Oh God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, Oh, Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days.
All have come forth from your hand.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of the past year bring fruit.
Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will.

Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.

May we continue to grow
In wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord Amen.

Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,
On Tuesday evening we conducted a very well attended AGM of our P&F and School Board. These meetings are an opportunity for the achievements of the year to be shared and for the goals for the next year to be presented.

A lot has happened in the 2016 school year. Much has been achieved as a school, community and parish. We have also celebrated some significant milestones and events including:

- The twentieth anniversary of our school in March.
- The twenty fifth anniversary of our church, dedicated to Our Lady of the Southern Cross, in November.
- We have had a significant growth in student numbers, allowing a balanced school budget that will carry some funds into contingency for 2018 and beyond.
- The arrival of our new classroom next week to allow for the extra class in 2017.
The approval and funding of stage five of our building plan which will see two classrooms, an extension to the library, development of the carpark to the north of the main carpark and the surfacing of the new carpark to the west of our new classroom.

A new nature playground has been completed and is in use thanks to the funding provided by our P&F.

For the second year in a row our P&F has contributed over $70,000 towards resources and in subsidies for school events and opportunities for the students.

The P&F conducted an amazingly successful Festival of Fun and the third “Slayers” ladies football match raised a huge amount of funds for all three schools involved.

The results and data we have on student improvement from a range of standardised tests, indicate that a huge amount of achievement growth is happening across the school.

The learning support programmes (Mini-lit and Multi-lit) have produced amazing results.

A maths extension programme involving a significant number of students across all grades from years 1 – 6 has shown considerable improvement for this already able group of students.

I could continue to add to the list, but no doubt you get the idea. Our school has had a wonderful year as a result of our committed and professional staff, our engaged and enthusiastic students supported by a hard working cohort of parents and community leaders via the School Board and P&F.

I will be putting the Principal’s Report, Board Chairperson’s Report and P&F Presidents report on the website before the end of this year. I encourage families to read these so you have more specific information on progress in 2016 and improvement goals for 2017.

Changes in P&F Leadership for 2017
We have a significant number of our P&F Executive members stepping down after many years of outstanding service. Our retiring leaders include:

President: Mark Delane
Vice President: Leanne Verhoeff
Secretary: Nicole Vernon
Treasurer: Alicia Higgins

This group of parents have made huge contributions to our school and it is very much appreciated. Thanks on behalf of all in your community for all of your work.

The good news is that the meeting was able to elect a new team of leaders to continue the important work of the P&F. My sincere thanks to the following parents for accepting election to the following positions:

President: Ben Huxtable
Vice President: Garry Hodge
Secretary: Anna Sidebotham
Treasurer: Nadia Murphy
School Board Representative: Lauren Bidesi
Pastoral Care: Prue Monotti and Deb Brice
Food Garden: Sally Gray, Sherylee Tutt, Amanda Prestipino, Lisa Annert (School liaison person)

School Board Members for 2017
Our School Board membership for 2017 will be:

Ex Officio Members: Des Wilkie, Adrian Torrese and Fr Ian Johnston
Co-opted Member: Michelle Baker (for her expertise and experience in marketing)

I thank those members completing two year terms for nominating for re-election. It is great to have continuity in a time of growth and development of our school.
**Orientation Day for Students from Year 1 – 3, 2017**
All students will spend a session in their next year’s class tomorrow between 9.30am and 10.30am. My thanks in advance to the teachers and education assistants for preparing a transition to another year of growth, development and great potential.

**Dunsborough Boat Ramp Beach Picnic Day**
Friday 9th December will start with an assembly at 9.00am. The year six class will be sharing their final performance assembly, so don’t miss it.

Students in years 1 to 3 will leave for the boat ramp at 9.45am. Students in years 4 to 6 will leave at 11.30am with the students from years 1 to 3 returning to the school for school based activities after lunch. All students will have lunch at the boat ramp at 12 noon. Children in kindy and pre primary will participate in end of year activities at school.

