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"Intense love does not measure, it just gives."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Week 9, Term 4

Wednesday 7th December

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

The year has almost finished, which is very hard to believe. It has certainly gone very quickly. It was great to recognise the students' achievements at our presentation night last night. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

Parent Survey

If you haven't already, can you please complete the parent survey emailed out last Thursday. I will keep the survey open for another couple of weeks. It would be great if all families can complete it to give us an accurate picture of our parent community's thoughts. Please let me know if you need any assistance in getting this completed.

2017 News

We have finalised classes and structures for 2017. All existing staff will be with us again in 2017. We also welcome Miss Julie McCormack to the SMMC team to teach in the 5/6 Room. Julie will be a great asset to our staff and I'm sure we will make her most welcome. I have outlined our staff for 2017 below and some of their roles (not an exhaustive list). All our staff wear many hats, so I will send out a more detailed list of staff and teaching areas when school resumes.

Kinder - Miss Tania Maclean

Yr.1/2 - Mr Andrew Flores

Yr.3/4 - Mrs Terry Josephs and Mr Mathieu Couture

Yr.5/6 - Miss Julie McCormack (4 days) & Mr Burton (1 day)

Mrs Christine Tingle – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for Yr.3-6.

Mr Luke Burton – Yr.7/8 TAS

Mr Kevin Tingle – Education Support

Mr Chris Galvin – Education Support

Mrs Vera Galvin – Secondary and Yr.3-6 Italian, Yr.9/10 Food Tech, Church History, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for Yr.3-6.

Mrs Therese Mott-Pekolj – Yr.8-12 Maths

Mr Mathieu Couture – Yr.7/8 Science & Music, Yr.11 English,

Yr.11/12 Modern History

Mr Kieran Williams – Yr.12 English, secondary PDHPE, Yr.7-10 Visual Arts, Yr.11/12 Ancient History, 9/10 Drama.

Mrs Kathleen Horsfall – Yr.9-12 Science

Miss Victoria Costello – Yr.7-10 English and History, secondary PDHPE, Yr.12 Drama, 7/8 Drama

Mrs Caroline Barber – Yr.7 Maths, Primary Library

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

Jindera Carols

If you are in town, please bring your students along to sing in the Jindera Carols on Friday 16th December. This is great opportunity to represent out school in the local community. Please be there by 7pm and find Mr Burton. Thank you in advance.

Drama Performances – come along and watch

Tomorrow (Thursday) at 10:15am, we will watch the long-awaited finale to Mr William's epic play 'A Fairy's Tail'. At 1:45pm the Yr.7/8s will perform 'A Christmas Carol'. You are very welcome to attend if you are able to.

SRC Breakfast

Tomorrow morning (Thursday) the SRC will once again be providing breakfast for just \$2 a head. Any parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy this great community building event. Might see you there!

Prophecy of the Child Isaiah 9:5

"For a child has been born for us. A son is given to us. Authority rests on his shoulders and He is named "Wonderful counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Prophecy of the Sceptre and the Star Numbers 24:17

"A star shall come forth from Jacob and a sceptre from Israel."

Much planning and preparation has gone into 2017 already and we are ready to go. Please take note of the Dates for Your Diary section in the newsletter.

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 31st January well rested and ready for another year of great learning.

God Bless,

Luke Burton
Principal

Dates for your diary...

- **Thursday 8th December** – Term Four finishes for students. 12pm Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception and our school year.
- **Friday 16th December** – Jindera Carols at Jindera Village Green. Be there by 7pm and find Mr Burton.

