Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen.

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year. The children have settled in very well after the Christmas break. A special welcome to our new families: Dymock, Gallagher, Williams, Le Vu, Atuer, Gillespie, Deng, Wild, Atuer, Humphrey, Marial, Holmes, Chamberlain, Menzies, Torpy, Cronje, Romanowski, Aiton, Donaldson. We also welcome our new Kindergarten families: Dwyer, Siegertsz, Stace, Ajang, Epple, Kingsley, Kinsey, Mahanya, Muir, Padilla, Rasheed, Unthank, Awan, Glowacz, Goljok, Whelan, Akol, Bezant, Challis, Dos Santos-Viljo, Hampson Villalobos, Horvath, Jacobs, Kohlschein, Mariner, Pearcey, Rosich, Vitalich. I would also like to welcome Miss Laura Quinn and Miss Joslyn Kilgallon our two new Year 6 teachers to BCPS. Ms Julie Ford also joins our community this year as our School Counsellor. Julie is a qualified Social Worker and will be working with all members of our community.

In the last two newsletters last year I explained that electronic gates would be installed over the holidays and I did suggest there may be teething problems in the initial weeks. True to form we have had a few hiccups that have arisen which we are addressing. The main ingredient in addressing these concerns relates around people being patient and polite. As the gates don’t open until 2.30pm I ask/urge you not to drive to school to pick up your children until after that time. There is no need to line up in the traffic any earlier than 2.30pm so that once the gates open people can come into school in readiness for the end of the day. I would like to ask the people first in line to find a park as this will allow more cars to enter the carpark. Yesterday the carpark was empty by 3.00pm. Please be patient and cooperative with the introduction of the gates. We installed the gates to assist with the security of all within the school community.

Please ensure you drive at the correct speed in and around our school so as to ensure the safety of our children.

We have been contacted by Butler College and have been asked to remind our parents not to park in their carparks. They have 400 new students this year and thus they need all their parking bays for staff. Staff now have stickers on their cars so they can be identified by the parking inspectors patrolling the carparks, if you haven’t the correct parking permit you may be fined.
At a guess, as parents we are delighted when our children take responsibility for their actions and their words. I am going to challenge all adults within our community and ask that they take responsibility to read the fortnightly newsletter so that you can keep up with the daily running and community life at BCPS. Staff members often say they are asked questions about certain events or school policies that in fact have already been explained in previous newsletters. I know I feel embarrassed when I ask a parent, “Have you read the newsletter?”, knowing the answer to the question they have asked is contained within a previous newsletter.

A perfect example of the above issue relates to school uniform. In numerous newsletters last year we outlined what footwear is acceptable both on sports days and every other school day and yet people choose not to follow the Uniform Policy and let their children wear alternative shoes. When families confirm their child’s enrolment into the school they sign an agreement that they will follow and implement school policies as designated by the school. Below is the exact wording on the confirmation letter that parents sign:

As parents/guardians of the above student, I/We;

• Agree that the information on the enrolment form be true and correct.
• Agree to support the school’s faith development programme and contribute positively to the development of the ethos of the school.
• Agree to abide by the school’s educational policy and other regulations which may be made from time to time.
• **Agree to support the school’s Dress Code, including sending children in the correct school uniform, as stipulated, from Year 1.**
• Agree to help in the various school support activities including e.g. Parents and Friends’ Association, School Board, Parent/Teacher Meetings, classroom activities, busy bees, etc.
• Agree to pay promptly all tuition and other fees as required (unless the School Board has agreed to other arrangements, made on a confidential basis with the Principal, in the case of financial hardship).

By signing the letter of confirmation you have agreed to adhere to the points above and this includes dot point 4 relating to uniform. Therefore I ask that you take the responsibility and ensure your child/children are in the correct uniform at all times. If there is a medical reason why your child can’t wear the correct uniform a medical certificate is required.

