Dear Parents and Carers,

**Semester 2 Reports:** At the end of this week, Friday November 29\(^{th}\), Semester 2 reports will be sent home with students. Students will be instructed not to open the reports, as they are addressed to you.

The reports will include school fee schedules for 2014. Include in the school fees are 2 new levies: Technology Access Levy and the Consumables Levy.

**Technology Access Levy:** this levy will allow us to purchase technology for all students to access. The technology will include iPads, iPods, laptops, tablets, wireless network adaptors for display in classrooms, registration fees for e-learning sites, software purchases etc.

**Consumables Levy:** this levy takes the place of the old ‘booklists’. With the use of technology we will not be requiring text books. This levy supplies students with the stationery they will need for the year in the classroom.

**Class placements for 2014 may** be available in the last week of term. We are still planning classes and teachers for 2014. Our motto is ‘**pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.**’ If these lists are not ready by the end of term, they will be on display in the display case outside of the Office area in the week of January 20\(^{th}\), 2014.

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John Parkinson | Principal | Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School | Petrie | Qld |

*community ... faith ... learning ... diversity*

*We don’t come to school to be better than others.*

*We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others*

*Still interested in hearing from parents and carers the things that teachers do that make you think of them as a ‘good teacher’ – email them to me.*

**TRAFFIC ALERT**

Your patience will be appreciated over the next 12 months during the construction of 48 Townhouses in Armstrong Street. The builders have recognised that there will be traffic congestion before and after school and are looking at ways to minimise their impact, ie: the builders parking on their site.

Thank you in advance for your patience.
Dear Parents,
On Sunday we listened to the Gospel of Luke 23: 35-43. We heard part of the story of the crucifixion and the conversation between Jesus and the criminals who were crucified with him. The strong message is that Christ is our Saviour! This leads us in to the season of Advent which begins next week and we enter Year C of readings.

Advent Liturgies: Thank you to Year 7 for leading our first Advent liturgy yesterday. We began our journey of preparation and had a strong message to BE PREPARED!

We hope that you may be available to attend one of our coming Advent liturgies, they will be held on:
Friday 29th November 9am  Advent 2 (led by Year 3)
Mon 2nd December 9am  Advent 3 + hampers to St Vincent de Paul (Year 4)
Friday 6th December 11am  Advent 4 + Final School liturgy (led by Year5/6)

Thank you Yesterday the children honoured the parents, grandparents and others who have helped in our school this year. Each grade shared a special message, here is one from the Year 4 classes.

'A big thank you to all the parents in Year 4 who helped us throughout the year, especially with our excursions when we went to the Gallery of Modern Art and the Pine Rivers Show. Also thank you to the parents who have listened to us read, helping us to develop our reading skills. We appreciate all your support and valuable time that you have given to help us grow.’

Musical Performances Congratulations to all of our students who performed their piano and violin pieces at assembly. We certainly have some musically talented students in our school. Thank you to our instrumental music teachers for their dedication and commitment.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers Thank you for the continued support of our gifting to St Vincent de Paul of Christmas hamper items for families in need. We will continue to collect items until next Monday when the hampers will be presented to a member of St Vincent de Paul.

Have a great week.
Kind Regards,
Jo Scott-Pegum

Hamper items:
NO chocolates or meltabes please! * A small gift for a person in the family wrapped with age and gender detail written on outside * Tin or packet of Biscuits * Christmas mix lollies * Caramels * Mints * Christmas cake * Christmas Pudding * Candy canes * Popcorn plain and coloured * Soft drink * Cordial * Fruit juice * Holiday cereal * Pretzels * Drinking chocolate * Quik * Milo * Christmas decorations * Santa stockings of lollies * Jar of jam, honey... * Jelly crystals * Ice cream topping * Tinned fruit

DATES TO REMEMBER
CHRISTMAS STALL: Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th, November.
Please read page 6 for more details

29th November: Advent Liturgy 9am
2nd December: Advent Liturgy 9am & St Vincent de Paul Hampers
4th December: Graduation Mass and Celebration
5th December: Year 7 retreat
6th December: OLW Playgroup Christmas Party Please see page 7
6th December: Advent liturgy 11.00am
6th December: Last day of School 12pm finish.
SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION
This Friday school fee schedules for 2014 will be sent home with your child’s report. Included will be a direct debit form. Please return your completed direct debit forms by Wednesday 4th December.

