**Dates for Your Diary**

**Tuesday 8th December** - Prep Transition 9am-1pm (2016 Year 7 children will also have transition at these secondary schools they will be attending in 2016)

**Thursday 10th December** – End of Year Disco and out of uniform day. Sausage sizzle

**Friday 11th December** – Year 1 Camp to Traralgon Park

**Monday 14th December** – End of year reports will be given out.

**Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas Breakfast – 8am

**Wednesday 16th December** – End of Year and Graduation Mass Christmas Raffle will be drawn also.

**Thursday 17th December** – Last Day of Term. School finishes at 1pm

School Fees

There have been some changes to our fees for 2016. A levy for sports has been introduced. This is to pay for buses etc during the year when a $2 or $3 is needed for sporting events. Hopefully this will help when a small amount is wanted and you are not running around looking for change. There has been an increase in the school fee ($175 per term or $700 pa) this is adjusted according to the annual CPI. We are still cheaper than sending a child to kindergarten and ours is a family fee.

**Congratulations** to Miss Emily Haesler for being chosen to represent the Diocese of Sale at the World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. Emily will attend this wonderful celebration in July next year.

**School Assembly** next week will be held at 2pm. The senior children will present the debating semi-finals. All welcome to come along and watch this great Competition.

**School Accounts** need to be finalised as soon as possible.

**End of Year and Graduation Mass:**

This will be held on Wednesday 16th Dec at 12 Midday. We would love for you to join us at this time especially the Year 6 families. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn after the Mass.

*Joanne Johnson*
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What a wonderful Concert we had on Monday 23rd November.
Thank you to everyone who attended.
The children enjoyed the workshops during the day with Peter Kearney. It all came together wonderfully.

Father Harry and Father Mathew would like to thank everyone for the church donations at the concert. $205 was raised. This is a wonderful effort.
P & F

Could all Raffle tickets be returned to the school by Monday 14th Dec please?

We will be holding an end of year disco on Thursday 10th Dec., so please if you can come and help out let us know. Without your help we will not be able to run this event. The disco will be held during the day P-2 will be 10am – 11am and Yr3 -6 will be held 2-3pm. The entrance fee will be $2 per child. We will also be having a sausage sizzle on that day.

Tuckshop

We will be having a sausage sizzle instead of tuckshop. There will be no other orders from the tuckshop that day. If you can come along and help out that would be invaluable.

There will be no tuckshop in the last week of school. Last day for Tuckshop will be Friday 11th Dec.

Tuckshop Roster

Thurs 10th Dec - Heather Hitchins & Vicki Gelagotis

Friday 11th Dec – Belinda Valla & Amie Cook

Assessment Days 2016

Don’t forget to book your assessment time for the beginning of the new school year. These need to be done asap. A letter will be sent out on next week with all the details.

Advent has begun

Advent (from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming") is the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

A common Advent tradition is that of the Advent wreath. The wreath is made of evergreen branches with four candleholders and candles, often hung from the ceiling. Since in Advent we're waiting for the Christ child, there needs to be a ceremonial way to mark the time and make us aware of the wait. Lighting a candle reminds us of Christ as light of the world. One candle is lit for each Sunday in Advent: one on the first Sunday, two on the second, and so on.

FROM THE OFFICE

Book lists were given out yesterday and need to be returned by 15th December. If they are not returned by then you will have to take them to the Newborough Newsagency. Thanks