With the above in mind could you please ensure the following uniform items are correct? Sports shoes need to be all black lace up shoes, no other colour on the shoe or sole of the shoe. No coloured laces. School shoes must be black lace up shoes, no velcro unless for medical reasons. Medical certificate to be provided if velcro shoes to be worn. You can buy all black sports shoes at the following places:

- Big W black sports shoes for $30
- Target black sports shoes for $35
- Kmart black sports shoes for $30.
- Betts Kids black sports shoes (air flex – top of the range) for $89.99.
- Williams had ‘Sketchers’ black sports shoe at $99.
- Foot Locker $99 plus
- The Athlete’s Foot $99 plus

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and in keeping with BCPS tradition we will be holding our annual Shrove Tuesday Breakfast. In the initial letter that was sent home the times were incorrect. Since that letter went home reminders have been sent home via SMS and have been put on the non-designated school Facebook. The times for breakfast are as follows:

- Gates open at 6.55am
- Breakfast served from 7.30am until 8.10am
- Children go to class at 8.20am

Please note that we have catered for two pancakes per person so if that isn’t enough breakfast for your child please give them something before they come to school.
The P&F have already been up and at it and have planned a number of exciting events for the term. The first being the school’s annual family ‘Meet and Greet’ evening which will be held on Friday 12 February between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. Details outlining the evening have been sent home today along with a letter outlining the upcoming Sausage Sizzle to be held at Bunnings on Sunday 21 February. They have also sent home a letter about Class Contact Details. The first P&F newsletter for the year will be emailed out tomorrow. Please continue to support your P&F as they do a great job for our school in raising the community spirit within our community.

At the end of last year a red piece of paper was sent home outlining the dates for 2016 and in the top of the right hand corner underneath the logo it states, ‘Please refer to the term calendar that is sent out in the first week of term’. This is due to changes that often are made after things have been sent out. Please note the following are the pupil free dates for 2016 that have been set aside for professional development. You will notice that an additional day has been added to these dates as I forgot to add the date gazetted to all schools in WA by the State Government due to the implementation of the ‘WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline’ a professional development programme that all schools have to participate in.

**Professional Development Days 2016**

- Thursday 24 March
- Thursday 2 June
- Friday 3 June
- Friday 19 August
- Monday 22 August
- Monday 10 October

The Term One Calendar will also be emailed out tomorrow.

On Monday 15 February we will be holding a Parent Information Evening. In planning the evening we realised that the Year 7 Information Night at Irene McCormack Catholic College is planned for the same night and therefore we have set the times below so that anyone needing to attend will be able to.

- **Session One** 5.30pm – 5.45pm  Principal address – Covered Area
- **Session Two** 5.50pm – 6.20pm  Teacher presentations – Classrooms
- **Session Three** 6.25pm – 6.55pm  Teacher presentations (Repeat of previous session) – Classrooms

Friday 12 February is Government Census Day for all schools. It is vitally important that all children attend school on that day as the outcome of the census is linked to funding. If you know your child/children aren’t going to be at school on that day please send a letter to your child’s teacher informing them of the non-attendance. Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

As you may have observed the new grass area is open for the children to play on. Due to the extra space we have decided to let the children play soccer throughout the entire year. The only time the children won’t be allowed to play soccer is if they aren’t playing in the correct spirit. I explained to the children there are not to be any slide tackles or arguments. If slide tackles or arguments arise the ball will be taken away for that session (either morning tea or lunch play) and will be given back to them for the very next session. If there is a concern over a decision the children are to play paper – scissor – rock and the winner makes the final decision. Please discuss the above with your child/children. We are very fortunate to have such a great playing space and we want all children to enjoy it.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the start of the year with a Whole School Mass and I would like to invite you to join us as we come together to praise and thank God for our wonderful school.

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at the ‘Meet and Greet’ on Friday 12 February.

