IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thursday 8th
12noon Parish Mass—Stage 2;
2.10pm 2017 Student Leader
speeches, with voting to follow

Friday 9th
St Mary’s College, Casino Year 7
2017 transition day;
11.50am Assembly led by 6T;
12.30pm Whole School swimming

Monday 12th
6pm Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 13th
9.30am
End of Year Mass

Wednesday 14th
Christmas Concert & Forum BBQ

Thursday 15th
Swimming Carnival

Friday 16th
School Movie Day
Last day for students

Monday 19th -Tuesday 20th
Staff Development Days

JANUARY 2017

Friday 27th
Staff return - Pupil Free Day

Monday 30/01/2017
School year begins for Years 1-6

NEWS FROM 1/2H

At this busy time of the year, we look back and reflect on our year in 1/2H.

We have loved working hard independently, one-on-one with an adult, in small groups, whole class and as a stage.

We have learned and appreciated God through prayer, scripture stories, craft and songs.

We have planned, designed, created and published in all aspects of our learning.

Never stop doing little things for others.
Sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart.
Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Each season has its special grace and in the season of Advent we prepare for Christmas and await with expectant longing for God to be born again into our lives, our families, our Church and our world.

During Advent, we are meant to take stock of our lives, to check our direction and to await with expectation the special grace that God promises to offer us at Christmas. During the Advent season, we symbolically participate in the waiting of the patriarchs, kings, prophets, and priests, as we await Christ’s final and glorious return. As we wait in long lines this Advent season, or as we wait for anything really, we can remember the waiting of those expecting the Messiah, and always wait with patience, humility, and expectant hope in a state of prayer.

It is difficult, but especially during Advent, waiting prayerfully and patiently, in the manner of our Lord and his blessed Mother, is not only a good spiritual discipline, but could also lower our risk of holiday induced blood pressure. It seems like we’re all waiting for something, so why not use these experiences to enhance our Advent disciplines by prayerfully waiting, joining our prayers with Isaiah, Zechariah, and all the saints.

Come Lord Jesus may we be prepared for your coming in glory

2017 School Leader Speeches: Tomorrow (Thursday 8th Dec) our Year 5 students will deliver their speeches to the school community on why they would be a good school student leader in 2017. I invite all in our school community to the Parish Hall at 2:10pm to listen to these young people speak. In looking at these very important roles, I would like to share with you five very important qualities that I believe are critical for any student leader to have.

1. A Leader says, ‘Yes, I Can!’ It’s called the power of Positive Attitude. A leader understands there will be many people throughout their life who will tell them why they cannot do or be something. A leader stays focused on maintaining a positive attitude no matter what the people around them say or do. A leader stands up to peer pressure everyday to make choices for themselves.

2. A Leader says, ‘It’s not a problem, it’s a challenge!’ It’s called Overcoming Adversity. Everyday life is filled with challenges. However, many people call them ‘problems’ and therefore they are overcome by their magnitude. The first step to being a leader is to always say ‘Yes, I Can.’ There is always another solution. You just need to ask a different or better question to find more solutions. Each challenge in life is an opportunity to learn a new lesson.

3. A Leader says, “Never give up, never give up, never give up!” It’s called Perseverance. The easiest answer or path whenever something gets hard in life is to stop or give up. A leader knows that the easiest path is not always the best path. A simple well-known quote expresses the power of perseverance very well: ‘Perseverance prevails when all else fails.’ Quitting is easy. It’s a habit that begins at a young age. Children need to learn at a very young age the power of building positive habits in life.

4. A Leader says, “I may fail or make mistakes BUT I always learn and move ahead!” It’s called Commitment. Mistakes and failure are an integral part of life. We tend to learn the most in life from our mistakes or failures. Leaders learn to do their best and are not beaten down by their mistakes. Leaders learn to ask themselves a powerful question each time they make a mistake or fail: “What can I learn from this experience?”

5. A Leader says, “I will always do my best!” It’s called Excellence. Excellence or doing your very best, is a daily decision. It’s easy to be average. It takes a focused effort every day to do your best. It really is an attitude. Leaders choose to do their best in everything they do. It’s not about being better than other people; it’s just about challenging yourself to be your best.

