Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 school year.

A special welcome to our ten new students and their families. Welcome also to our new Kindy families, especially the families new to our community. As has always been the tradition in our school, our students have made significant efforts to welcome and support the new families in their first few days.

School Uniform

One of the highlights of a very successful start to the year has been the appearance of our new sports shirt. Our new sports uniform is attractive, practical and cool. The students look so smart in them, and they love them.

I took particular notice of each student as they came to the first assembly. It was impressive to see that we had very close to perfect school uniform. Thanks must go to all parents for making the effort and providing the funding to make this possible. High uniform standards reflect well on our school and community whilst setting a good learning tone in the school.

We are all very fortunate to have Janelle Commissio and Briony Page giving of their time and expertise to do such a wonderful job as a volunteer co-ordinators. The new sports uniform is a success as a result of much effort and persistence from Janelle and Briony.

Early Childhood Playground Upgrade

Excellent progress has been made on the upgrade with the new shed, Kindy verandah extension, igloo climber and the new boat is in place. Significant amounts of recycled rubber softfall has also been installed to upgrade the bike track, with the highlight being the attractive shade of purple under the verandah extension. I wonder who chose this colour???

We will gradually open sections of the playground as they are complete. There will be some further play areas developed across the term with everything being complete by the end of first term.

Changes to Communications

We are moving to providing the newsletter via our website, at www.ololdard.wa.edu.au to save paper and time. If people are unable to access the website, we are happy to supply paper copies. Parents should contact the office if they wish to continue receiving a hard copy.

I ask that people begin to use the website now to become familiar with this before paper copies cease at the end of this month. The other advantage of electronic communications is that photographs will be in colour and high definition. We are also working with our web designers to develop links on the website for other reminder notes and special messages.

In Car Pick Up

Everyone should have received an invitation and instructions earlier in the week on how to access In Car Pick Up. Please return your registrations (even if you have already been using the system) by this Friday so we can prepare the name cards to be displayed on your car dashboard to further improve this service.

Making Jesus Real

As mentioned at the AGM last year, we are introducing the ‘Making Jesus Real’ program into our school. This program was designed by Peter Mitchell from the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office. Many Catholic Schools in Western Australia are already using this program with considerable
success to empower students to reflect Jesus in their behaviour and interactions with everyone. Peter will be visiting our school for a PD Day in second term to work with our staff during his visit to WA to support schools.

The School Board has set aside funding for the training of staff to establish this program in our school. The program is based in middle primary so we are sending Mr Skehan and Mrs Godwin to Hobart for the training at the end of this month. More information will follow once the program is underway.

Classroom Parent Meetings
We have had a wonderful start to the year with all classes settling well and already making very good progress. To assist with the links between school and home teachers are offering the following parent meetings to outline classroom programs and procedures.

Week 2
- Tuesday 10th Year 1 3.15pm
- Wednesday 11th Year 6 2.30pm
- Year 2 3.15pm

Week 3
- Monday 16th PP 3.15pm
- Tuesday 17th Year 5 3.15pm
- Wednesday 18th Year 4 2.30pm
- Year 3 3.15pm

If you are unable to attend the meetings please contact the teachers to arrange a meeting at some other time.

P&F Grape Pick Fundraising Event
Thank you to all the families who have kindly volunteered their time to help with our Grape Pick fundraising event. We still don’t have a definite date as yet due to the nature of the grape industry but it is most likely going to fall on Saturday 21st or Saturday 28th February.

Once we have a definite date Dana Taylor will text the families who have volunteered. Thank you in anticipation of all your help. We could always use extra volunteers. If you can help please contact the office.

Italian Community Language Programme
The government funding for our Italian Program has been reduced this year with the school having to make a contribution to the cost. As from 2016, there will be no funding provided. Our school is not in a position to totally fund these lessons, so we will be faced with dropping the program. This is a very unfortunate situation. The Italo-Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre has provided this program for thirty six years and wish to continue to support students and schools throughout Western Australia. I am sending a petition with this newsletter. Could parents wishing to sign it please return it to school by next Wednesday so Mrs Scassera can take it with her to Perth for the Italian Teaching PD Day.

P&F Meeting
Thursday 12th February 9.00am-10.30am

With so much happening in the first weeks we are scheduling our first P&F meeting early in the term. The morning meeting will hopefully allow Kindy and Pre-Primary parents attend once they have dropped their children to class. Parents are welcome to bring younger siblings.

We would also love to be able to welcome some of our new families if they can attend. These meetings are a great way to meet other community members, to learn about all of the events happening in our school and to support the outstanding work of our P&F. Drop in for a coffee and stay for the meeting, even if you can’t stay for the whole meeting.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Jess and Kirk Lassen on the safe arrival of their son Charlie. We wish them well.

