Dear Parents,

It is hard to imagine that this is the last school newsletter of the year, it is so easy for me to remember the joy, hope and excitement of the first day and week, and here we are already at the end.

These are some of the things I have learned, or things that have been consolidated by my experience as Our Lady of the Way Principal for 2012…

God’s presence is tangible in the people, the learning and the life of our wonderful school.

Our Lady of the Way school is a place of much joy and learning.

Our school is faith filled – our prayer and celebration life is strong and good.

Our school is a true community rallying together in good and hard times and supporting one another in life and learning.

Our staff is made of a team of dedicated professionals working tirelessly toward quality learning for all of our students.

The team approach we take to everything makes a huge difference to the people involved and the success of our goals and ventures toward student learning.

In our community help is close at hand, you only need to ask!

The quickest way to gain a true perspective is to go to the children – in the classes or in the playground. This is also the quickest way to revive ones joy and spirit!

I would like to offer my personal thanks and the thanks of the school community to Father Peter for his wonderful presence in our school and leadership of our faith community. We enjoy every opportunity to celebrate together school and parish and thank Father Peter for his gentle wisdom and for walking our faith journey with us.

Goodbye: Thank you to Mr Bill Bemelmans for his dedication to our school and to his role for this year as Assistant Principal – Religious Education. Bill has taken leadership of planning and facilitating liturgies, Mass and other celebrations, as well as many administration tasks, and has been a teacher in Year 7 on Fridays. Bill has quickly become part of our school staff and team, we wish him well for 2013.

Thank you to Mrs Alish Conley for her years of teaching and curriculum leadership as Curriculum Support Teacher at OLW and for her contribution to school leadership, many times acting in the role of APRE. Thank you to Mrs Joyce Lafferty for her dedication to teaching and support of learners in our school in the role of STIE. Thank you to Mrs Jean Yeo for her commitment and support of learners through the role of school officer. Thank you to Mrs Emma Sanders for her teaching and for bringing energy to pursuit of the Arts in the school. Thank you to Mrs Gray for her teaching and for her leadership and support in ICLT’s in the school. God’s Blessings upon all of these staff members as they embrace change for 2013. Also we farewell Mrs Fordham as she prepares for the birth of her first child, we wish her great joy at this special time and look forward to meeting the precious one next year.

We welcome Mr John Parkinson as the new principal of OLW. We wait in anticipation of the joy a new person, and especially a new leader brings to our school community. I am looking forward to working with John from my role as APRE.

May the Spirit of Christ present in our lives – fill our hearts and lives now and through the holiday season and especially as we all celebrate Christmas. God’s Blessings and thanks to everyone in our community for making our school the wonderful place it is in which to learn.

Jo Scott-Pegum
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

5th December - (2:10pm) Advent Liturgy (4th Week) and Farewell for Mrs Lafferty and Mrs Yeo
7th December - (11am) Final Liturgy for this year and farewell to Mr Bemelmans, Mrs Conley and Mrs Fordham as she goes on Maternity Leave

- SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12NOON Please ensure you have made pick-up arrangements for your children.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember in your prayers

Please continue to pray for Daniel Breed from Grade 1F who is being treated for cancer and is in and out of hospital. Daniel has undergone surgery and we pray for a successful outcome to this for him and that he will make a speedy and full recovery.

Advent
The second Sunday of Advent has as its gospel the proclamation of John the Baptist to Prepare the Way of the Lord. We in our own lives are called to be like John the Baptist and be heralds of the Good News in the way we live our lives and how we bring the love of Jesus to others. We believe that the Spirit of Jesus is in each and every person that we meet and so we need to treat them accordingly by showing to them the love of Jesus.

Advent & Farewell Liturgies
You are invited to share with us in prayer at the following Liturgies in the Daliapi Centre.

Wednesday 4th December at 2:10pm – Farewell Liturgy for Mrs Lafferty and Mrs Yeo
Friday 7th December at 11am – Advent Week 4, Final Liturgy for this year and farewell Liturgy for Mrs Alish Conley. We will also farewell Mrs Fordham as she goes on Maternity Leave.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers
Many thanks for the abundance of generosity shown in the great hampers that were filled by our families to aid other families who are in need over this Christmas period. This will ensure that people who are in need may be able to have a brighter Christmas time than they may have envisaged having.

Final Greeting
As you know I was in the Acting APRE position for this year while Mrs Scott-Pegum assumed the role of Acting Principal. This will be my last message to you all in the newsletter and I would like to take this opportunity to say Goodbye and thank you for a great year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at OLW and it has been great to be working in such a great community. I truly feel blessed to have been part of this school’s leadership team and the many opportunities that I have had to meet and work with so many wonderful students and families. I am also truly grateful to have worked with such a great staff under the leadership of such a fantastic Principal in Mrs Scott-Pegum. Thank you for a wonderful year.

May you all have a happy and holy Christmas, a safe and restful break and all the very best for the new year.

God Bless
Bill Bemelmans - APRE

Parish Mass Times for Christmas

MASS OF RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday December 19th 7.30pm at Petrie

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Monday 24th December
6.00pm Mass at Petrie (Carols commence 5.40pm)
10.00pm Mass at Petrie (Carols commence 9.40pm)
8.00pm Mass at Dayboro

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Tuesday 25th December
9.00am Mass at Petrie

Italian News: Prep to Year 7
At the Newsagent on the weekend I was looking through the Christmas Cards to select some for family and friends when I found a card written in Italian with a Christmas Blessing – Benedizione di Natale.

