If you look for Me at Christmas

You won’t need a special star -
I’m no longer just in Bethlehem,
I’m right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations –
You’ll have to look beyond the stars
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you’ll find
I’m waiting there for you.
You’re the one I want to be with
You’re the reason that I came,
And you’ll find Me in the stillness
As I’m whispering your name

Love,

Jesus

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

The end of the school year always appears to come in a rush, possibly driven by the excitement that naturally comes around Christmas time. Our two major celebrations were both wonderful community gatherings which commenced with our Christmas Concert and concluded on Tuesday night with our Thanksgiving Mass and Graduation ceremony. Thanks to everyone who helped coordinate, prepare, clean up or participated in the concert, mass or the graduation. I would especially like to thank the children for the joy they brought to each celebration.

I would like to thank the staff for their endless enthusiasm and energy that they put into their various roles around the school. I believe we are very fortunate to have such an inspiring team serving the children in their pursuit of excellence. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Stubberfield, Mrs Horne, Miss La Verghetta and Mr Kinder for their input and drive and the positive impact they have had on the children and our community. On behalf of the community I wish you well in your future endeavours.
Miss Nugent and Miss Jacob have also decided to not to return to BCPS and I wish them well and once again thank them for their wonderful contributions to our community. Ms Gorman will be on leave next year and I wish her all the best while she enjoys her well-earned break. In the body of the newsletter you will find the 2017 staff list.

Last night the 2017 Kindy Orientation meeting was held in the Library and it was lovely to meet the new families and the families already in the school that once again will be starting at Kindy. We still have three places available for Kindy next year so if you know of anybody looking for a place for their child for Kindy please ask them to contact the office. There are limited places in Pre-Primary, Years 4-6 but we are presently full in Years 1-3. Please encourage your friends to contact the office if they are looking for a Catholic primary education in this area.

If you would like to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their reports we have made time available on Monday 12 December in the afternoon between 1.10pm and 3.00pm. Please contact your child’s teacher to make a suitable time.

I would like to thank the P&F for organising the Shared Lunch yesterday; the children loved the opportunity to have something different for lunch. I’d also like to thank the P&F for very kindly organising the Graduation Cake and the delicious cupcakes that were presented to each staff member. Thanks for your tremendous support throughout the year, your efforts and the time you put into organising the various events and activities during the year is greatly appreciated.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate three of our children on winning two special awards:

- Aker Athoi was awarded the 2016 Students Citizenship Award from the Wanneroo Council.
- Piper Rose Goodman was awarded the Outstanding Aboriginal Student Primary Division which was part of the Aboriginal Excellence Awards.
- Kyan Newton Moss was awarded the IMCC Bursary for 2017.

I wish all the children and their families that are leaving our school community all the best as they embrace their new work and school environments. Thanks for your support throughout your time with us and I wish you well for the future. To our Year 6 children moving onto high school, I recommend that you embrace the challenge with enthusiasm and excitement. Thanks for being such a fabulous group of children and remember when in doubt the following: WWJD.

The news is slowly getting out to the wider community but if you haven’t heard we have been given the green light to proceed with the redevelopment of our undercover area. Work will hopefully begin in late May 2017 and will conclude in early April 2018. More details of the project will be made as we get closer to the construction stage and we will put up a copy of the plans outside the library early in the New Year.

A Preliminary 2017 calendar will be emailed out to families tomorrow, please note this may be subject to changes. A more detailed term calendar will be sent out at the beginning of each term. Teachers commence on Monday 30 January 2017 and students commence back at school on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

Finally I would like to wish you all a safe, happy, Holy Christmas and may the peace and love of the new born child bring love into your homes during the festive season and into the New Year.

God bless and thank you,

James Danaher
STAFFING 2017

The classes and staffing for 2017 are as follows:

Principal: Mr James Danaher

Office: Mrs Debbie Brunton
Mrs Sonia Goor
Mrs Geneve Bastian

Assistant Principals
Mrs Fiona Christie
Miss Dee Campbell
Mr Mike Morris

Kindergarten: Teacher: (K1) Mrs Gina Pusey
Assistant 1: Mrs Sonia Goor
Assistant 2: Mrs Lisa Kerr
Teacher: (K2) Miss Ember O’Brien
Assistant 1: Ms Calli Hedley
Assistant 2: Ms Esther Cuesta

PPB: Teacher: Miss Jodie Scholte/Mrs Emma Coad
Assistant: Mrs Melissa Carroll

PPW: Teacher: Mrs Katherine Simon
Assistant: Mrs Claudine Holdsworth

Year 1B: Miss Kayla Swinny
Year 2B: Mrs Melissa Rossi
Year 3B: Miss Ashlee Gugiatti
Year 4B: Mrs Fiona McDonald
Year 5B: Mrs Rebecca Freeman
Year 6B: Mrs Joslyn Selyer

Year 1W: Mrs Katherine Anderson
Year 2W: Miss Kaitlin Albrecht
Year 3W: Mrs Nicole Bond
Year 4W: Miss Caitlin McCarthy
Year 5W: Miss Carmen Mirto
Year 6W: Miss Laura Quinn

