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*"Act today in a way that you need not blush tomorrow"*

– Saint John Bosco

**Week 9, Term 4**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2017. I hope they have been a valuable way of gaining insight into all that is happening at SMMC. Thank you to everyone who came to our presentation night last night and to all the teachers and students for their efforts in contributing to the night. What another great year it has been for our school.

Tomorrow morning the SRC will be holding the final **Breakfast Club** for 2017. Anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a relaxed start to the morning with **\$2** bacon and eggs and a cup of OJ. Thank you to the families who have generously donated eggs!

A reminder that we will have **Adoration** tomorrow from 11:20am – 1:00pm with **Benediction** at 12:45pm. Anyone is more than welcome to come and pray with us. Also to finish the year as a team, we will be gathering for a final **assembly** tomorrow at **2:30pm** before we head off for a well-earned break. Parents are very welcome to attend.

This coming Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December we are holding another **BBQ at Bunnings** to raise funds for the school. Please let Fiona know if you can spare some time to help us out.

If you are in town, please bring your students along to sing in the **Jindera Carols on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. This is great opportunity to represent our school in the local community. Please be there by 7pm and find Mr Flores. Students may wear appropriate casual clothes for this event. Thank you in advance.

The owner of **Parousia Media** visited our school for a tour on Friday afternoon and brought with him some resources. I have bought a stand full of fantastic CDs which are available to purchase from the office for \$5. There are range of topics which I am sure you will find very interesting.

**Leaders Now** will be holding a Kids' Activity Day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at Thurgoona parish Centre. 10am-2pm. Craft/Cooking/Games. Lunch provided. Cost \$2 to cover materials. Contact Mrs Horsfall for details on 0431734206

**Farewell and thank you to Miss Costello and Mr Galvin** for all they have brought to our school community over the last two years. Your presence will be very much missed, but we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

We have mostly finalised classes and structures for 2018. I have outlined our **staff for 2018** below and some of their main roles (not an exhaustive list). A very warm welcome to the new staff we will have with us next year at SMMC.

Kinder - Miss Tania Maclean  
Yr.1/2 – Miss Victoria Kirley  
Yr.3/4 – Mr Andrew Flores  
Yr.5/6 – Mrs Alison Patino will take the Yr.5 class from Mon-Thurs 9:20am - 12:10pm. Miss Julie McCormack will take Yr.6 during this time and 5/6s together for the remaining time.  
Mrs Christine Tingle – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for Yr.3-6.  
Mr Luke Burton – Yr.7/8 TAS/Yr.8 Maths  
Mr Kevin Tingle – Education Support  
Mrs Terry Josephs – Education Support  
Mrs Caroline Barber – Primary Library, 5/6 CAPA  
Mrs Vera Galvin – Yr.3-6 Italian, Yr.9/10 Food Tech, Yr.9/10 Church History, Yr.7/8 HSIE, Yr.7/8 English, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for Yr.3-6.  
Mrs Therese Mott-Pekolj – Yr.9/10 D&T, Yr.9 Maths, Yr.11 Standard Maths, Yr.12 Maths  
Mr Mathieu Couture – Yr.7/8 Music, secondary PDHPE, Yr.9/10 Elect. History, Yr.9/10 IST, Yr.9/10 HSIE, Yr.11 Modern and Ancient History  
Mr Kieran Williams – Yr.12 English, Yr.9/10 English, Yr.7-11 Visual Arts, Yr.9/10 Drama.  
Mrs Kathleen Horsfall – Yr.9-12 Science  
Ms Magdalene Kaur – Yr.7-11 English  
Mrs Mary McGrath – 7/8 Science, Yr.7 and 10 Maths, Yr.11 Advanced and Extension Maths  
Mrs Annita Bell – Yr.11 Legal Studies  
Ms Fiona Nuttall - Administration

Our wonderful priests, Fr Peter Murphy, Fr Brendan Lee and Fr Chris Heffernan will also be with us again next year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for a great year at SMMC. See you back at school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January** well rested and ready for another year of great learning.

God Bless, Luke Burton (Principal)

## 2018 Dates for your diary...

### Term 1 – Tuesday 30th January – Friday 13th April

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January – SMMC Working Bee to get ready for the school year
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Students begin school
- Secondary Swimming Program - Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – SMMC Swimming Carnival at Jindera Pool
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – ASH WEDNESDAY. 12pm Mass at St Mary's, Jindera
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – P&F Meeting 7pm
- Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> – Retreat Week with Verbum Dei
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – RAS Primary Swimming Competition in Wagga
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – BISSA Swimming Competition in Wagga
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Father/Son Camp at Howman's Gap
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – SMMC Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park

### Term 2 – Tuesday 1st May – Friday 29th June

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – SMMC Cross Country at Jindera Golf Course 11:30am – 2:00pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – RAS Primary Cross Country
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – BISSA Cross Country
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June – BISSA Athletics at Alexandra Park

### Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August – RAS Primary Athletics at Alexandra Park

### Term 4 – Monday 15th October – Thursday 6th December

- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October – SMMC Annual Fete

## Curriculum Corner – Miss Victoria Costello



In Term 4, the Year 7/8 class has been reading, studying, and performing the 15th century, medieval morality play, *Everyman*. The play uses allegorical characters to examine the question of salvation and what Man must do to attain it. The students began their studies with an excerpt of the original old English script and attempted to translate it. They did a marvellous job. How would you go? Here are the first lines of the play as spoken by the character of the Messenger:

**"Here begynneth a treatyse how the hye Fader of heuen sendeth Dethe to somon euery creature to come and gyue a-counte of theyr lyues in this worlde and is in manner of a morall playe".** (Hint: swap the 'u's for 'v' and the 'y's for 'i').

Next, the students gave out roles and started to work on a truncated script to perform. We had the privilege of watching the characters come to life from the pages of this anonymously written medieval classic. Characters such as: Death, Everyman, Fellowship, Goods, Wisdom and many more. I would like to congratulate the students on their entertaining performances. Well done Years 7 and 8!