – the playground will be open for play on Monday 22nd November.

All of this has been made possible by our hardworking P&F and community via the funds raised at the last two Slayers’ games and the Festival of Fun. On behalf of the students of our school, I thank all in our community.

**Kindy 2017 Parent Meeting**

The 2017 Kindy Parent Meeting will be conducted this afternoon at 3.30pm. My thanks to Miss Horrocks, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Sweeny for all of the work involved in preparing and facilitating this important sharing of information. Just a reminder that there are still vacancies in Kindy, so please spread the word. An obligation free tour of kindy, and the rest of the school, can be arranged at any time by contacting Fran.

**Staff Development**

We are making good progress on the staffing of our school for 2017. I am hopeful I will be in a position to share this information in the next newsletter.

The other news is that we will farewell Miss Lissiman in 2017 as she moves to Carnarvon for personal reasons. On behalf of all in our school and community I thank Karla for all her contributions to the school and community.

Congratulations to Miss Lissiman on being selected for the Pre Primary position at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Carnarvon.

We have advertised the Year One position and will be interviewing and considering some experienced and well qualified candidates for the position tomorrow.
Catholic Day on Monday 7th November
Staff in Catholic schools have a Catholic Day each year in recognition of the extra time and commitment required from them to be part of the Sacrament preparations and Parish commitments over the year. There will be no classes for the students on this day.

P&F Meeting
Our next P&F meeting is on Tuesday 8th November at 7.00pm. Please come along to this meeting to support our hard working committee in all they do for our school. We are presenting preliminary class and school wish lists for consideration for 2017 at this meeting. These wish lists are being presented early so the P&F can stage the payments across the year since the majority of the funds will be used for the playground. It would be good if we had good representation from our community at the meeting to assist in this decision making.

Festival of Fun – Leggo Competition
Winners

Category – Under 8:
1st – Zali Stone
2nd – Sophie Corrigan
3rd – Annabelle Phillips

Category – Under 9 and Above:
1st – Jack Demarchi
2nd – Cooper Smith
3rd – Donovan Boyes
4th – Sienna Currie
Principal – Skye Gendell

South West Wellness Expo Colouring Competition
Winners from our school:
Years 1 & 2: 2nd – Eedi Hodgkin (Y2),
3rd – Madison Rogan (Y1P)
Years 3 & 4: 1st – Gabi McGinley (Y3)
Prizes were presented at the Expo, Sun 30th October by Taj Burrow, local Yallingup resident and surfing legend.

Congratulations to Carl, Barbara, Lara and Lea Murray on the arrival of their son and brother Luis, Born yesterday 1.11.2016 at 1700

They sent this note of thanks:
All went really well and we are very very blessed to have little Luis complete our family!!
Thank you all for all the hugs and support leading up to the birth!

Good News on Jenny Hansen
We were thrilled to hear that Jenny has been released from intensive care after a serious bout of pneumonia. Jenny was very thankful for all the prayers and support she has received from the school, Church and community.

God bless,
Des Wilkie
Principal
SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Last Sunday the Year Four Students celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. This special celebration saw them receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time and brings them all closer to God. Many thanks to Mr. McSevich, Mr. Torrese and the Year 4 parents for their work in preparing the students and in helping them to make meaning from the day.

Many thanks also to the Year Three parents who provided a delicious celebratory morning tea. The attention to detail made the children feel very special and the food was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Fleur Lambert and Nic Campbell for coordinating the provision of the food, the setup and the cleanup for the day. An amazing effort all round; much appreciated everyone!

OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS 25TH ANNIVERSARY  This Sunday at 10.00am we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Church. All families are welcome to come along to mass and to then attend a light luncheon at the school afterwards. Many thanks to Kirsty & Jack Dollisson, Prue Monotti, Kristie Leahy, Karen Wilkie and Kathy Holt for volunteering to help with the luncheon service on Sunday. Your assistance is most appreciated. God Bless.

Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.
Our Learning Culture

What am I learning?
Why is it important?
What does success look like?
What do I need to do to improve?

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, one of our educational goals this year is certainly becoming very visible around the school. Our classes now have clear learning intentions and success criteria for every literacy and numeracy lesson displayed in each class. This is part of our goal of “Effective Teaching and Learning Practices” and ensures that our students have a clear understanding of what they are learning, why it’s important, what success looks like and what they need to do to improve.

Some more great examples from our classrooms are displayed below.

Adrian Torrese
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

- Jack Gordon, Alexandra Youlden, Emerson Hughes - Green Room (PPB)
- Flynn Rogan - Green Room (PPL)
- Joe Chapman & Sian Roberts, - Orange Room (Y1L)
- Grace Bateman & Madison Rogan - Orange Room (Y1P)
- Sophie Corrigan & Kade Martin - Blue Room
- Coby Pes & Amelie Lambert - Red Room
- Cuba Paterson & Otis North - Yellow Room
- Sydnee Howard & Cooper Smith - Purple Room
- Saskia Caldow de Jong & Polly Higgins - Silver Room

Year 3 Parent Meeting - 2017 1:1 iPad Program

Dear Year 3 Parents

All students entering Year 4 at OLC in 2017 will be required to participate in the 1:1 iPad program. Parents have the option to either provide the iPad (meeting minimum specifications as prescribed by OLC) or to participate in a school purchase program.

Your attendance is required at a parent meeting on Monday 14th November at 7.00pm in Yellow Room (Year 4 classroom). During this meeting an outline of how digital learning is being used at OLC will be presented. This will include explicit examples of the effective approaches that are being implemented towards student learning and progress. In addition, details of the school program (including costs) and the minimum device specifications will be explained.

