Hi Everyone,

Things have been a bit quiet on the P&F front of late, with everyone getting back into the swing of things for Term 2. I hope that it’s been a good start for all.

Another reminder that our next P&F meeting will be held in the library next Monday, 16th May at 2pm. All are welcome to attend. We will be mapping out some plans for the remainder of the year and looking at the various fundraising options on the table, to ensure a steady income stream, but not burning out our volunteers and their families.

If you would like to be included on a register of interest for various activities, but can’t always (or ever) make meetings, please email me (pansfamilybalingup@gmail.com) or give me a call with your contact details. The more the merrier and many hands make light work! I look forward to catching up with those who are able to attend on Monday! Happy weekend! Cherio, Sharon

THE SUGAR FILM
SHOWING NEXT WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016
TIME: 6.00pm
WHERE: School Library
All parents/guardians and friends are welcome to attend this very informative film.
Please RSVP Abbie Fetter on 0430125156

The ‘Challenge’ program began this week with students enjoying the opportunity to extend themselves. Congratulations to all of the students who have been invited to participate. A picture of Heidi, Opal and Olivia in the program.

Ms Lynam

Pentecost Sunday, which marks the end of the Easter season in the Christian calendar, celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Pentecost 2016 falls 50 days after Easter 2016, which is this Sunday, 15 May. Unfortunately due to inclement weather forecast for this Sunday, we will have to postpone our annual Parish v School Soccer Match. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused. Fr Wally and I will try to arrange an alternative day and time for this wonderful community event.

Andrew Kelly - Principal

Please pray for the members of our community who are sick and in need of our prayerful support at this time.
**Making Jesus Real**

A HUGE congratulations to Iluka Pearce (PP) and Felicity Streeter (Yr 3) who tackled the extreme sport of BMX on the weekend and participated in the Battle at Bunno BMX Carnival. I bet they tore up the track and left their competition in a whirlwind of red dust. Well done you two...a great achievement!

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**Kindy News**

Welcome back to Term 2! The Kindy children now come three days a week; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This term we are looking at beginning sound awareness. Children will look at words that start with the sounds M, S, L, and N initially. We will then move to the sounds R, W, Y in week 2 and 3, then B, P, K and G in week 4 and 5. If you want any information about this and how you can help at home, please come and see me. I have put a post on Seesaw, and also some information on the Communication Board outside the Kindy room. Have a great term!

Mrs Dodson

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**Pre Primary News**

The Pre Primary students have had a flying start to Term Two with plenty of laughter and learning. Our investigations are in full swing as we discover new things and practice our learning intentions and skills, in ways that are interesting and meaningful to us. We hope that you have enjoyed following your child’s learning journey in Investigations via the Seesaw app, and please encourage parents who have not signed up to do this as soon as possible.

In literacy, we continue with alphabet knowledge with a focus on letter sounds and correct formation. We are now reading and writing simple words, experimenting with sentences and have begun a guided reading program to assist us to develop skills, to become confident readers into the future. Our Numeracy focus this term has been on measurement and practising number ‘party games’ to develop our skills and prepare us to share these with you at your Maths Morning Tea next week.

In Religious Education, we have learned about different celebrations including Mother’s Day, Anzac Day, birthdays and the Eucharist, and how these celebrations make our lives more special. We are now moving into discussions about our families and communities, which integrates with our History focus for the next few weeks, as we explore where our families come from.

Mrs Tassos

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**Term 2 in Year 5**

Our major theme of study this term will be Rio de Janeiro and the summer Olympic Games. We will be investigating the geographical features of Brazil, the culture and of course all the action of the Olympic Games themselves. We plan on writing letters to an athlete and we will even conduct a mini-Olympics for fun. Our focus in English will be public speaking, as we are taking part in a collaborative project to develop this skill with St Mary’s, St Joseph’s and Kearnan College. These will be filmed and parents will have the opportunity to watch their children in action. Over the course of the term, the Year 5s will be creating a writing portfolio which will contain a range of published writing in a number of different genres. Currently in reading, we are studying the novel, "The Girl With No Name" by Pat Lowe and, of course, spelling and language conventions will be a daily routine. In numeracy, mental calculation will be a daily focus and currently our students are learning to use a protractor to measure angles. As always, tables practice is a regular activity as well as a range of maths games, both physical and on-line. It has been fantastic getting to know these children and we are thoroughly enjoying our learning journey as we tackle Term 2 head on!

Mr T and Ms L

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**Term 2 News**

Auditions for the School Band will be held next week at lunchtime on Wednesday and on Thursday. Students, please speak to Mr Parkinson if you would like to audition. Thanks and good luck! Mr P