Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year. We especially welcome Miss Claire Brickley, Miss Jessica Macri and all our St Rose staff, including Ms Amethyst Devonald our new Canteen Manager. A special welcome to our new kindergarten children and their families, they have all settled in so well to the school routine. Thank you to our Year One families for providing a lovely Tea and Tissues morning tea for our Kinder parents yesterday. New to our St Rose learning community we also welcome the Uys family.

The school appreciates the commitment parents make to attending Parent Information sessions to work together for the students. We look forward to seeing at LEAST ONE PARENT (students are not required except Year 6) from each family attend, to receive important information about the school year and information to support their child in learning this year. **Thursday 9th February** will begin with the first session at 6pm, and a repeat session at 6.30pm. PLEASE NOTE this year we would like parents of Year 6 (seniors) to attend with their child. Prior to the parent information evening please take the time to go through the attached powerpoint for general information.

This month parents are invited to complete a Parent Feedback Form to inform the class teacher about anything that they think they should know about their child. If you feel that you need to meet with the teacher to further elaborate, a short meeting can be arranged with your child’s teacher. Please contact them directly.

With the new year under way please take the time to read with your children our Vision and Mission, together with our motto. These statements epitomize all that we are at St Rose.

**Vision Statement**
At St. Rose we aim to create a Catholic learning community which nurtures, inspires and prepares individuals for their future.

**Mission Statement**
At St. Rose we walk together as a faith community on a journey of discipleship in service to others. Provide excellence in teaching and learning so that the potential of each child is achieved.

**Motto**
Constant and True is reflected in our;
- Pursuit of excellence in learning
- Commitment to faith
- Service to others

During 2016 each class invited parents to end of Religious Education Module liturgies. These were very well attended and a wonderful way for parents to experience learning. This year the staff would like to trial by incorporating the fortnightly class assembly presentations into a liturgy or mass hosted by a designated class. The new format will be;
- Regular fortnightly assemblies commencing at 2.45am without a designated class presentation
- In the place of this class presentation each class have been assigned a liturgy and a mass of which they will take responsibility and lead
- Each Class will also continue with end of module liturgies throughout the year
In altering this we hope to give more parents opportunities to see their children participate in key events in the school calendar.

This year we are trialling a new Homework Policy, which we have renamed to ‘Home Learning Policy’ Staff will explain their expectations at the Parent Information evening. Throughout the year please feel free to pass on any feedback to your child’s class teacher or myself. As we hope that this new policy and practice will meet the needs of families.

A reminder to parents that it is important to check your emails, refer to the Primary Parent Planner and School Website for regular updates and information about your child’s life at school. Please also refer to the ‘Who to Contact and Raising Matters with staff’ link. In addition in order to help our new canteen manager we would really appreciate volunteers, please [click on the link](#) to volunteer.

On behalf of the staff we look forward to a new and exciting scholastic year ahead and we hope to see you at the first event, our school disco hosted by the Year 6 families.

Josie Vescio
Principal
DIARY DATES….WHAT’S HAPPENING - CLICK ON THE HYPERLINKS TO ACCESS FORMS

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**PARENT HOMEWORK**

- **CHESS** – If your child is interested in joining the Chess Club this year, click on the link to register
- **ADMIN**
  - **QKR! – INSTALL APP** We have moved over to the new Qkr App. Please click on the link to install Qkr to your mobile phone.
  - **SCHOOL24 WEBSITE** – All parents are required to finish the funds in school24 before starting with Qkr with a view that access and use of school24 will cease at the end of Feb 2017. Please do not contact school24 for refunds as instructions will be given in Term 1.
  - **INTERNET USER POLICY AGREEMENT** - If your child is in Year 3 they are required to complete a new agreement to use the Internet at school. Please click on the link to download read with your child, sign and return to Mrs Evers by 17th Feb.
  - **STICKY BEAK BAGS** – Please return your child’s Sticky Beak Bag to the canteen for lunch orders
  - **OPAL BUS PASSES** – Please click on the link if your child is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 this year as bus pass eligibility changes. If you have applied for a bus pass and it hasn’t arrived yet, bus drivers are allowing a grace period for children to travel without a pass. If you have a lost, stolen or damaged Opal Card – please click on the link.
  - **LAKES PARISH FAMILY DETAILS** – Please assist the parish by completing the form. This assists the parish to better know the families of the school – click on the link to complete https://goo.gl/forms/XYDlSgv6HsGBFasy1
- **VOLUNTEERS**
  - **CANTEEN 2017 ROSTER** – Please click on the link to nominate your availability to assist us in the canteen next year.
  - **WE NEED YOU! CLASS PARENTS AND PEN 2017** – If you are able to help there are still positions available – click here to see vacancies. Please contact the office to put your name forward.

**FAITH AND MISSION**

- **ALTA SERVING MINISTRY** – Would you like to join this wonderful ministry? – Click on the link
- **SEWING NEEDED** – We have purchased some new prayer table cloths for each classroom and need them to be hemmed. If you have some time and can help out please contact Miss Dickson
- **ALPHA COURSE** - Starts Mon 20th Feb 7pm- 9.15pm (includes dinner) The Lakes Parish Hall, 21 Lagoon St, Narrabeen. To read more and register click on the link.
LEARNING AND TEACHING

PARENT LIBRARY – Click on the link to view the titles available for borrowing. The library is open Tues to Thurs from 8.15am to borrow from the parent library.

PARENT EDUCATION TO SUPPORT LEARNING – Click on the link to access a variety of resources to support student learning

PASTORAL CARE AND STUDENT WELLBEING

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS to the Hart family on the arrival on Christmas Eve! of their beautiful new baby daughter Rosie Joy.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS – the Zofrea family, both grandfathers are most unwell at this time.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – Play Safe, Play Fair

BIRTHDAYS – Happy Birthday to our students for January and February

MERIT AWARDS – Published in Weeks 4 & 8

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS – Please read this information as a reminder for acceptable use.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB – The online payment system for ordering books - LOOP system

STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE – Please see the link to our new SCN Sept 2016.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT NETWORK

PEN 2017 - There are still vacancies that need filling – click here and contact the office if you can help!

COMMUNITY

GENEROUS SOULS

Please support the businesses that support our school – click here

THE LAKES PLAYGROUP IS BACK IN 2017 – At Fr. Sobb’s Hall, Lagoon Street Narrabeen. When: Monday’s 930 to 1130am ALL ARE WELCOME Contacts: Ann Boyadjji 0451 223 803 Monique Boland 0422 471 632 Sue Willis 0450 327 564.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please refer to the school website for more information: www.srcpdbb.catholic.edu.au

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