Dear Parents and Students

This morning we gathered together for our Monday morning assembly. We spent time reflecting on the significance and meaning of Advent. This very special time is a time of waiting and is the season of new beginnings. Each week we will light a new candle on our Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ as we await his birth. We pray that during this time of Advent that we are faced with peace and happiness both in our families and around the world. May this time of waiting and preparation provide us with the opportunity to reflect on the year and our dedication to our faith.

It is difficult to believe that the school year is nearing an end. We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us as a school community as well as in our own family lives. As time moves on frantically we are encouraged to make a conscious effort to ensure we spend time with our loved ones doing the things that are important. It is this special time that creates the memories for our children.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events as we journey through this wonderful and joyful time together.

Mrs. Sharon Mizzi
Assistant Principal

‘Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary’

Kindergarten will be presenting ‘Christmas through the Eyes of Mary’

*Wednesday 30th November* at 12:30pm in the MPA for Years 1-6 students and their parents.

*Thursday 1st December* at 12:30pm in the MPA for Kindergarten parents and families.

We look forward to seeing you there to help celebrate the Story of Christmas as seen through the eyes of Mary.

Mary Immaculate Christmas Family Masses - 2016

There will be two Family Christmas Masses at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill. The first one is at 5.30pm and the second at 7.30pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday, 24th December, 2016.

We extend an invitation to both children and adults to be involved in the following roles: Readers, Commentators, Gospel Actors (Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds), Readers of Prayers of Intercession and Offertory Gift Bearers.

Those wishing to be involved in one of the roles above are asked to contact Clare at creiherlyons@hotmail.com or text 0416077549 by Friday 9th Dec.

Practice times for those taking part are on:

**Wednesday 14th December** 3.30 – 4.00 Allocation of roles for both Masses and practice for some children.
**Monday 19th December and Wednesday 21st December** 9.30 – 10.30 practice for the 5.30pm Mass
11.00 – 12.00 practice for the 7.30pm Mass

We would also like to invite all other children who will be attending these two Masses to come dressed as angels, kings, shepherds or towns people of Bethlehem. At the reflection after Communion they will all be invited to gather around Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus for a special reflection song.
Cake Stall
Year 6 will be holding a cake stall on
Tuesday, 29th November
Wednesday, 7th December
The money raised will be used to purchase a gift for the school as a reminder of their time here.

Parents welcome to watch our
talent showcase
8th December 2:00pm—3:20pm

Leaving Students 2017
Many changes happen with a new year and relocation of families is an occurrence. If any of our families will not be returning in 2017 and moving on to a different school, a Leaving Student form is required to be completed and returned. These forms are available from the office, please return once completed to the office. Forms are also available on the skoolbag app and the school website.

Uniform Shop
Last day of trading will be Friday 16th December 8.30-10.00am
We will re open for normal trading on Tuesday 31st January 8.30-10.00am.

January 2017 Holiday Trading
Tuesday 17th January 2017 10.00-11.30am
Saturday 21st January 2017 10.30am-12.00pm

Any further enquiries please contact Elle: 0421 216 414 or email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

The uniform shop will be closed for trading next Friday 9th December but will reopen Tuesday 13th December. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Piano Lessons in Schofields
I am offering piano, music theory, arranging/composition, music programming lessons from my home studio in Schofields.
I also offer a call out service to neighbouring suburbs within 20 km for a small additional fee.

Prices from my studio:          Call out Prices:
$48.00- 30 mins           $38.00- 30 mins
$85.00-60 mins             $75.00- 60 mins

Mobile: 0473952233
Email: louisstapleton@yahoo.com.au

School Fees 2016
All school fees for 2016 should be finalised now except for families on arrangements that extend to the end of 2016. Any families wishing to take up the option of a payment plan in 2017 must ensure their account has no outstanding balance to be offered this option.

School fee statements will be issued mid February to late February 2017, outlining the Bpay and Direct Debit methods. Please contact the school on 9626 3999 or via email on cnalletamby@parra.catholic.edu.au, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and wish to discuss further.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 7th December 10:00am

End of Year Mass
Thursday 8th December 9:30am

Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thursday 8th December 10:30am

Farewell Assembly
Monday 12th December 2:20pm

Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 14th December 6:00pm

Friday 9th December 2016
Mary Immaculate Parish & Primary School will be hosting their annual Carols by Candlelight event on 9th December 2016 from 6:00pm in the school grounds.

Please Note: there will be NO evening Mass