Dear Parents,

Advent is the season for waiting; waiting to commemorate Christ’s coming at Christmas. However, this year seems to have been a year of trying, to “keep up” with little time to enjoy the pleasures of “waiting” and the dreaming, and contemplations that are its luxuries. For weeks the shops have been convincing us that Christmas is all about helping them to improve trading figures. All the preparations, buying of presents, cooking etc do become distractions to the real essence of this important Season.

Over the next few weeks we will begin each week with our Advent liturgies. The presence of the Jessie Tree and more importantly the Advent Wreath prepares us for the great celebrations of Christmas. Its candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and that his coming brought new hope to the people. As Christians, we believe that Jesus has come into our world bringing the Good News of the Father’s love.

Do you reflect this attitude and preparation for Christmas to your CHILDREN?

Carmel Agius
2012 School Uniform
At the beginning of 2012 all students should be in the new style uniform.

Second Hand Uniforms
The office is in need of the new style second hand uniforms in all size. We are also in need of all sizes in boys and sports shorts.

From the LARC
Congratulations to the 282 students that completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. What a great achievement!
If you wish to begin reading for the 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge the Book Lists and Rules can be found on the Premier’s Reading challenge website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.
Please keep a paper record of the books read, as children will only be able to enter the book details from March next year.

This week is the last week for borrowing library books. ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED next week so our Inventory process can begin.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Balogh-Caristo

ST MARGARET MARY’S SCHOOL BAND

To Parents of Children in Years 3 to 6 (2012).
We are doing testing over the next couple of weeks to recruit new members for our school band in 2012. Learning a musical instrument is a great opportunity for children and reflects in other areas of learning. If you would like to have your child try out to learn a musical instrument in 2012 there are forms available at the school office. Should you like further information please don’t hesitate to ring me on 9873 4386 / 0416 029 171.

Margaret Ciccarelli
Band Director

BIRTHDAYS

Jaymz Kouvas  Ivana Bui  Christopher Haddad  John El Ghoussain
Alan Jerald Alexis  Patrick Rodriguez  Alex Sallit  Rachael Younan
Paskal Laoulach  Kiana Loncar  Anabelle Mika  Cristian Houchab
Bethany Issa  Elizabeth Pobee  Makayla Savoldi-Brunelli  Vera Chakti
Adriana Afful  Mary El Helo  Ilige Ghasb  Alesandra Nasr
Madeline Hughes  Zaynab El-Hussein  Kristin Farah  Sophia Lin
David Curkovic

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.
Tuckshop Roster

Term 4 Week 7/8

Thursday November 24  L. Saliba
Friday November 25  M. Jammal
Monday November 28
Tuesday November 29  H. Maroun, L. McLeay
Wednesday November 30  A. Boulous, P. Mtanios

Fundraiser

Contours fitness for women on the go, are offering 10 visits for $10.00 and for every voucher that is sold by the school we get to keep the $10.00.
So come and help support our school by purchasing a Contours 10 visit voucher from the school office.

Parent to Parent

Annual General Meeting
Just a reminder about our annual General Meeting will be held tonight Wednesday 23rd November 7.00pm in the LARC.
So come along and meet new parents and get involved. This is also a way parents can have a voice in the school.

School Disco
Also all families should have received a sausage sizzle note for our school disco. The disco will be held on Thursday 8th December in 2 separate sessions.
All money raised from the disco will be donated to the Starlight Foundation.

You’re Invited!

To the 2nd annual Diocesan Film Festival
A celebration of student film-making
Our school will be participating on
When: Wednesday November 30
Where: McCarthy Catholic College
Mackellar St Emu Plains.
Time: 6.30pm for the program to start at 7.00pm—8.30pm
This event is hosted by the Learning Exchange, it will showcase the creativity and skills of students involved in the Movie Teams program through a series of original short films.
All films have been scripted, directed, filmed, edited and produced by students within our schools.
If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday November 23 with the date and number of people attending.
Dear Parents,

The Parents & Friends Committee is holding a Christmas disco this year as our end of year event to thank you for all your support throughout the year. The disco will be held on Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} December in 2 separate sessions providing more suitable and enjoyable music for each group.

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Please note that there will be NO SUPERVISION PROVIDED FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL. Infants students MUST BE PICKED UP AT 5.00pm. No Infants are to stay with PRIMARY SIBLINGS.

Primary students ARE TO GO HOME after school and return for their disco. All pre-school children HAVE TO BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT.

THURSDAY 8\textsuperscript{th} December will be a MUFTI DAY CHILDREN TO WEAR CHRISTMAS COLOURS AND THEME WITH A GOLD COIN DONATION.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR BY THE P & F AND DONATED TO THE STARLIGHT FOUNDATION.

Water will be sold at the disco for $2.00
Glow stick bracelets will also be on sale for 50c.

Children not attending the disco need to be picked up from school in their normal way at 3pm

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR SERVE UP A SMILE CHRISTMAS DISCO.

Please return your order and money to the school office by Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} November 2011.
Sausages Sizzle $3.00ea.

I wish to order a sausage and roll for my child/children:

Name: ___________________________ Class: ________ Number of sausage + roll: _______
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Orders are to be returned to office by Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November.
Onions, BBQ and tomato sauce will be available on request at the disco at no extra cost.