Students should come attired for a day at the beach. They need a collared t-shirt and a hat for sun protection along with either a rash vest or another t-shirt for the water based activities. The children may wear thongs and should come to school with sunscreen applied. Please ensure the children bring lunch and a morning snack together with a water bottle.

**Graduation Mass and Dinner – Tomorrow Evening**
Please see the OLC Catholic Community Corner for an invitation to the Graduation Mass tomorrow evening.

The Year Six students and their families will also enjoy a beautiful dinner prepared by this year’s year five parents. I thank the organising committee for all of their work in planning and preparing the hall and food to make the graduation a special and memorable event as a way of showing appreciation for the contributions of the graduation students and their families.

**Christmas Play and Awards Night**
This is scheduled for next Tuesday 6th December at 5.30pm. The whole school is involved in the Christmas play with our year five students leading the play on stage. I have seen the rehearsals and, as always, the standard of performance is outstanding. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a wonderful community evening.

**Kindergarten Concert**
The kindy concert is happening on Thursday 8th December at 9.10am. This is another event not to be missed so please come along.

**Enrolments for Next Year**
We still have vacancies in kindy, pre primary and year one for 2017, with some space also available in some other classes.
I will be at school until Tuesday 20th December if you know of any families who may be interested in enrolling after that date, please encourage them to ring and leave a message. We will be checking the messages throughout January.

**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 and has really helped this year. Could any families with overdue fees please pay them as soon as possible to help us balance our budget for 2016. If parents need help, please contact Sandra or Des for a confidential meeting to arrange a payment plan.

**Changes in Staffing for 2017**
As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Miss Lissiman will be moving to Star of the Sea in Carnarvon next year. I would like to thank Karla for all that she has contributed to our school and community over the last year and wish her all the best for her move to a new school.

We will welcome Nick Jones to year three and Amy Rundle to year one for 2017. Nick will be meeting his year three class tomorrow for orientation and both Amy and Nick will be joining us for part of our Professional Development days happening in the week after the students finish school.
The other change is that the School Board has employed Sara Drmota to replace Fflur Lambert and Jordie Rock as canteen coordinator. We look forward to welcoming Sara and I would like to thank Fflur and Jordie for their outstanding service over several years.

**Second Semester Reports**
Our dedicated staff is currently completing student reports for Semester Two.
In Years 1-6, the new report format (as per Semester One) will give grades (A-E) for all learning areas based on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority’s Judging Standards. These standards can be accessed online. Religious Education, English and Mathematics will also include a teacher comment regarding student progress in those learning areas.
Pre-Primary students will receive A-E judging standard grades for Religious Education, English, Mathematics as well as a grade for their Fine and Gross Motor Skills development.
Students will receive feedback on their effort in all year levels and in all learning areas. This feedback is specific and based on displaying a positive attitude, engaging actively in learning, completing set requirements and using time wisely. Along with a general comment the students will also receive feedback on their personal and social development (Pre-Primary) and their management and awareness (Year 1-6). The reports will be sent home in a sealed envelope on Friday 9th December.

God bless,
*Des Wilkie*
Principal

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**OLC Catholic Community Corner**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

Please continue to give generously to support others in what can be a difficult time of the year by popping something in the Vinnies Boxes in each classroom. Goods will be parcelled up and presented to two members of the St. Vincent De Paul society at next Friday’s Final Assembly. Thank you for your donations so far.

- **KINDY:** Christmas goodie, choccies, bonbons, puddings etc.
- **PP, Yrs 1, 2 & 3:** Tins, pasta, rice, biscuits, crackers, sauces, jams, condiments, (basically any non-perishable good food, which can be used beyond Christmas).
- **Yrs 4, 5 & 6:** Toiletries, such as shampoo, hairbrush, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, sunscreen, moisturisers, soap etc.

