

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your
greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of Your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare
for His coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



The Season of Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of the **season of Advent**. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. During Advent and Christmas, festively decorated evergreen wreaths hang on doors everywhere. In many churches, it's also common to see special wreaths lying on tables or ledges, adorned with four candles (usually three purple and one pink). The familiar symbol of the season is the **Advent wreath**.

Traditionally, the Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches. It is often decorated with berries and pinecones. Both the evergreen branches and the circular shape symbolize the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, **reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us**. During the Advent season, we eagerly anticipate his coming and the promise of eternal life in heaven with him.

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes **penance, preparation, and sacrifice**. During the first week of Advent we light the **first candle that represents hope** and we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

We have many exciting events occurring in our final week of school including our **Beach Carnival (Yr1-6), Move up Day, Pre Primary Reptile Encounter and Pizza Party, Year Six Graduation Mass and our Thanksgiving Mass**. Our Year Six Graduation will take place on Tuesday 5 December at Our Lady's Assumption Parish at 9.30am, followed by a celebratory morning tea with our families.

On Wednesday, we'll be having **Move Up Day**, where our students will get the chance to meet their teachers and classmates for the upcoming school year. Change is a natural part of life, and we **encourage parents to collaborate proactively with their children during this transition**. Embracing change is vital for **personal growth and helps build resilience in children**.

It's crucial to recognise that students' perceptions of their teachers and school are greatly **influenced by their parents' attitudes and approaches**. You can contribute to a successful start to the school year for your child by **responding to their classroom placement with positive enthusiasm**. With confidence in our children's ability to adapt to change and parents' cooperation and trust, we can collectively **foster personal development and create a positive school environment for everyone involved**.

Weather permitting, our **Beach Carnival takes place on the last day of school**; Friday 8 December. Students will depart school via bus at 8:50am and will need to wear their **bathers under their sports uniform. Children must wear a rashie, school hat, thongs and suncream on the day.** We look forward to a wonderful last day together.

On Friday 8 December, you will receive your children's Semester Two reports. **Reports will be accessed online through SEQTA Engage (from the school website).** If you have lost your password, you will need to use the *Forgot My Password* function. After reading your child's report, should you like to discuss your child's progress, **we encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.**

Due to the difficulties in attracting an Italian teacher this year, children in Pre Primary to Year Two will not receive a grade for Italian in second semester. This is in line with School Curriculum and Standards Authority guidelines for all schools.

Our **2024 teaching staff** are as follows:

Year Six Red	Aaron Doulton
Year Six Blue	Peter Allen & Isabel O'Meara
Year Five Red	Rhiannon Sly & Isabel O'Meara
Year Five Blue	Christene Fairhead
Year Four Red	Karen Ockwell
Year Four Blue	Kathleen Hill
Year Three Red	Kate Thomas
Year Three Blue	Peter Valsan
Year Two Red	Kathleen Grinfelds
Year Two Blue	Emily Trewren
Year One Red	Kim Capes
Year One Blue	Charlotte Blacow
Pre-Primary Red	Leslie Santos
Pre-Primary Blue	Sheree Ingham
Kindy Red	Katelyn Whiteman
Kindy Blue	Shannon Grapes
Pre-Kindy	Chloe Ricketts

Specialist Teachers

Art	Tiffany Branson
Music	Geraldine Baccini
AUSLAN (LOTE)	Zoe Hayes
Physical Education	Tim Lees
Science	Rebecca Dalton


Jason de Rosario will be taking leave for 2023.

I look forward to sharing a wonderful last week of the school term with our students and families.

Upcoming Events:

4 December:	Assembly 8:50am
5 December:	Year Six Graduation Mass and Award Presentation 9:30am at Our Lady's Assumption Parish
5 December:	Year Six Graduation Lunch and Excursion
6 December:	Move Up Day 12pm – 1pm
7 December:	Thanksgiving Mass and End of Year Awards Presentation 9am
8 December:	Years 1 - 6 Beach Carnival
8 December:	Pre Primary Reptile Incursion
8 December:	Last Day for Students 2023
31 January:	First Day for Students 2024

May God bless our school and those within it.



Miranda Swann
Principal

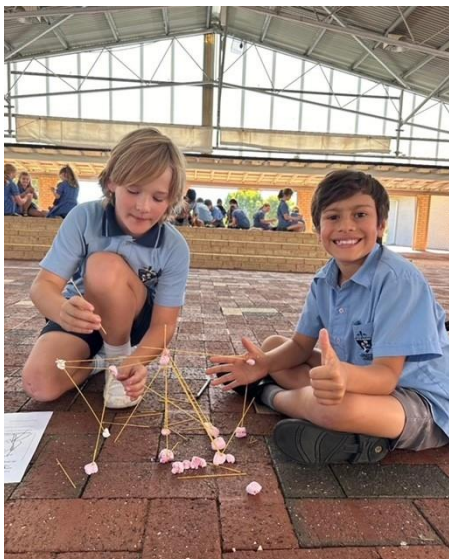
What's happening

Week 9	Events
4 December	Canteen Closed 8:50am Assembly (PP-6)
5 December	Canteen Closed 9:30am Year Six Graduation Mass and Award Presentation at Our Lady's Assumption Church followed by Morning Tea with Parents in the Parish Hall Year Six Graduation Lunch & Excursion
6 December	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only Move Up Day 12:00 to 1:00pm
7 December	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only 9am Thanksgiving Mass and End of Year Awards Presentation
8 December	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only Pre Primary Reptile Incursion Beach Carnival Year 1 – Year 6 Last Day for Student 2023

NOTES TO PARENTS:

1. Carpark Raffle Email
2. Beach Carnival Note

SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS:



SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS CONTINUED:



GENERAL INFORMATION:

Place canteen orders and school event orders online.

Any device, any time!



How to get started



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Opening Hours:

Tuesday:

9am to 5pm

Wednesday:

9am to 5pm

Thursday:

10am to 6pm

Friday:

9am to 5pm

Saturday:

9am to 1pm

OSHClub



OSHClub provides the highest quality Before School Care, After School Care and Early Close Day Care for Primary and Preschool aged children. We are located on the school grounds in the demountable building. We pride ourselves on providing children with a fun experience that they will enjoy. From exciting activities and healthy, nutritious snacks to caring, motivated staff, the program meets all your children's needs.

Contact Us

Program Contact Number 0432 337 624

Head Office Number 1300 395 735 (8:00am to 6:00pm Mon-Fri)

Website www.oshclub.com.au

Operating Times

Before School Care 7:00am to 9:00am

After School Care 2:30pm to 6:00pm

Holiday Program Please check online for your nearest program

What happens?

Loads of fun activities for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring

Make sure you wear or bring appropriate clothing including a hat.

PARISH NEWS:

Join us to

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

1 December

Starting with a Mass (Friday) at 5pm followed by a celebration in our Church grounds.

Carols - Music – Dance

Free burgers and sausage sizzle

Lollies from Santa – games for kids

Feel free to bring your snack/food. BYO.

Please register on the list at the back of the church for catering. Inquiries – contact the Parish Office.