“Che il miracolo di tanto tempo fa, possa far nascere amore e gioia nel tuo cuore oggi come sempre. Buon Natale.”

“May the miracle of long ago give birth to love and joy in your heart today and always. Merry Christmas.”

We wish Mrs Domitila Lewis a safe trip as she travels to Peru during the Christmas holidays to enjoy the sights and experience the culture in Peru as well as working with some young people in a Youth Program in Lima. Buon Viaggio, Domitila!

Ciao, Grace Bone.
THANK YOU

On behalf of Doug and myself, Stuart and Matthew, we would like to convey our thanks to everyone at OLW School and Parish, including the parents and students for all their assistance during our time of ill health.

Without the help and support with transport, the boys would have missed school on a number of days and we would not have kept all our medical appointments. Thanks also to The Angel Care network for supplying the delicious meals.

Thanks too for the many prayers said by all. We are sure they have contributed to our recovery.

Also a big Thank you to After School Care for taking care of the boys on a number of occasions.

Words cannot say how grateful we are to belong to such a caring and thoughtful school and parish community.

Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Kind regards, Margaret and Doug Boyce

AWARD

Koala: Kyla Garrett

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Courtney Winter who is this year’s Best Borrower. I hope she will enjoy cooking some of the recipes from her prize. It is a cook book.

The local libraries have many holiday activities as well as lots of books to borrow.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas with lots of time to read books.

Sandra C Driver

SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

All fees need to be paid by Friday, 7th December 2012.

If this is not possible please contact Helen Low on 3285 2977 option 3 to make a payment plan.

2013 School Fee information can now be accessed from the school’s website. Click on this link www.ourladyoftheway.qld.edu.au click on Parent info and then School fees.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and many blessings for the New Year.

MIKE AYANBADEJO JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY AGE ATHLETES

Mike will be conducting several junior development basketball programs during December. He has many years of basketball experience as a professional athlete and coach. Mike’s teachings focus on but are not confined to the development of sound fundamentals and knowledge of the game. (see attached flyer)

AJ WYLLIE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & MARKETS - 8 DECEMBER from 2pm to 6pm

The Aj Wyllie Bridge is scheduled to re-open in December. Come and be one of the first to use the new pedestrian bridge and celebrate the end of the reconstruction of the bridge at Wyllie Park, Gympie Road, Petrie.

• Proceeds to local State Emergency Services and Rural Fire Brigades
• Food, market stalls, entertainment, monster raffle, kids activities.
• Interested in being involved - see www.ajwylliecelebration.com.au (See attached flyer)

MORETON BAY REGIONAL LIBRARIES are running loads of free workshops and activities for children this school holidays. There will also be a super Summer Reading Club where children are rewarded for reading with great prizes like iPads, Galaxy Tablets and book vouchers. For more information go to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries.

MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL Active Kids January 2013 Holiday Program: 7 to 18 January 2013

Looking for something exciting to do these school holidays? Active Kids is a program designed to introduce children to new sports and skills in a fun, supportive and affordable atmosphere. All activities are delivered by experienced and qualified staff from organisations such as Australian Rugby League Development, Gymnastics QLD, Golf QLD and Football QLD. And best of all, they’re all FREE!

The complete program for January’s Active Kids Program is available online www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/activekids or in the current Active Kids brochure (attached).
2013 TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

The 2013 rosters are currently being developed. If you can offer any assistance please complete and return the slip below.

A day at Tuckshop is not all work, we have fun as well. It is a great way to meet other parents and the staff at our school; and your children love to see their parent/grandparent in the tuckshop. If you would like to be with a group of friends, we can organise that too. Unfortunately, due to Workplace Health & Safety Regulations no young children are allowed in the tuckshop. The more roster volunteers we have, the further the load is spread.

2013 TUCKSHOP HELPER ROSTER

NAME: ___________________________ PHONE NO: ______________________

CHILD’S NAME (eldest): __________________ MOBILE NO: __________________

EMAIL: ____________________________ CLASS: ______________

DAY AVAILABLE:
0 Wednesday 0 Friday 0 I am able to assist on any day

TIME AVAILABLE:
0 Morning (8:30am – 9:30am) 0 Full Day (8:30am – 2:00pm)
0 Half Day (8:30am – 11:30am) 0 Other ____________________________

0 FORTNIGHTLY 0 MONTHLY

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours of Trade
Wednesday 2.30pm to 4pm and Friday 8.00am to 9.30am this week only
On 12 & 19 January 2013: 9am-2pm AND on 29 January 2013: 9am-12noon
Other times by appointment
Email: olwuniformshop@gmail.com Phone 3285 2977 ext 7 A/H 0409 493 826 (Kim)

Our Lady of the Way Junior Development Basketball Program

The Our Lady of the Way JDP (Junior Development Basketball Program) second session for Prep-Year 2 will take place on Thursday December 6th.

SPORTZ

is holding a School Holiday Program for children aged 5 to 12 years from 17th to 20th December (9am—3pm). You may book for one day or a combination of the 4 days. Please see attached flyer. Bookings are essential.

Do you want to encourage your child to live a healthy lifestyle?
Join Lifestyle Triple P today!
This 3-week program offers parents practical and easy-to-follow steps to help the entire family live a healthy lifestyle. Learn how to…
* Manage both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
* Help your family eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
* Learn to read food labels and provide healthy meals and snacks
* Establish healthy family eating routines
* Motivate your child to be more active
Groups are run at St Lucia and Ipswich during school term. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering this program FREE-of-charge to parents of children aged 3 to 7 years in exchange for participation in research. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life

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