**YEAR SIX GRADUATION MASS**
We would like to extend an invitation to all OLC families to join us in celebrating the Year Six Graduation Mass this Friday at 5.30pm at the Church. Moving on from primary school is an important milestone and we ask you to pray for our Year Six class as they transition to high school in 2017.
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS
On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating a Family Mass and we are looking for any children who would like to participate in the Nativity play. Costumes will be provided and a rehearsal will take place on **Friday the 9th of December at 4.00 pm**. If your child would like to take part, please contact me at the school, or call Mrs. Ruth Morley on 9756 8816 to register your interest.

THANK YOU
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all OLC families for their support and participation in all our masses and celebrations throughout the year, and to wish you all a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

“*May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,*
*May the Christ Child light your way,*
*May God’s holy angels guide you,*
*And keep you safe each day.”*

God Bless,
Mrs Amie Meyer, OLC Religious Education Coordinator.

Our Learning Culture

Over the past year we have been gradually implementing new school programs, enhancing our effective use of student data that we have about their learning, utilising strategies to make sure we provide the right about of challenge for all students and focusing on the elements of our teaching craft. This year we have made huge gains in measuring the effectiveness of our impact.

At the AGM on Tuesday night we shared the following school results of 2016:

**AGM 2016 - Curriculum Data Report**

1. **NAPLAN** - results over time 2015 to 2016
   - Year 3
     - Reading - remained steady
     - Writing –steady improvement
     - Maths - steady improvement
     - Spelling – strong improvement
     - Grammar and Punctuation - steady improvement
   - Year 5
     - Reading - steady improvement
     - Writing – remained steady
     - Maths - steady improvement
     - Spelling – slight decline
     - Grammar and Punctuation – steady improvement

2. **PAT Assessment** Years 1 -6 Summary 2016
   Teachers compare students' learning to arrive at a National scaled score mean. This promotes reliable teacher judgements. These judgements are comparable across year levels and the school over time.

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3. PLD Spelling – 90% of students in Years 1-3 are at or above the expected grade level.

4. Maths Extension Years 1-6: 92% made above or well above 1 year of growth in 2016. We need to continue raising the bar as 25% (50) of students in Years 1-6 (195) are involved in the Maths extension program.

5. Reading Intervention (Reading Fluency and Strategies) – Mini and Multi Lit Years 1 (MiniLit) – 2,3,4 (MultiLit)

35 students have been through the program in 2016. Tremendous growth in Reading Levels for students involved as a result of the Program. 60% have progressed 10 to 15 reading levels, 40% 5-10 levels

6. Reading Levels – significant growth in the junior years (PP – Year 3) of students above their expected year levels. We need to keep raising the bar with extension as 35% of Years One students have achieved A’s and B’s in reading this year.

7. Pre Primary On Entry Assessment (CEWA) - Term 1 and Term 4
All Pre Primary students have achieved at or above the expected end of year Pre Primary level in English and Maths.

8. Kindy Assessment for referrals, invention and ongoing support and extension we are utilising in 2017:
Brigance Assessment – assessment based on a Global set of norms
A Speech and Language screening in Term 2 2017

9. Writing School based assessment – closer and more accurate data will be available in 2017 with the school taking on the Brightpath program – Teachers compare their students’ work to calibrated exemplars to arrive at a scaled score. The process of comparing students’ work to the calibrated exemplars promotes reliable teacher judgements. These judgements are comparable across teachers, schools and over time. Based on over a decade of pioneering research at the University of Western Australia.

10. BRLA – Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment – some more work needs to be done in this area to increase student achievement in 2017 and beyond. Plans are already in progress.

2016
Year 5 CEWA Schools Mean – 478.8
Our Lady of the Cape – 438.4

2015
Year 5 CEWA Schools Mean – 478.8
Our Lady of the Cape – 446.8

We now have a strong platform of data to build from and measure against.