God’s blessing to you all
Des Wilkie

Merit Certificates
- PP Devereaux Stowe, Nathan Huges, Anouke Harris, Flynn Fazey
- Yr 1 Addison Barnes
- Yr 2 Ella Taylor, Pia Mangano
- Yr 3 Riley Stenhouse, Campbell Taylor
- Yr 4 Isabella Damiani, Kyle Dewar
- Yr 5 Jake Alpake, Jack Borlini
- Yr 6 Layton Vardaro, Dayna Madaffari, Ben Taylor

School Email Address
When sending correspondence via email to the school please ensure you are using our up-to-date address:
dardanup.admin@cathednet.wa.edu.au
CANTEEN
The School Canteen will commence next Friday 13th February. Details of the Menu will be sent home within the next few days.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
In an attempt to reduce the workload for the uniform shop volunteers, and better manage the limited storage space in the uniform shop, some minor changes are being introduced regarding sales of second hand uniforms.

The uniform shop will continue to accept second hand uniforms that are donated with proceeds going to the P&F.

However, in situations where families would like the proceeds of the sale of second hand uniforms to be returned to them, a new system is to be introduced. If you wish to sell an item of second hand uniform, please complete the table that is attached to the uniform shop door, providing your name, details regarding the clothing item/s they are seeking.

Second hand uniforms that are currently in the uniform shop will still be sold under the old system.

School Bus Round
Week Commencing Monday 9th Feb
Bus Round 2

Community News

Caritas Casino
Night Fundraiser
All the fun of blackjack, roulette and poker but no risk of losing real money!!

Friday March 20th
6.30pm Onwards
Bunbury Rowing Club
$60 a ticket includes:
Entry, $2000 fun money (for poker, blackjack & Roulette) & complimentary drink on arrival and food
There will also be a photo booth, lucky dip balloons, Willowbridge wine and a candy buffet.

Grand prize for the player with the most points,
door prize and best dressed!
All proceeds will go to Caritas.
www.caritas.org.au
Please contact Hayley Bowen for more info
0407198923 or bowen.hayley@yahoo.com

CRICKET FUN DAY
King of Hearts Family
Sunday 22nd February 2015
Burekup Oval, Russell Road
10am til 3pm
Funds raised will help the 'King of Hearts Relay For Life Team'
More information please call Nat on 0419 966 745

BOOKCLUB
The first Bookclub pamphlets are being sent home today. Orders need to be returned to school by Friday 13th February

Dardanup Dance Centre
ENROLMENT DAY 2015
THIS SATURDAY 7TH FEB
Dardanup Hall between 9am – 1pm
Classical Ballet, Jazz & Tap
Ages 3years upwards
Amy 0408 300 760
amytyrrell@hotmail.com
**YEAR 5**
The wheels have been put into in motion in the year 5 class this week and it has been great to see so much enthusiasm! As a class we have been using StudyLadder which is going to further our maths and english skills and it has been great to see so many people in the class accessing this program from home! Mr Skehan and Mr Godwin are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term!

**YEAR 6**
The year 6 class has started smashingly. In maths we are honing our addition and subtraction of large numbers. In writing we have worked hard on starting stories that engage the reader.

**YEAR 2**
What a great start to Year 2 we have had! We have been busy learning about place value in maths using MAB, and also solving maths problems. We have also been practicing writing 'perfect' sentences using the correct punctuation.

**YEAR 3**
In Year Three we have got off to a good start for 2015, with three new students in our class. We are happy to meet Brandon, Reagan and Grace. We have been writing recounts and narratives. In Maths we have been measuring our body parts using centimetres, and comparing our findings in our investigations. In Religion, we have been discussing emotions and how we use our bodies to communicate.

**YEAR 4**
Wow, what a busy start we have had to Year 4. We are excited about being in Middle Primary now and we have had a good introduction to the year. There is definitely plenty of work to keep up busy and we now know that we can never say we have nothing to do! In history, we learnt what a petroglyh is - do you know? We have been doing our homework in class which we love!

**YEAR 1**
Welcome to year 1 2015! What a super start we have had to the year already! Busy learning how to put sounds together to read and writing about what we did on the holidays as well as working hard in Mathematics and writing numbers in the correct direction. Wow, what a hot week. Hoping for some cooler weather next week as our feet have been so hot in our new shoes and socks!

**PRE-PRIMARY**
We have had a wonderful start to Pre-Primary. Although we have been a bit hot and bothered in this weather, we have still enjoyed learning about sounds and listening to Rosie's Walk and completing activities about the story. The Pre-Primaries thought it was great but a little confusing seeing new kindy faces on Tuesday, a few sharing that they weren't the babies of the school anymore!! We are looking forward to Friday and a much needed rest after our full week as big Pre-primary kids!!