Take care and God bless,

James Danaher
**STAFF FOR 2016**

**Principal**  Mr James Danaher, **Assistant Principals:** Mrs Fiona Christie, Miss Kathryn Hawkey  
**Office Staff:** Mrs Debbie Brunton, Mrs Sonia Goor  
**Finance:** Mrs Geneve Bastian  
**IT:** Mrs Tammy Hunter  
**Maintenance:** Mr Mark Hughes  
**Uniform Shop:** Mrs Gemma Clinton

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MISSION FETE NEWS

We have received a letter of heart-felt thanks from San Mateo Primary School showing what they have purchased with our donation. The two laptops and printers were such a blessing for them as it will make a real difference to the lives of the teaching staff and school community.

The container with the library books along with other items the SEEDS group is sending is due to depart now in early March. The teachers are aware of our gift to the children and are bubbling with excitement and utter disbelief at the generosity of our school. We look forward to the promised video of the children opening the boxes of books which we will share at an assembly.

Once again, thankyou for all your support.

Fiona Christie

MR. JAMES DANAHER
Principal
Brighton Catholic Primary School

Hello Everybody!

A joyful greeting to all of you this Christmas season.

Thank you so much for the early Christmas gifts. It really was just what we wanted.

It was so kind of you to send $2000 which Fr. Tomas Rito used to purchase two laptops and two printers. You just can imagine how it really puts a smile on the teachers’ faces.

With a single computer, it was really hard for eight teachers in meeting the deadline for the submission of reports to the regional office. You just don’t know how it brings a difference in our work and how it furthered the desire of the teachers to work better.

Everytime we will use these gadgets, we will think of you and your thoughtfulness.

Thank you very much for channelling your help through the SEEDS.

Merry Christmas and a blissful new year.

Best regards,
YOLY & SMCA TEACHERS
SCHOOL FEES
Dear Parents,
Please find with the newsletter a copy of the 2016 School Fee Structure. In the next couple of weeks, fee statements will be sent out. In the meanwhile if you wish to pay the fees via Direct Debit or make payment plans for this year, please see me. Families on Health Care Card, please send me a copy of the updated card so as you continue to receive the discount for this year. New families in the school who have a Health Care or Pensioner Card please bring in your card to the Office so that you are able to receive a discount on the Tuition Fees.
Thank you.
Regards,
Mrs Geneve Bastian, Finance Officer

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS (YEARS 3-6)
All activities will begin in week 2 and finish in week 8. Please see below the timetable for start and finish times, please be prompt when picking up your child. Students need to be dressed in suitable attire for their chosen activity and bring along a drink bottle. If you are participating in swimming please ensure the money is handed in by tomorrow Friday 5th February.

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LIBRARY NEWS
Greetings from the Library for 2016 and also a warm welcome to the Medieval and Ancient Worlds, that could possibly include me but I’m not sure about that. We have some wonderful displays for which I must thank Mr McDonald, that is, our Italian teacher’s husband who has recreated the Leaning Tower of Pizza. It is a truly realistic model of this iconic Roman structure. Mrs Holdsworth, who can be found working with the Pre-Primary children this year, has very kindly allowed her most life like painting of the Colosseum to hang in the Library as well. The Seven Dwarfs are also making an appearance with Snow White, to hopefully capture the interest of the younger students. Hope to see you during the term, please pop in if you have a spare moment and view these wonderful sights.

Best wishes
Library Ladies
Anne Versteegen and Marie Gray
MEDICATION
Requests for the administration of medication are serious and need to be duly documented. Children who are on long term, prescription medication, or those suffering a condition requiring the administration of medication must have a signed consent form outlining all the details. These also need to be signed by a doctor. Forms are available from the Office.

MOBILE TELEPHONES
Children are not permitted to have mobile telephones in their possession at school. If parents deem it is essential that a child has a mobile phone for use outside school hours, but requiring its presence at school, an official notification needs to be made (forms are available through the Office). The telephone must be turned off and handed into the office on arrival each day. Children then collect the phones at the end of the day. For safety’s sake, all contact between students and parents during school time must be made through the school office.

