In Kindergarten we have been learning about describing words. We have written our own alphabet story.

A is for angry alligator. (Jarrod) B is for beautiful ballerina. C is for cute cat. (Aysia) 
D is for dark dinosaur. (Dalu) E is for excited Evie. F is for fabulous Fred. G is for great Genoa. (Genoa) H is for heavy hippo. I is for icy igloo. J is for juggling jellyfish. (Fred) K is for kind kitten. (Maggie) L is for lovely Lilly. (Lilly) M is for magnificent Mum. (Evanna) N is for nice Noah. O is for orange octopus. P is for playful Pikachu. (Noah) Q is for quick queen. R is for rainy rainbow. (Sabine) S is for sleepy snake. (Darcy) T is for terrific Taylah. (Murray) U is for ugly undies. V is for vivacious Vicki. (Mrs J.) W is for wise whale. X is for excited x-box. (Corey) Y is for yellow yo-yo. Z is for zooming zebra. (Mason).
Dear Parents and Carers,

Mother Teresa, the nun who devoted her life to the impoverished and one of the Catholic Church’s most iconic figures, was canonised as a saint recently. Saint Teresa of Kolkata as she is now known, was canonized by Pope Francis in front of 120,000 faithful at the Vatican. The Nobel Peace Prize winner, who died in 1997, and was famed for her work with the poor in India, was praised by Francis as a ‘generous dispenser of divine mercy.’

How appropriate in this Year of Mercy! “Her mission to help the poor remains for us today an eloquent witness to God’s closeness to the poorest of the poor,” the pope said.

Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer.

**CANBERRA TRIP:** It will be an earlier than usual start at the beginning of next term for 19 students from Year 6, 8 parents and 2 teachers will be travelling to Sydney and Canberra on the trip of a lifetime. We are extremely grateful to the parents (Fiona Farragher, Vanessa Mudge, Danielle Howes, Melinda McCormack, Col Moore, Brett Harley, Richard Denton and Phillip Taylor) giving their time accompanying the trip. Mr Tickle and I will be the staff members on this year’s educational experience. The excursion will leave Coolangatta airport at 7.15am (NSW time) and will be an opportunity for the students, parents and teachers to interact in a completely different way to that experienced in a classroom. Not only will this group have the opportunity to visit Australia’s largest city and some of the many attractions in our nation’s capital, they will learn how to live each day with their friends and adults in a way that demands respect, give and take, tolerance and resilience. For some students, this will be their first trip on a plane and the furthest that they have been away from their parents and family, and that too provides its challenges.

Whilst in Canberra the students will visit venues such as the War Memorial, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Australian Institute of Sport, National Exhibition Centre and the National Electoral Education Centre. Whilst at Parliament House the group will be met by our local Federal Member, Mr Kevin Hogan. The excursion will arrive back into the Gold Coast Friday 14th October. From here there will be so much discussion and recounting of the wonderful experience that they have the opportunity to be a part of.

A reminder that all excursion levies are to be finalised by the end of this term. Should any family require extra time to pay for the excursion, please do not hesitate to come and talk with me.

**THANKS MRS ANDERSON:** Today we welcomed back Miss Bugden following her extended leave travelling to Europe. I would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to Mrs Erin Anderson who ensured that the learning continued in 5B whilst Miss Bugden was away. We are so fortunate to have quality teachers to call upon in our community so as to ensure the routines of our students are maintained.

**God bless and have a wonderful week,**  
Tony  
Tony Hunter  
Principal

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**PARENT ASSEMBLY FAMILY RETREAT** Included in last week’s newsletter there was a flyer regarding the Family Retreat run by the Diocesan Parent Assembly. This is a valuable experience and a worthwhile opportunity for all families. I strongly encourage all who are interested to register early as places usually fill up fast.
**Curriculum**

**SPELLING**

During designated staff meetings this year, staff have been working towards developing a whole school spelling approach. After consultation with Tim Waugh who facilitated two staff meetings to begin our conversations, we have developed a shared belief about spelling in our school.

Each week, Year 1-6 will focus on a grapheme and a common spelling rule to direct learning. A grapheme is a letter or letters that spell a sound in a word.

Students will be given a list of words with the grapheme focus and will use these words in a variety of activities throughout the week, concluding on Friday with a dictation passage.

Weekly, we will publish in the newsletter the whole school grapheme focus and spelling rule. When reading with your child at home, you could make connections to the spelling rule or grapheme focus when you see it in print.

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<td><strong>Spelling Rule</strong> - When g is followed by e, i, or y, it sounds like j.</td>
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**Catholic Identity**

**MINI VINNIES:** Thank you to everyone who has sent in bathroom products (small items from Motels). We have collected two boxes so far to assist the needy in our community. These items will be wrapped up as pamper packs and distributed by St Vincent de Paul next term. Please continue these collections over the holidays and ask other relatives to help too.

**RECONCILIATION:** All Primary classes have had an opportunity to go to reconciliation this term in the Year of Mercy.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Thanks so much to all families who are so diligent in ensuring that their child is presented to school each day in full and correct school uniform. This says so much about the pride that we have in our school. A reminder that if your child is not in correct uniform that they are to have a note from home explaining this. Correct footwear is black shoes.

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**Community**

**PRESCHOOL VISIT:** Congratulations to the students in Kindergarten who hosted our visitors from Fairymount Preschool last week. Kinder were great role models and supported the younger children socially and assisted with the different learning activities.

Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Well done.

**STUDENTS SIGNING IN OR OUT:** There is a new proforma where you sign in a late student or an early sign out for a student. You must give a REASON on the sheet at the front office and you as the parent or carer MUST sign that sheet.

Do not just drop a student off at school after 9am.

**EXCURSIONS—YEARS 4/5 & 6:** Just a reminder that these two excursions must be paid in full by Friday, 23rd September for students and any accompanying parent helpers.

If full payment does not occur your child will not attend their excursion. If you are unsure of the outstanding amount please contact Di in the school office.

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**ASSEMBLY**

 Led by Kindergarten
 2.30pm Friday
 16th September
 Please join us!

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**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.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to -**

William A
Lincoln D
Ava S
Mrs Welsh
**SCHOOL CANTENEAN**
19th September: Suzie Smith and Tara Price.

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 VACATION CARE**
For bookings in the Sept-Oct school holidays phone 66217397 or 0447211835 or email rrkassist@nrcg.org.au

**KYOGLE DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**
For anyone that missed last Sunday’s Kyogle District Cricket Association junior sign-on day, don’t despair, there is two more opportunities to register ahead of the new season.

Come and sign-on on Saturday, 17th at Kyogle Country Store (8.30am – 12noon) or on Thursday, 22nd at Kyogle Recreation Ground (4.30-6.00pm).

Cricket options in Kyogle for 2016/2017 include Milo in2Cricket (5-7 years), Milo T20Blast (7-10 years), Lismore Junior DCA (under 12s up to under 17s) and Casino DCA (senior competition, with juniors welcome). Further information, phone Mark Watts on 0401 831 274.

**KYOGLE SWIMMING CLUB-2016**
The first night of pointscores for the coming season will be held on Friday 14th October at the pool. Pointscores is open to any age person who can swim 12.5m or more of any stroke. There are carnivals that you can compete in if you wish and training is available at the pool weekdays from 4pm. New members most welcome. Marshalling at 5.45pm for 6pm start. Committee members will be there from 5.30pm for any enquiries and to sign on new members. This week there will be no BBQ. For more information phone Annette Smith on 0412 116 820 or email the club on kascsec@gmail.com.

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