Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to our final term of the school year. It’s always nice for us as staff to catch up with our school children after a break. Having worked in bigger schools in the past, I think it makes it more special seeing our children return because we feel we know them better as we spend more individual time with them on a daily basis.

We don’t have long to squeeze in two camps (Junior and Senior), swimming instruction, end of year nativity, Catholic Choral festival and end of year presentations. The big thing is that we all enjoy the ride along the way.

It was lovely to see the standard of presentation of our children in their uniforms today. Thank you with your support on this parents. It shows we have a lot of pride in our wonderful school.

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Richard Duffy
School Photos
The order forms are coming home today. Please check through the class list to make sure your child’s spelling is correct. Due date for these to be back at school is Wednesday 30th October.

Dates for your Diaries
Catholic Music Festival practice  Tuesday 15 Oct
BOT Meeting  Monday 21 Oct
Catholic Music Festival practice/performance  Wednesday 23 Oct
Labour Weekend - no school  Monday 28 Oct
Camp Meeting  Thursday 31 Oct @7pm
First Friday Mass  Friday 1 Nov

Sports News:
Futsal
Draw: St Mary’s Celtics vrs Warrington Warriors Court 4, 6pm

Tee Ball Tigers
Practice on Wednesday after school, hopefully it’s not raining. Kids bring an extra snack with you to have before practise. First game on Saturday 19th Oct - This Saturday. Team to be be at Bathgate Park, 15 minutes before the game please. If game time isn’t in newsletter, I will text everyone on Thursday.

Thanks from Panz (Coach/Manager)

Catholic Schools Music Festival
As you are probably aware, our Year 3-6 children have been preparing for the Catholic Schools Music Festival which is to be held at the Regent Theatre on Wednesday October 23. The performance begins at 7pm, and it is very important that children are at the Regent by 6:30pm. The show is expected to end at around 9:15pm.

We had a massed singing practise today at St Bernadette’s and have one more session before the event. Our children are superb, tuneful singers and we are building well to our own individual singing items.

Children can be left and collected after the show but parents wanting to attend can purchase tickets from the Regent after September 30 and the tickets are costed at $7 per ticket. If you have any queries, please ask Richard at school.
**Swimming at Wakari**
During the weeks of Monday 4 November—Friday 15 November we are having swimming lessons at Wakari school pool. We’ll be leaving daily at 12:40 and Room 2 will need some help with changing children after swimming. If you can help with this please let Michelle or Richard know please.

**Camp Meeting**
Friendly reminder about the Room 3 camp meeting in Room 3 on Thursday Oct 31 at 7pm.

**Board Meeting**
This coming Monday 21 October 7 pm in the staffroom.

**Board Policy Review**
Recently the Board of Trustees reviewed National Administrative guideline 6 which incorporates all legislative requirements that schools have. This policy is currently on display on the Office noticeboard should you wish to view it or make any comments about this policy before the Board ratify this policy at their next meeting.

**Health Education Consultation**
Coming home with the newsletter today is the Health Education Consultation letter. Please read through and return to the box or Jacquie in the school by Wednesday 23 October.

**School Fair**
The Wakari School fair is being held this Sunday October 20 with a start time of 11am.

**Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks**

**Sausage Sizzle Order**

Name ________________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each __________________

Ice Blocks $1.00 __________ (only 1 per child,)
October is the Month of the Rosary.

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation.

Both classes will be reciting one decade of the rosary each morning as part of their morning prayer. You are very welcome to join us at any time.

October is also Mission Month.

Along with Caritas, Missionz is the other charity our school raises money for each year. The Year 6 Exec will be holding a meeting soon to discuss how we can raise money for Missionz this October.

Room 2 - Our learning this week

We have been learning how to pray the Rosary. It is a special prayer about Mary, and one of St Dominic’s favourites! This week we are praying joyful mysteries which are about the happy times in Mary’s life.

On Friday we are going to pray the Rosary at 9am with the whole world! By praying together we are trying to bring peace and unity to the world.

Room 3 News

Over the holidays three of our class members celebrated birthdays. We shared the exciting things we did in the holidays.

We have begun looking at recount writing and only did our plan and introduction.

This week and next we are very busy with preparing for the Catholic Schools choral festival, which is next week.

Shortly, we beginning work on the key competency – Thinking - what will it look like in our class, what will it feel like, and if you came into the class what would you see.

We have a busy term planned.