Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to our 2017 school year. I am writing this newsletter at the conclusion of Day One and it has been such a calm day. Every class settled quickly into the routines of the day. I must admit this is one of my favourite days of the year. Visiting the teachers in their classrooms in the morning, the anticipation of meeting their students and welcoming them into their classroom. There is a real excitement in the air...and possibly a couple of quick coffees to brace for the day ahead. Then the children start to arrive and the anticipation and excitement grows. There are a few tears but they are mainly from parents! The Year One's in their 'big kids' uniform, the Kindy children waving goodbye to their parents, the Year Six students; now as leaders in the school and all with their new stationery, it is just so special.

JESUS
We come before you as the Assumption School family. Bless the bonds of Friendship that unite us together and to You.
Through love received and given, may we grow to be the people you created us to be. As Mary Your Mother learnt to listen to You, may she also help us to hear what You are saying in the things that happen every day.
By our actions may You be more known and loved.
Amen.

Date: 2 February 2017
This evening our new Kindy families completed the first of three, 123 Magic sessions. My wish for these families and all of our Assumption families is that the year ahead and our journey together is filled with wonder, awe, trust, respect and unity in our faith.

I always start the first newsletter with our school prayer (on front page). It tells the story of our school and how we hope to treat each other at all times...through love received and given...

We are on this journey together and to enable us all to flourish communication is key. As a school community, we endeavour to keep families informed in a variety of ways: Newsletter, ‘The Happenings’, website, Facebook page, text messages and our School App. Individually through meetings, emails and phone calls. I encourage parents who have any concerns or queries to contact their child’s teacher at the earliest convenience. They may not be able to see you at that given time, but they will make a meeting time convenient to you both.

On Monday February 13, there will be class meetings and a whole school information session. I do encourage all families to attend these meetings, as it is the one opportunity for teachers to explain in detail the year ahead for your child’s class for the year. In between the junior and senior class meetings, I also have a 30 minute presentation in regards to the direction of the year ahead from a whole school perspective.

6.15pm – 7.00pm PP – Year 3: In the classrooms
7.00pm – 7.30pm Principal Address: In the Presentation centre
7.30pm – 8.15pm Years 4 – 6: In the classrooms

WELCOME TO:

Mrs Madeleine Szann: Kindy Blue Teacher

Mr Tim Lees: Year One Red Teacher

Mrs Zoe Ramsay: Year Five Blue for the first five weeks of Term One. Mr Valsan became quite unwell at the end of last year but he is making a good recovery and will be returning after the long weekend in March.

Ms Lee is on Long Service Leave for the term and when she returns she will be Mrs Young.
**CANTEEN**: This term we are trialling having the canteen open on a Tuesday. We will review it at the end of the term to see if it is viable to maintain for the remainder of the year.

**SAVE THE DATE**: The P&F will be hosting a Sundowner: Friday February 24 at 5.30pm to celebrate the commencement of the new school year and to welcome our new families.

This newsletter was written in stages and it is now Thursday after the Opening of the School Liturgy. It is the first time we have gathered together for the year. Looking out over the students and staff, together in prayer reinforces why being a member of the Assumption community is awesome! Thank you to Mrs Marino for preparing the Liturgy and for the students, who assisted her this morning.

To all of our new families and returning families. I wish us all the very best for the year ahead.

May God’s blessings be with you all.

See you on February 10.

Thank you,

**Mrs Kerrie Merritt**

**PRINCIPAL**
### ASSUMPTION HAPPENINGS

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#### Notes to Parents
- Year Four Note
- Swimming Carnival Note

#### School Fees
Please be advised that School Fee statements will be sent via the post next week. Please ensure your address is up to date.

#### P&F
The P&F will be holding their first meeting on Friday 17 February at 9am in the school Library and invite all parents/guardians to come along. The P&F is a great opportunity to meet other parents/guardians and assist our wonderful committee with activities held throughout the year.

“Many hands make light work.”

#### OSHClub
OshClub Assumption provides before and after school care in the School’s Demountable Room. OshClub Assumption is dedicated to maintain a safe environment to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children. OshClub has a responsibility to keep the children safe and protected at all times. More information is available from www.oshclub.com.au or by calling 9261 3200 during business hours (7:00am-9:00am and 2:30pm-6:00pm).
PHOTO ALBUM

End of Year Beach Carnival

Opening School Year Liturgy
UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS
Monday 8.15am – 9.30am
Thursday 8.15am – 9.30am
1.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 8.30am – 10.00am
12.00pm - 3.00pm

All uniform must be purchased through the uniform shop. This includes shorts, trousers, track pants and bags.

LOST PROPERTY
All lost property is cleared at the end of each term so please check your child’s uniform. Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled clearly. If you happen to have an item with someone else’s name on it please return it to the office.

HEAD LICE
We stock a wonderful range of natural head lice products. These products are supplied by Pritti Hair Design and include a lice bomb, shampoo, conditioner, leave in conditioner and hair styling products. They are made with essential oils and do not have harmful chemicals. Reports are very favourable on these products.

SPORTS SHOES
Sport shoes are to be predominately white (not grey) with some colour allowed, no fluro colours, grannies or volleys. Shoe laces must be white. If your child needs new sport shoes make sure they are the correct colour. There are a large number of students wearing the wrong shoes.

LAYBY
You are able to layby all items of uniform, layby terms apply.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS
If you are bringing uniform in for resale please note the following:
You receive a credit for the uniform shop when sold
All clothes must be washed and ironed
All clothes must be on hangers – these are available from the uniform shop
No rips, stains or pet hair
They will not be placed for resale if they are not in this condition.

Thank you,
Noaleen Coles
The Skoolbag App is designed to keep parents/guardians up to date with events, news and alerts. You can also advise of a child’s absence with no need to make a phone call or send in signed notes. Just go to eforms, then absentee form. The App is available on smartphones by searching “Assumption Catholic Primary School” at the App Store or Google Play.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sun Smart Splash & Dash

Come and try a fun summer swimming carnival at the Mandurah Aquatic Centre on Sunday 12 February starting at 1:30pm. Online entries prior to the event via Mandurah Swimming Club website www.mandurah.swimming.org.au. For ages 6 – 14.

KidSport

KidSport online applications are coming soon. From 14 November 2016 you can apply for your KidSport online, if you hold a valid Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card. For more details please visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport.

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