Following this meeting you will be required to indicate your intention to either participate in the school purchase program or provide your own device for the 2017 school year. For this reason, it is imperative that one representative from each family be represented on the night.

Late Arrivals and Absences
If your child is going to be late to school or absent for the day, please advise us on 9755 3866, and, if late, sign them in when they arrive. If you plan on taking your child out of school early, they must be signed out at the office. Also, when your child has been absent, please ensure an absent note is completed and handed in the next day. This is a legal requirement. Thanks for your support.
OLC GARDEN BUSY BEE:
We have a busy bee in the kitchen garden scheduled for Sunday 13th 10-12pm, kids welcome to play while parents help. MANY hands make light work and there's a yummy cake coming to bribe you! We need to prep the garden for summer dormancy so that next year can be really rewarding for the kids!

LOCAL ADVANTAGE CARD
OLC in conjunction with Local Advantage South West WA is offering family and friends to purchase this “money saving” discount card.

For only $49, you will obtain a 12 month membership which offers amazing discounts on a huge range of South West products and services.

Conveniently available on your mobile, so it will be with you wherever you go.

Amazing discounts like 25% of your total bill at Dunsborough Tavern & Caves House plus offers from Xscape, Yallingup Maze, Goanna Gallery, Jo Jingle, Wonky Windmill Farm and a heap more.

To purchase go to www.localadvantage.com.au and use the special OLC Coupon Code “OLC2016” which will also provide our school with $12 from every membership purchase.

Great Christmas Present, although you MUST be a South West Resident to purchase (Something special for the Country people at last).

Go straight to the website and get your card ----- it is fantastic.

P & F Committee

Art Calendars
These have arrived and are just being sorted for distribution. They will be sent out in the next couple of days.

Scholastic Book Order
The Ultimate Sleepover Guide was ordered without a name on it. If it was yours (this was from 2 orders ago), please collect from the school office.
We would like to thank all these amazing businesses who have donated to the Festival of Fun to assist to make it a successful day.
Please ensure you pay them a visit in return for their support.

Coastal Life Surf Busselton, Coles Dunsborough, IGA Dunsborough, Hyperluxe Dunsborough, Busselton Ice Supply, Bunnings Busselton, Hot Chocolatte, Spotlight Dunsborough, Orana Cinemas, Gourmet to Go, Dunsborough Volunteer Fire Brigade
Many of the talented year six students are making their public debut at the Simmos Family Picnic. They are in four groups, practicing hard. Please come and give them a warm audience and help us fun-raise for a couple of local Mum's.

Yallingup Rural Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Fundraiser - On Friday 4th Nov the Owner / manager of Cave's hotel has very kindly offered to support us in a fundraising evening. Apparently they are opening a new bar "Nilgi Bar" and he will donate some of the proceeds from the evening to our Brigade. There will, I am led to believe, be an article in the local paper about the evening as well.

A local singer is also performing on the evening as well.

There is no cost involved, just buy a few drinks

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au
Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons
Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.
For further information and online enrolments visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

BUSSELTON SWIMMING CLUB BOGAN BINGO (In support of Country Pennants Kalgoorlie 17)
TICKETS: $30.00 Please call or email Kylie Rann 0417 998 325 kylierann@bigpond.com, or Catch up with Liz McGregor or Melody May at swimming training at the pool.
WHERE: CHURCHILL PARK HALL
WHEN SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2016
TIME: DOORS OPEN 7PM TIL 11PM EYES DOWN 8PM
CASH BAR AVAILABLE: BEER, WINE, CHAMPAGNE, UDL, SOFTDRINKS.
BRING A PLATTER FOR YOUR TABLE

Is your child starting high school in 2017?
Enrol today in our HEAD START PROGRAM

Help your child start high school with Confidence
- Naplan Preparation
- Essay Writing
- Interactive Science
- Foundation Maths & English
- Advanced Maths & Intermediate English
- Learning Skills
- Computer Coding
- Have fun with Drama
- Australian History

January 17th – January 28th 2017
Each subject is 6 hours, 3 hours per day over 2 days.
Venues: Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS
Cost: $180 per course. 10% discount for all enrolments received before 19th December 2016.

Head Start program to help students going into year 7 in 2017 gain confidence and transition successfully in their high school studies

For further information, program and enrolment:
Website: www.academictaskforce.com.au
Email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au
Phone: (08) 9314 9500

Community Aquatic Series
Busselton 5-6 November 2016
FREE swimming clinics hosted by a leading WA state coach and champion open water swimmer

Join the fun!
Swimming – an essential part of the Western Australian way of life
The John Hughes Big Walk is less than two weeks away and we would LOVE to see you there!

Online registrations close next Friday 11 November, so if you are going to register and join us in walking for kids in hospital NOW is your chance.

You can register on the day, but the registration fees are higher, so we recommend registering online in advance to get the best deal!

**Date**
Sunday 13 November

**Time**
15km walk starts 8:00am (approx. 2.5 - 3 hrs walking)
11km walk starts 8:30am (approx. 2 - 2.5 hrs walking)
6km walk starts 9:00am (approx. 1 - 1.5 hrs walking)

**Place**
All distances start and finish at the beautiful Burswood Park and trace around the Swan River

**Cost**
Online by Friday 11 November:
$25 for adults
$10 for kids 5-16
FREE for kids under 5
$50 for family (2 adults, 2 kids)