Our curriculum goals for 2017 are:
1. School leaders view student data as essential.
2. Staff assigned for data planning, collection and analysis.
3. Time is set aside for data discussion.
4. Regular data is used in all classrooms to make judgements about individual needs
5. Key elements of teaching and learning - Clarity about what students need to learn, high expectations are set, explicit teaching of content, individualised attention and timely feedback.

The commitment and collective expertise of our teaching staff and our educational assistants, along with the dedication of our learning support staff led by Brigid Bradley, play a huge part in our student progress.
Booklists 2017

Parents can access the lists online to order.
1. Go to www.campion.com.au

2. Click on ‘Order now’ next to where it says “Parents and students, place your 2017 orders now”.

3. Add in the order code for the school which is 7SAF. This will then direct you through to ordering for the year level.

Orders must be placed by December 16th 2016

Your home delivery order will be dispatched the week ending 13th January 2017.

The delivery service is $8 for orders placed by the 16th December 2016. After this date a delivery charge of up to $17.50 will be charged.

Campion Online Ordering

You can now create a Campion Online Ordering account, which will enable you to:

- Save your order for up to 48 hours and return to complete it
- Place orders for multiple children with one payment
- View your online order history
- Add items to your order before it is packed
- Track your home delivery parcels through Australia Post
- Retrieve your digital book access for eBooks

Happy Birthday! - Wishing you a very happy Birthday!

Thomas Ryan  Donovan Boyes  Ruby De Marchi
Kye Godding  Zahra Love  Amelia Pritchard
Nthan Gilbert  Elsie Cross  Tao Brice
Tayla Verhoeff  Isabella Bidesi  June Baker
Leila Williams  Cooper Bidesi  Harvey Larsen
Lyndon Pritchard
**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Merit Certificate

Lyla Craike - Green Room (PPB)
Violet Clift & Ocea Smart - Green Room (PPL)
Priya Hodges, Lily Demarchi, Rose Rawling & Nathan Gilbert - Orange Room (Y1L)
Justin Matthews - Orange Room (Y1P)
Saffi Jennings & Jack Roberts - Blue Room
Sam Rolfe, Peter Rock & Fletcher Brown - Red Room
Matthew Spencer & Amelia Pritchard - Yellow Room
Evie Valmadre, Lasair Reynolds, Nelson Lacey & Louis Sinclair - Purple Room
Zac Beers & Tahlee Merfield - Silver Room
Evie Valmadre - Sport

**NOTE FROM JENNY & PETER HANSEN**
Jenny has made great progress in her recovery from pneumonia after spending some time in a coma. She has made a wonderful contribution to our school listening to the children in the lower years reading. We have missed her over the past term. The staff hosted her for morning tea last Thursday and Jenny asked if we could thank everyone for their cards, support and prayers. She said she was very grateful for all the care and kindness shown during her illness and has really missed the children. She looks forward to continuing with us next year and said she thinks of the children as 'angels'.

**News from the P&F:**
Helloworld Dunsborough are happy to donate $763 to the OLC P and F. A huge thank you to all the families and friends of Our Lady of the Cape who have made bookings with helloworld Dunsborough, we appreciate the support from the school community and are glad we can support the school in this way.

Merry Christmas,
From Anita and all the staff at helloworld Dunsborough.
Canteen
The last canteen day for the year will be Thursday 8th December and I will be doing a Sausage & Chicken sizzle. If your child/children would like to order on that day, please pre order using the forms that will be in each classroom from Monday. Please complete the order form and return to your class canteen box by Wednesday.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out in the canteen this year, as you know we couldn't do it without you. Myself and Jordie will be moving from OLC canteen at the end of the school year and leaving you in the capable hands of Sara Drmota in 2017.

I would like to thank Jordie for working with me over the last two years, she has done an excellent job of running the canteen on a Thursday. Always on her game and extremely reliable!

I have been running the canteen for the past five years and would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout that time.

