Dear Parents and Community Members,

THE ADVENT WREATH

THE SECOND CANDLE –

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

On the second Sunday in Advent two purple candles are lit. The light burns brighter as Christmas is getting nearer! The second candle reminds us of the time when Jesus came among us as a baby and was born in the small town of Bethlehem.

By the light of this wreath, we wait in patience for Jesus the Christ, who comforts our fears and brings hope to the world.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Father, help us to prepare the way for Jesus, Light of the world.

Pre-Primary Nativity Assembly

What a beautiful Nativity Assembly, 'Wombat Divine', this morning! Thank you to our Pre-Primary class for helping us to finish off the year with such a lovely celebration

Congratulations

This morning at our Assembly we recognised and celebrated the amazing achievement of 20 years of dedicated service to our school by some of our staff members.

Congratulations and thank you to Ms Cherryl Scott, Mrs Jo Leach and Mrs Gillian Brady. We look forward to the next 20 years!

We Value:

**Integrity**

Valuing yourself and others because each person is made in the image of God

We show this by:

- Treating others as you want to be treated
- Taking care of other people’s belongings
- Saying please and thank you and using people’s names
- Following the school rules
- Keeping the classroom and playground clean

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**OUR VISION**

A welcoming community of Many Minds and One Heart in Christ

**OUR MISSION**

With Christ as its inspiration & guided by Gospel values, the school strives to promote the education & development of the whole child. Our Mission is to provide a high quality education that will inspire an ongoing love of God and embrace our core values:

**INTEGRITY**  **RESPECT**  **JUSTICE**  **COMPASSION**  ** COURAGE**
School Board Update
The AGM was held last Tuesday. We thank retiring Board members Leith Johnston, Tim Giumelli and Mel Birrell. We welcome new members Ebony Harris, Linda Davern and Kate Bovell.

P&F News
At the AGM, we thanked outgoing executive Anthony Congdon, Cindy Barbetti, Tania Barnes and Jasmine White. New executive for 2017 was announced:
President: Yvette Duane
Vice-President: Tania Barnes
Treasurer: Kirsty Frontino
Secretary: Jenelle Comiasso
Canteen: Clare Clements
Uniforms: Alison O’Rourke and Briony Page.

The P&F Christmas raffle was drawn this morning at assembly.
First Prize: Two nights’ at Amalfi Resort Busselton The Goater Family
Second Prize: Apple Ipad Air 2 Pam Harris
Third Prize: Bunnings Family Mary Storey
Fourth Prize: Partylite Products Castafaro Family
Bonus Prize: Babysitting by Miss B Duane Family

Thank you to the Barbetti family, Retravision Bunbury, the Ecclestone family and Jo Buemi for kindly donating our prizes.

End of Year Celebration/Graduation
This was held on Tuesday night and was a wonderful evening to recognise our students and graduating class.

Nature Play
If you are available to assist in preliminary work towards the end of January, please contact the office before Thursday 14 December, or contact Vicki Noonan.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday and thank you for your support during my first year as your Principal. May the peace of Christ be with you and your families in this Christmas season.

School commences for students on Wednesday 1 February.

Mrs Angela Hegney
Principal

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Certificates at the last two assemblies. Well Done!
Kindy Emmy Johnson, Katie Hughes, Bridie Humphrey
Pre Primary Mitchel O’Rourke, Joshua Fiorenza
Year 1 Liam Prowse
Year 2 Lauren Bayliss, Ariana Meads, Evie Page
Year 3 Raine Potter, Jake Lockhart
Year 4 Reagan Hughan, Wil Zappa
Year 5 Stephanie Congdon, Harry Lockhart, Marcus Pope
Year 6 Matisse Burton, Callum Castafaro, Liam Heelan
Religious Education News

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11
Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Immaculate Conception of Mary—December 8

This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary's holiness from the very first moment of her existence. It was God's way of preparing for the birth of her son Jesus.

O God, keep us good and make us holy so that we too will be ready for the birth of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 9th December, 9am

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you for donations.

Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas and a restful holiday.
Wow! It is our last week of Year One! We have been busy learning all about the Nativity story during our Religious Education lessons. We have created some fantastic Christmas Art and have had fun writing stories about reindeers, elves and Christmas. Our excursion to Amaze'n Margaret River was amazing. We have had a fantastic year and achieved so much. We can’t wait for Year Two!

Year Four - We can’t believe it is the end of the year already - where did that time go? We have finished off the year by learning golf (a few budding golfers in here), reading novels and learning all about factors and multiples. We have spent a couple of weeks practising our times tables - Mrs Godwin said a few weeks ago that our year 5 teacher wouldn’t be happy if we didn’t know them - we didn’t realise then that our year 5 teacher was going to be Mrs Godwin again!! We are off to relax and recharge before coming back to the same room but a new year level next year. Merry Christmas everyone!