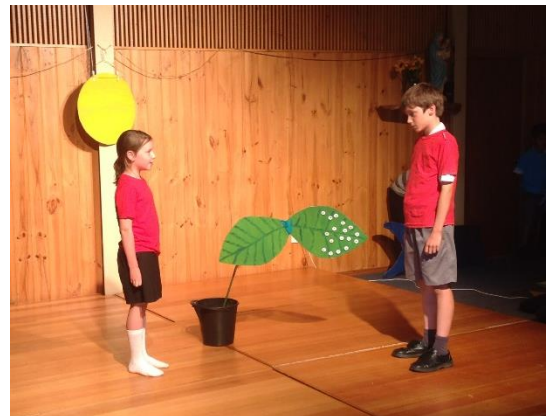
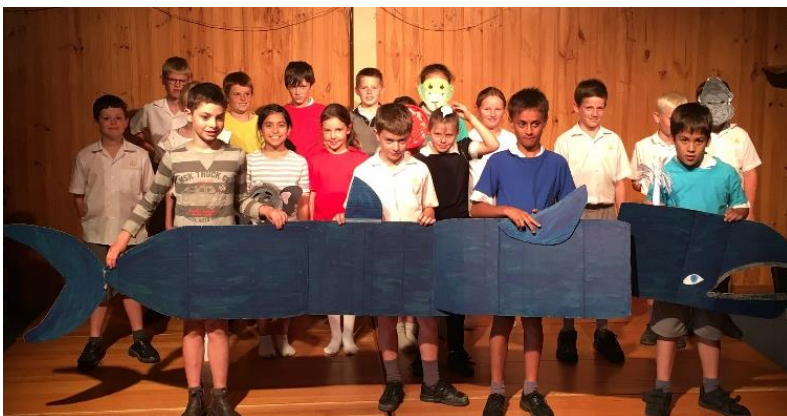
2017 Dates

- **Friday 27th January** – Staff Development Day
- **Saturday 28th January** – SMMC Working Bee to get ready for the school year
- **Monday 30th January** – Staff Professional Development day with Dr Gerard O'Shea
- **Tuesday 31st January** – Students begin school
- **Term 1** – Tuesday 31st January – Friday 7th April
- **Wednesday 15th February** – SMMC Swimming Carnival at Jindera Pool 8:30am – 3:30pm
- **Thursday 16th February** – Parents and Friends Meeting 7:30pm in the Library
- **Secondary Swimming Program** – Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th March
- **Term 2** – Wednesday 26th April – Friday 30th June
- **Wednesday 3rd May** – SMMC Cross Country at Jindera Golf Course 11:30am – 2:00pm
- **Monday 15th May** – SMMC Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park, Albury
- **Term 3** – Tuesday 25th July – Friday 22nd September
- **Saturday 5th August** – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner
- **Term 4** – Tuesday 10th October – Thursday 7th December
- **Saturday 21st October** – SMMC Annual Fete

~ CURRICULUM CORNER ~ Mrs Vera Galvin



Last Friday Year 5/6 had their last session for the year in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Both groups had a turn in the garden as well as helping to make delicious pizzas for the whole class to enjoy.



Year 3 / 4 have spent this term rehearsing and preparing a dramatization of The Bad-Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle. Last Friday they performed their play for Kinder, Year 1 / 2 and some parents. Every student had a part to play and they all did a great job.



Fresh Produce Challenge
 Last semester SMMC won a Fresh Produce Challenge. Well, we've won again! The challenge was to grow the produce and show and tell about it, linking the gardening to the Key Learning Areas in the curriculum. Maths, English, Science and Health can be found in the garden. This time a \$200 voucher and a Kids Grow Kids Cook Manual valued at \$100.

P & F 2016

This year the P & F has raised a total of \$12,212.50

- Mother's Day raffle: \$384
- Jindera Street Stall (May): \$375.25
- Bunnings BBQ: \$1077.00
- Jindera Street Stall (September): \$363.00
- Fete: \$10,013.25

This would not have been possible without so many people's generosity and willingness to assist with our fundraising activities. A big thank for all your support.

As well as a \$10,000 contribution to the sports court in 2015, the P & F has also funded the following since November 2015:

- Cupboards for the Staff Room
- Shelving for Year1 / 2 Classroom
- Concrete for outside the Year 1 / 2 Classroom
- Tools for Technology and Applied Studies
 - Noticeboards for the Library
 - School Pull Up Banner
 - Fete advertising signs
- Big books for Kinder Literacy program
- Watering system for the Kitchen Garden
 - Farewell gifts for teachers
- Assisting with cost of Year 12 Graduation (2015)

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2017 7.30PM