LOTE (Italian): Mrs Josephine McDonald
Drama: Mrs Kathryn Dolbel
Science: Mrs Gina Vescovi
Phys. Ed: Ms Amanda Croxall
Library: Mrs Anne Versteegan
Technician: Mrs Marie Gray

Reading Recovery: Mrs Jane O’Reilly
Support Teacher: Mrs Christina Smith
Social Worker: Miss Julie Ford

General Teacher Assistants: Mrs Linda Finnegan, Mrs Linda Howell, Ms Jodie Dux,
Special Needs Teacher Assistant: Mrs Suzie Baker
Aboriginal Teacher Assistant: Mr Bradley Barbuto

Uniform Shop: Mrs Gemma Clinton
Groundsman/Maintenance: Mr Mark Hughes, Mr Karl Glenn, Mr Jim Gullen

SCHOOL FEES

All 2016 outstanding fees need to be finalised ASAP.

2017 School Fee structure and new Direct Debit forms were sent out last week. Families who wish to start direct debits from January 2017 may return their forms ASAP to allow sufficient time for data entry before the school term ends.

Families on Health Care Cards please ensure that you have provided your updated copy to the school office in order to receive the discount towards tuition fee only.

Kind regards,
Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer
SPORT NEWS
Faction Captains 2017

On Tuesday night the faction captains and vice captains for 2017 were announced and presented to the school community. The children in Year 5 nominated themselves for the position and had to prepare and present a short speech to those in Years 3-6. The children all voted on who they thought would make a great leader for their faction. Thank you to all those who nominated and congratulations to the following student, I look forward to a fantastic 2017.

Blue Captains
Bridie Atkinson
Stevan Merenda

Vice Captains
Katie Appleton
Dan Lutula

Red Captains
Mia Conroy
Nahom Gunsa

Vice Captains
Alicia Glynn
Addison Squire

Gold Captains
Niamh Windeatt
Liam Bryden

Vice Captains
Bethany Hutchinson
Daniel Lindley

Green Captains
Ava Mason
Brodie Toms

Vice Captains
Samantha Snesar
Kai Hodgins

Before and After school Sport 2017

Last week information regarding the before and after school sport program was emailed out to all parents of students in K-5. If your child/children wanted to participate in any of the sports, the forms needed to be returned yesterday Wednesday 7th December. If your child is wanting to participate in Martial Arts, Soccer or Tennis you can contact the coaches/association any time to register, there is no deadline.

The following sports will be on offer for term 1 2017:

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<td>Martial Arts – SMART (weeks 1-10)</td>
<td>Ryan Rajendran <a href="mailto:info@smartratkd.com">info@smartratkd.com</a> 0450 098 118</td>
<td>$50 per month</td>
<td>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 2:50-3:50pm (UCA)</td>
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<td>Soccer - CF11 - club house football</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@cf11.com.au">info@cf11.com.au</a> 9300 2050</td>
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<td>Friday 7:30am (Oval)</td>
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<td>Tennis – Mike Roberts</td>
<td>0412 572 886 <a href="mailto:mroberts@iinet.net.au">mroberts@iinet.net.au</a></td>
<td>$130 per term or $260 for siblings</td>
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Kind Regards,
Amanda Croxall
P.E. Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

It is the season to be jolly, that means in 2016: tired, over worked, time poor, financially strained and lacking in patience. So how do we all, young and old maintain the ‘Magic of Christmas’. Like everything else it takes work and even so, the charm can sometimes slip away. Christmas is the celebration of birth and that is a joy to all people, all over the world. I hope you can share some time over this festive season with your children and family ensuring that the magic lives on for all. The message behind the story, ‘The Polar Express’, by Chris Van Allsburg puts it simply, perhaps that it the secret. From us in the Library to all the Brighton community, have a safe, happy and delicious holiday break and be kind and gentle to all.

Best wishes
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray (Library Ladies)

UNIFORM SHOP

Students from Years 1 to 6 return to school next year in their school summer uniform.

The uniform shop will open tomorrow morning (Friday) from 8.00am until 8:30am for the last time this year. The shop will also open before school commences next year on Tuesday 24 January 2017 from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

Please note we have no eftpos facilities, only cash or cheque.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthdays over the holidays:


We wish you all a fantastic day!

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Congratulations to the D’Angelo family (Jordan in PP) on the birth of a beautiful baby boy ‘Nathan Christopher’.

ST ANDREW’S PARISH, CLARKSON (Cnr Belleville Gardens & Victorsen Parade)

Parish Priest: Father Robert Carrillo 9407 7512
Assistant Priest: Father Israel

Mass Times:
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am/9.00am/5.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIME TABLE

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December
  6.30pm Family Mass (Children are invited to dress up as sheperds, angels and kings for the 6.30pm Family Mass)
  12 Midnight

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December
  7.30am
  9.00am

** Before each Mass there will be Carols.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN’S CHOIR

St Andrew’s Parish Music Ministry are looking for students aged 7 and over to lead the congregation for carol singing, and Christmas Eve Mass on 24th December 2016 starting at 6pm. Practices will be held on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. For more information, please contact Mel Leedham on 0419 024 655.