Pre-Primary
The class has had a very busy end to the term. The children have been learning their lines and songs for our Nativity assembly. They should feel so proud of their performance, Mrs Brady and I were very impressed with their dedication and concentration while learning all aspects of the play. We have been very busy cooking some delicious treats for Christmas, and creating some wonderful pieces of art. Gill and I would like to thank all the parents for all their support and help over the past term. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a lovely holiday break.

Year Three
We can’t believe we are almost Year Fours! We are so excited about our Excursion to Koombana Bay today and have loved our Golf lessons. Our solar cookers were perfect – we cooked some yummy s’mores in them and measured the temperature inside the ovens. Some of our ovens heated to over 60 degrees!! We have been learning about the strength of triangles in structures and had two group challenges – one to build the tallest freestanding tower and one to build the strongest bridge.

We have been using our Advent Calendar to remind ourselves daily that Advent is a time to wait and prepare as we pray for each other’s families. We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing each other in 2017.

Year Two
We have had a wonderful year in Year Two, and Ms Scott is so proud of how hard we worked this year and how much we have achieved. We finished off the year with a fantastic excursion to Amaze’n in Margaret River. We had so much fun getting lost in the maze, but luckily we all managed to find our way out! We look forward to Year 3 with Mrs Dykstra and Ms Maslin, and wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxed holidays.

The end of the year is fast approaching, but we have still been busy in Year Five. We finished the year with a Technology and Enterprise challenge. The Bucket Challenge required students to build a structure out of straws that included a free swinging cup. The cup then had to be able to hold weight. We evaluated the success of our group structures and discussed clever design ideas.

In English we finished our class novels and used the iPads to design a movie poster and preview for our books. We look forward to our end of year excursion and can’t wait to be leaders for other students to look up to in 2017.

Kindy
Today we celebrated the end of a fantastic year with an excursion to The Bunbury Wildlife Park. We have grown so much this year, in self-confidence, maturity and knowledge. We are ready for Pre-Primary! We wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas!

We have been using our Advent Calendar to remind ourselves daily that Advent is a time to wait and prepare as we pray for each other’s families. We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing each other in 2017.

It has been fun,
Our time has come,
We are DONE!

Goodbye OLOL, the Year Six class 2016
Thank you to Nicole Johnston for her creative design of our new artwork in the undercover area. This highlights our school values and is a welcome addition to brighten our school environment.

All our senior students contributed, guided by Mrs Johnston and Mrs Brady.

Sincere thanks to Nicole and Gill for their hard work to make this happen. Thanks, also, to David Wells for framing and hanging our beautiful masterpiece.
Graduation and Awards Night
We really appreciate the Shire of Dardanup grant that enabled us to purchase an additional 8 stage blocks, to add to the ones already purchased by our P&F this year. This allows flexibility for our performances and activities.

Pre-Primary students are rehearsing for their Nativity assembly on our new blocks. Thank you, Shire of Dardanup, and OLOL P&F
**Canteen News**

Thank you to our canteen manager, Clare Clements, along with her leaders Graham, Julie, Louise, Danni, Denise and Jasmine for all their wonderful efforts and ensuring our school canteen ran every week.

Thanks also to the parents whom volunteered their time as helpers.

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN MORNING**

Our school uniform shop will be open on Monday 30th January.

For all those last minute uniform purchases.

To avoid big queues, below are the different times we would like families to come in. Orders this term are welcome, with collection and payment only on the day (allowing orders to be pre-sorted).

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**PAYMENT IS VIA CASH ONLY**

Thank you to our parent volunteers that allow this open morning to happen.

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**TERM DATES for 2017**

**SEMESTER 1**

**Term 1**

Students start: Wednesday 1st February

(Kindy commences on Thursday 2nd)

Last day: Thursday 6th April

**Term 2**

Students start: Wednesday 26th April

(Kindy students commence on Thursday 27th)

Last day: Friday 30th June

**SEMESTER 2**

**Term 3**

Students start: Tuesday 18th July

Last day: Friday 22nd September

**Term 4**

Students Start: Tuesday 10th October

Last day: Friday 8th December

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**DARDANUP DANCE CENTRE**

presents

“A Night Under the Stars”

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th December at

“Ferguson Farmstay Amphitheatre”

930 Henty Rd, Ferguson.

Amphitheatre open from 6.45pm. BYO Food and enjoy a picnic prior to the performance at 8.00pm.

Refreshments available.

Tickets available from “Stepping Out Dance World”

Beach Road, Bunbury from 21st November.

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**School Fees**

Thank you to all the families who have paid their school fees to date.

Any outstanding amounts for the 2016 school year are now over due.

If you are experiencing difficulties in paying, please contact the school office as soon as possible for a confidential meeting.

Thank you

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Merry Christmas from the lovely ladies in the Library;
Ms Maslin, Mrs Fitton and Mrs Duski.