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Mini-Newsletter

Wednesday, 1st December 2021 (Term 4, Week 8)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

For our school celebrations, on Monday of this week, we lit the third Advent wreath candle which is the pink candle. The pink candle is a sign of joy.



Paul's letter to the Philippians encapsulates the joy that marks our faith in God's eternal love and mercy. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"* (Philippians 4:4).

Joy, like hope, is often mistaken for something it is not. It doesn't equate with happiness or excitement, both of which can come in short bursts and flame out as quickly as they emerge. Joy is deep-rooted and grounded in an interior sense of well-being. It often emerges at unexpected times and in unusual ways.

May you all know the deep joy that our faith brings to Advent and Christmas time.

Mark 1: 1-3

- 1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,*
- 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" —*
- 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"*

ADVENT – VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This is our last week of collecting for our Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. We would love to accept any donations for the Appeal. Items can be dropped into the collection boxes in the MPLA. The theme for donations is items that a family would appreciate to make their Christmas celebration special, and the donations need to be non-perishable.

Representatives from our local St Vincent de Paul will attend our Monday Morning Assembly next week (Monday 6th December) to accept our donations. We look forward to welcoming them and handing over our donations.

GRADUATION

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn, Hannah Cotter and Chloe Bacher for a beautiful Year 6 Graduation Dinner on Saturday evening. It was a very proud moment and the students and families had a lovely evening.

Thank you to parents Kristy Lamshed, Karren Dunstan and Katie Crawford who transformed the Angler's Inn dining room into a delightful venue for the evening.

Thank you all for the attention to detail and thoughtful touches to make the evening so special for our Year 6 students.

This coming Sunday evening we will enjoy the Year 7 Graduation dinner at the Cornucopia Hotel.

Next Tuesday 7th December we will celebrate the Year 6 Graduation Evening here in the 7-9 Centre and the following evening Wednesday 8th December we will celebrate the Year 7 Graduation Evening. Both ceremonies will commence at 7.00pm.

We are looking forward to these milestone events.

YEAR 2 AND 3 CAMP

Thank you Jane Owen, Agatka Murphy, Abbey Whitehead, Marcus Kerin, Michael Dennis and Emily Donnell for the very well organised and run Year 2 and 3 camp at Pt Hughes last week, and to Alex Wehr for visiting on Thursday evening. The children were very excited and had lots of fantastic fun. The overnight camp was such a great experience for the children in developing their independence and confidence in being away from home. Well done to all of the students for taking this big step and doing it so well too. The cooler weather did not deter them from enjoying all of their planned activities with highlights being their Talent Show, Night Walk, visit to the beach and visit to Splash Town.

SMMS VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL – YEARS 4-7

In last week's Newsletter a volleyball carnival for this Friday 3rd December was advertised for Years 3-7. The carnival will be for Years 4-7 (Ryan, Cotter, Bacher).

Apologies for any confusion with this.

The 4-7 students may still have Friday lunch orders and we will deliver them to the Sailing Club beach.

Year 4-7 students please wear sport uniform and House Tops.

EXCURSIONS

- This Friday the 2/3 and R/1 H classes are going to the Sailing Club beach together for some fun beach activities and a special lunch (I think delicious hot chips may be on the menu).
- Next Monday 6th December the three R/1 classes will enjoy an excursion to Splash Town in Moonta.
- On Tuesday 7th December, Ali Ryan's 4/5 class will visit Splash Town.

REPORTS AND NOTIFICATION OF 2022 CLASSES

Student reports will be sent home to parents on Wednesday, 8th December (Week 9), this allows two days for follow up parent-teacher interviews upon request.

Class allocation slips (class and teacher) for 2022 will be included with the reports.

On Thursday 9th December the students will visit their classroom and class teacher (where possible) for 2022, this visit will take place at 12.30-1.00pm.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We are delighted that today we are able to distribute our 2020 School Magazine. We sincerely apologise for the delay in getting the magazine to you. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed articles and photos; and to Emily Donnell who has taken on the role of coordinating the School Magazine. I hope you enjoy looking back over the memories of last year.

If you would like a copy of the 2020 School Magazine, they are available at the front office for \$20. You are welcome to send money in with your child or phone the front office to pay by credit card.

Enclosed today with the Newsletter is an order form for the 2021 School Magazine. This year's edition will be ready for distribution by Term 2, 2022.

Blessings for the week ahead,

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