SICK CHILDREN
Please do not send sick children to school as they are generally too unwell to cope. If you are unsure about the genuineness of an ‘illness’, send the child but let either the class teacher or the Office know, including a number where you can be contacted. Please do NOT tell the child to tell the teacher if they are unwell and you will come and pick them up!!! You can be assured that they will be VERY sick five minutes after you have left.

CONTACT DETAILS
A family contact list will be going home at the beginning of next week with the eldest child from each family. Please ensure that you take the time to fill this form in and get it back to the office ASAP with any changes marked clearly in pen. If there are no changes please just sign the form and send it back to the office. We need to have correct and up-to-date details in case of emergencies. If you have not supplied the school with your email details please do so ASAP, this is of utmost importance as the newsletter is electronically sent.

NITS/HEAD LICE
Please check your children’s hair weekly in bright sunlight and follow the appropriate treatment plan if there are either eggs or live lice present. Please also notify the school so that we can issue a general alert to other parents.

BICYCLES
All students who cycle to school MUST have a lock and chain for their own bicycle. The bicycle racks are located at the front of the year 1/2 block and the year 3/4 block. Helmets must be worn AT ALL TIMES. Bicycles, scooters and other wheeled modes of transport may not be ridden anywhere in the school grounds.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop hours are:
- Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm – 3.00pm
- Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.30am

- If you cannot make these times, please come to the office and fill out an order form along with payment and the order will be filled on the next opening day. Orders will not be filled outside of these hours.

- We can only accept cash or cheque – the school does not have facilities at all for Eftpos/credit card payments.

- Students in Pre-Primary have the option of wearing the sports polo shirts and school hat. All students in Kindergarten do not wear the school uniform.

WARNING WARNING WARNING - ALLERGY ALERT
We have children in the school with potentially fatal allergies to NUTS. Parents are reminded that the school is a NUT FREE ZONE. The children are therefore asked NOT to bring sandwiches or other food made with peanut paste, Nutella or any other nut product.
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently celebrated a birthday or who will be celebrating their birthday over the next two weeks:

Blair Holmes, Willow Leary, Mia Harms, Keira Lenihan, Cayden Protzman, Mason Nugent, Lachlan Dymock, Daniella Tragiannidis, Dakota Mountney, Finn Boyer, Owen Ward, Catherine McAuley, Billy Boschman, Zander McCartney, Amelia Trehearn, Maddison Markham, Ella Coles, Bridie Atkinson, Toby Prunster, Nathaniel Murphy, Thomas Rowe, Ava Mason.

We wish you all a fantastic day!

Congratulations to the Thomas family (Declan in Year 1) on the arrival of a little girl ‘Addison’ born on 7/1/16. Another big congratulations to the Egan family (Aubree Rose in Year 1) on the arrival of a little boy ‘Spencer’ born on 18/1/16.

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
QUINNS FOOTBALL CLUB

Quinns FC would like to announce that Registrations for their 2016 Season are now open.

Registrations can be made on the MyFootballClub website. All existing and new members must register via the self registration website at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Payments can be made by cheque, cash and direct deposit on either of our Club Registration Days on 30th Jan and 6th Feb at Gumblossom Community Centre 1130-330pm. Please remember if you are paying via direct deposit please state the invoice number that will be emailed to you following online registration so our treasurer can allocate payments correctly. Players will be able to purchase shorts and training kit at the Club Rego days, for any enquiries regarding registrations please contact Vicki Frost (Treasurer) on 0417095557.

Butler Netball Club
Registration Day
Date: 13th February 2016
Time: 9am-12pm
Where: Irene McCormack Catholic College
Bradman Drive, Butler
New and returning players welcome.
For more information please contact:
Nicole 0439722844
president@butlernetballclub.com
Helen 0437235972 registrar@butlernetballclub.com