Our School Leaders for 2017 will be announced next week at our End of Year Mass.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony
Tony Hunter
Principal
Catholic Identity

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: This week our whole staff received updated professional development on the theory and practice of Christian Meditation. This is a prayer form that currently operates within our school on a daily basis. It provides quiet time for prayer and offers a calmness to the busyness of the day.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: This week our SRC students are collecting packets for our SVdP Christmas Appeal. We also ask if families could bring a wrapped present for a young boy or girl and place underneath the Christmas tree next Tuesday (marked girl or boy and age). The students will be presenting our donations to the Kyogle St. Vincent De Paul workers at our end of year mass next Tuesday.

Community

A BUSY WEEK AHEAD: Next week will be the last week of school for the students and it is a very busy week with something happening everyday. Please see the list below and please note commencement times.

Monday 12th December: - Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner. Mass will commence in the church at 6pm followed by the dinner in our Parish Hall.

Tuesday 13th December: - All invited to our End of Year Mass commencing at 9:30am in Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Wednesday 14th December: - All invited to the drawing of our Parent Forum Monster Raffle, 11:50am, at line up after lunch. Parent Forum BBQ in the school grounds at 5:15pm. We will then move across to the church at 6:30pm ready for our School Pageant which will commence at 6:45pm with a performance from the Band. The Pageant will then commence at 7pm.

Thursday 15th December: - 2016 School Swimming Carnival at the pool commencing at 9.15am.

Friday 16th December: - Last day of school and Movie Day. Students will walk down to the theatre at 12:30pm with the movie ‘Trolls’ commencing at 1pm. This will be a mutli day.

CANTEEN 2017: Canteen helpers needed for 2017. Please complete the form included in this newsletter if you are able to help.

FORUM RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return all raffle books with money, also any unsold books by Monday, 12th December.

There are 80 prizes worth almost $4,000. A great chance to win with the draw from 2.30pm on Wednesday next. The class with the most returned raffle books will receive a prize.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017: Please mark the following dates in your calendar for the commencement of school next year.

Friday 27th January – All staff return to school

Monday 30th January – Students in Years 1 - 6 commence school

Thursday 2nd February – Kindergarten commence school

Uniforms can be purchased from school on the following days (new sport shirt not available until 2017)

Monday 12th December 2016 from 2:30pm to 3:15pm

Monday 23rd January 2017 from 9am to 1pm

Friday 27th January 2017 from 8:30am to 10:30am

KYOGLE LIONS CLUB CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Notes have gone home to all students asking them to represent the school on Sunday night at the Lions Club Carols by Candlelight. Performance time for the school is at approximately 6:50pm. If students could arrive at 6:30pm that would be great and look for Mrs Walters who will be conducting the students. Children are asked to wear Christmas colours. Those music students who have been asked to perform are on stage at approximately 7:40pm and need to find Mrs Walters at 7:30pm. They need to bring their instruments. If you haven’t bought back your note please do so tomorrow. It would be great to see as many students there as possible. The Carols are from 6:15pm in the Kyogle Amphitheatre.

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Curriculum

WEEKLY SPELLING

Grapheme Focus - er ar or

Rule - Some words change their form when they become plural.

Eg. Mouse - Mice

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the staff, children & families for their support and many expressions of condolences and for the Guard of Honour on the passing of my mother, Mon Marsh. I feel very blessed and honoured to belong to such a wonderful, caring community.

Vicki & Boud Jansen & the Marsh families

UNIFORM SHOP

Open MONDAYS

2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

All enquiries about uniforms to:

SUZIE SMITH
Phone 6632 2958 or 0422 415 520

Uniform order sheets are available from the school office at any time.

UNION COUNCIL

Led by Year 6T

11.50am Friday

9th December

Please join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -

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Zachary D.
Baylee D.
Rhett K.
Flynn K.
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**SCHOOL CANTEEN**
12h December: Suzie Smith and Annette Seegal.
For security reasons, please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.
If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with someone or phone Suzie.

THANK YOU

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KYOGLE BOWLING CLUB**
The club will be holding its annual Children’s Christmas Celebration on Friday, 2nd December. Children who dine in with their parents will be treated to a free dinner. Santa will make an appearance.
All welcome.

Make a Christmas Card & make a difference
Kyogle Library is offering free Christmas card colouring-in every day during opening hours in December. All cards made will be given to local causes including It’s In The Bag, Kyogle Hospital Aged Care Ward residents, Kyogle Court residents, Kyogle Library housebound clients, SDA Church Food Bank etc. to spread the joy of Christmas in our local area. All welcome.

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6pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
9am: Sunday Mass

HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

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