Canteen Roster:
Week 9 Tues 6th Dec  
Thurs 8 Dec
Nikola Hewson  
Amanda Prestipino
Caroline Rolfe  
Laura McGinley
Fflur

Proposed Term Dates for 2017

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SPANISH COURSE for Kids
from 7 to 12 years old
Spanish born tutor
Bachelor Degree Primary Education

All levels are welcome. 10 weeks course per Term

Available days:
Thursday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

$150.00 per Term

Please, email me your expression of interest with your preferred day and level required. Classes will be in groups of 8 max.

Venue: TBA
email: laumar.spanishteacher@gmail.com
We are very pleased to announce the opening of a new exciting adventure high rope park in the Ludlow Forest in Busselton.

Forest Adventures South West is the perfect venue for schools: from outdoor education to class outings to challenge children in a beautiful and safe environment.


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TIMOR 2017
CHICKEN SPONSORSHIP

In the July school holidays each year, selected students from Year 12 represent the College in an immersion trip to East Timor. The students cover the full cost of their travel and also fundraise to support the communities in the province of Bagua. Whilst education, school resources and buildings are the main focus of our support, the 2016 travel group took modified brake bleeders to teach the community to milk their goats, thereby providing them with milk to consume and sell.

The Timor 2017 group are running a similar initiative where Mackillop families/friends can sponsor a Timorese family in the purchase of a brood of chickens (one rooster and three hens). This will not only provide nutritious eggs (a protein source for children’s brains) but also provide an income from the sale of excess eggs.

The cost of purchasing four chickens in Timor is AUD $75.00, notably more expensive than ‘Aussie’ chickens, but a life changing gift for a Timorese family.

All ‘chicken sponsors’ will be acknowledged in the College newsletter, website and yearbook once the travellers return from Timor. Sponsors will also be invited to name a chicken in our ‘Chook Pen’, which will be situated at the Primary Campus for the duration of the fundraising event.

If you wish to be a ‘good egg’ and take up this ‘egg-cellent’ opportunity, please complete the adjacent sponsorship form and return it to the College via:

Post – PO Box 5370, West Busselton WA 6280
Email – admin@mackillop.wa.edu.au
In Person – Primary, Central or Secondary reception

TIMOR 2017
CHICKEN SPONSORSHIP

I enclose $75.00 to sponsor a Timorese family in the purchase of a rooster and three hens:

| Family name: |
| Email: |
| Phone: |
| Oldest student name: |
| Name of chicken: |
| Room: |

Payment method:
- Cash (enclosed)
- Cheque (enclosed)
- Credit Card (Mastercard / Visa)

Name on card:
Credit Card Number: ______ / ______ / ______ / ______
Expiry Date: __ / __
Total amount authorised to debit: $75.00
Signature: Date:
SUMMER READING CLUB

What's happening at your Library this summer?

Photo Booth
At your Library all holidays!
Create your own superhero moment with our fun props and capture it with your camera!

Mermaid Storytime
Buselton Library
Friday 13th January 10:30am–11:30am
With special guest Mermaid Nita; this is a special storytime for those aged 0 and under. Part of the Festival of Buselton.
Bookings not required.

Be the Hero!

Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 18th January 9:30am–12pm
Join us at Rotary Park in Bunburton for the annual Playgroup WA Teddy Bears Picnic.
All ages, all welcome.
Phone Playgroup WA on 1800 171 682 to register.

Summer Reading Club
At your Library all holidays!
Register now for our Summer Reading Club, see how many books you can read over summer and you could go into the draw to win an iPad Mini!!!

Be the Villain!

Harry Potter Book Night
Buselton Library
Thursday 2nd February 6:00pm–7:30pm
Celebrate the end of the year by joining us for our special Harry Potter Book Night. Best dressed gets special prize, games, treats & a spectacular night of wizarding wonder.
For all ages. Bookings essential!!!

Take Home Crafts
At your Library all holidays!
Grab a 'super' craft template to take home and make.

@ THE BUSSELTON PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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