

9 December 2011

## END OF YEAR UPDATE



We have had a very busy few weeks but it was great to get the Year 6 Big Day Out, Yr 5 Movie trip and the Junior school picnic all happening last Monday as the rest of the week the weather

has been very wet!

It was a shame we had to cancel the Picnic / Carols event tonight, but the weather wasn't on our side!

### **Principal Update:**

There will be a letter posted home today letting you know what's happening with the principal's appointment for next year.

### **Classes for next year:**

One of the reasons we do not put out class allocations until the end of term is that we have new enrolments all the time and that teachers need time to consider the class arrangements very carefully. In the last two days we have made some changes to our plans for the classes. This means that we will be able to have some straight year classes. I have honoured all parent requests as far as I could. You will be informed by post next week of your child's class for next year as well as reports for the senior school and information you need to start the year, for everybody.

Room 1 – Cathy Langley – New Entrants

Room 2 – Sue Polson – Year 1-2

Room 3 – Nina Kickhefer – year 2

Room 4 – Cath Blacklow – year 3

Room 5 – Anna Lischner – year 4

Room 6 – Catherine Rush – year 5

Room 7 – Claire Corbett – year 5-6

Room 8 – Rory Paterson – year 7

Room 9 – Jane Clifford – year 8

### **School Accounts:**

We have completed calculating 2012 Parent Contribution accounts. All amounts have been revisited and you will note some small changes. The

calculations have been worked out room by room because teachers have different costs associated with their teaching.

Parents share of the MCTC (Yr 7 & 8) has increased, this is also heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees. We are most grateful to the Ashburton Licensing Trust for covering the tuition cost of the swimming programme, this only leaves the admission cost to be paid. They also still contribute towards Life Education Caravan for which we are most grateful.

Costs are as follows:

Rm 9 Ms Clifford	Yr 7/8	\$120.00
Rm 8 Mr Paterson	Yr 7	\$120.00
Rm 7 Mrs Corbett	Yr 5/6	\$65.00
Rm 6 Mrs Rush	Yr 5	\$65.00
Rm 5 Miss Lischner	Yr 4	\$65.00
Rm 4 Mrs Blacklow	Yr 3	\$60.00
Rm 3 Miss Kickhefer	Yr 2	\$60.00
Rm 2 Mrs Polson	Yr 1/2	\$60.00
Rm 1 Miss Langley	Yr 0/1	\$60.00

**Please note** this is the cost per pupil for the **FULL school year**. If you choose to pay this account in full before the end of Term 1, you will receive \$5 discount per child. You are most welcome to divide the total into 4 and pay per term or, make your payments weekly, fortnightly or pay by automatic payment through internet banking.

Parent Contributions account does not cover school camp, class/sports trip or Australasian exams, these will be invoiced separately at the time of use.

The Parent Contribution account covers all Swimming entry, Religious Education resources, Newspaper in Education (where appropriate), visiting performances and shows and other incidentals.

### **Bus Pupils**

Families of bus pupils will have received a notice regarding the School Transport Service for 2012. Please read this and action it after 15<sup>th</sup> January (as explained the website needed is being updated and enrolments won't be updated until after this date). You do not need to re-enrol children if they are currently enrolled, just CONFIM they will still use the school transport system next year.

## **Home & School**

*The Home & School Committee would like to thank the School Community for all your help and support throughout 2011 with Pea Straw carting, School Disco night, Yr 8 Leavers Dinner, Turkey fundraiser, Friday Sausage Sizzles and the countless other things that we get involved in.*

*On behalf of the committee, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas, enjoy the holidays, safe traveling and good luck for 2012.*

*Simon Adlam*

## **Thank you**

We wish to thank Fr Geoff, Fr Gerry and Monsignor Harrington for their continuing help and support of our school during 2011. We have valued their input in the classrooms and with our school Masses, and have appreciated their continued commitment to the school.

A sincere thank you to all parents who have helped during this year with so many school events. We know you are all busy people and you have all given so generously of your valuable time, it is very much appreciated.

## **Some Housekeeping!**

The School second hand uniform shop will be open on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January during the classroom meetings, from 9.30 – 12 noon. You are also welcome to contact Donna if you need information regarding uniforms on 307 8840.

## **Monday Brought Lunches**

We have been advised by the owners at Allenton Food Market they do not want any notes larger than \$10 in with lunch orders – this is for security reasons. Apparently they have had some confusion over change in the past and wish to minimise any mistakes.

## **Final School Assembly - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 11am.**

### **Holy Name Church**

You are invited to attend our final school Assembly for 2011. All parents and friends of the school are requested to be seated by 10.50am in the Church.

Programme

- Introduction & Welcome by House Leaders

- Opening Prayers
- Board of Trustees Chairpersons Message
- Presentations
- Principals Message
- Carol
- Closing Prayer

Children will be taken back to school by their teachers then you are free to take your children home. If you wish to take your children home please 'sign them out' and remember to let the teachers know. School will be open until 3pm. Buses will still be running as usual.

### **End of Year Mass - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

#### **Holy Name Church**

This is our final School Mass for the year, we look forward to seeing all our students and parents there.

Children are to be dressed in clean and correct school uniforms (no tee shirt to be worn underneath, please). They are to assemble in the carpark on the East Side of the church no later than 6.40 pm.

There will be supper for all parents / caregivers / grandparents outside the Staffroom, **weather permitting (if wet this part of the evening will be cancelled)**.

We ask children to leave the parents to enjoy a social time together. Please bring a plate to share for supper. This can be put into the School staffroom before Mass.

Please remember the Church is a place of worship, particularly during the celebration of the Mass. We gratefully appreciate your quite reflective attendance at our end of year Assembly and Mass.

#### **Christmas Mass Times**

***Christmas Eve:*** 6pm Ashburton

9pm Ashburton

***Christmas Day:*** 8.30am Tinwald

10am Ashburton