Please note: a new direct debit form needs to be filled out each year.

If you have any questions regarding school fees, please contact Helen Low on 3285 2977 Option: 3.

Term 4 School Fees are now overdue, we appreciate your prompt payment.

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

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Missing Hat, name embroidered on the Hat is ‘Sophia Smith’
Please remember last day of school 6th December, there will be a Liturgy at 11.10pm in Dalaipi then school finishes at 12pm. Please make arrangements to have your child/children picked up on time.

LIBRARY NEWS

This is just to let you know I will be enjoying some long-service leave in term 1 2014. One thing you can be sure of is that a great many books will be read! You will need to ‘watch-this-space’ to find out the exciting things that will be happening in the library during this time.

Congratulations to Maya who was this year’s BEST BORROWER. Maya selected a Christmas cooking book as her prize.

Happy Reading
Sandra C Driver

Italian News

To conclude the Term’s learning, the children have been listening to Christmas stories and learning about traditional Christmas celebrations in Italy. La Befana takes her name from the celebration of Epiphany – L’Epifania on the 6th January which is when the Three Wise Men/Kings were said to have visited the Christ Child in Bethlehem. La Befana was too busy sweeping when the Wise Men invited her to come with them. In retrospect she regretted not accompanying them, so she is still searching for Baby Jesus, and on her journeying she leaves presents in the children’s stockings and sometimes coal. In the story of Tony’s Bread: Pan di Tonio, Antonio dreams of being a famous baker in Milano. Angelo di Milano visits his village one day and tastes his bread. Angelo invites him to Milan and shows him all the fine bakeries and pastry shops in the Piazza del Duomo – the Cathedral Square. Tony becomes disheartened because he feels that his simple bread cannot compete with the bakers in Milan. His daughter, Serafina suggests that he add different ingredients of milk, eggs, honey, candied fruit and raisins. His new recipe was a great success. Angelo and his friends were very impressed. When he was baking, some dough was left over and there were no more baking trays so he used a clean flower pot. Baking the bread in the shape/mould of the flower pot was a huge success. The crowds in Milan called out for Tony’s bread. Hence the name: Panetonne. This week, we shall be listening to the Nativity story. St Francis of Assisi created the first Nativity scene: “Il Presepio” using real animals.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year. Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo di pace.

Ciao, Grace Bone.
As the year is drawing to an end we are running down our stock and as a result some items will become unavailable. Rest assured that we will check with your child for a suitable substitute in this case. Thank you for your understanding.

OUT OF STOCK
Chicken & Beef Noodles / Pizza / Pretzels

Thank You to our Wonderful Helpers

TERM 4
Anne Best, Julie Bowman, Jodie Finlay, Mark Freeman, Mandy Gibb, Anjuli Lansley, Vicki Strano, Victoria Sutton, & Gaye Thomas.

As the Term and Year comes to an end a special thank you must go to our wonderful Tuckshop Volunteers. Each month, fortnight or week, you volunteer your time and we would just like you to know that your help is greatly appreciated; we couldn’t do it without you! You fill our day with many laughs and we have thoroughly enjoyed having your help, company and friendship this year.

We must bid farewell to Mark Freeman and Anne Best with your families moving on to the next chapter in their lives. We wish you well. Your great company and helping hands will be truly missed.

Thank you,
Jacqui & Trish.

2014 VOLUNTEERS

The 2014 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 organize that too. Unfortunately, due to Work Place Health & Safety Regulations no young children are allowed in the tuckshop. The more roster volunteers we have, the further the load is spread.

2014 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 (8:30 – 9:30am) 0 Full Day (8:30am – 2:00pm)
0 Half Day (8:30am – 11:30am) 0 Other __________________________
0 FORTNIGHTLY 0 MONTHLY 0 OTHER ____________________
**Angel Network**

Dear Families

For the past few years Our Lady of the Way has had an Angel Network. The Angel Network is made up of OLW family volunteers. The purpose of the Angel network is to help out families that are 'in need' for a short period due to a member of the family being ill, in hospital or if the family has suffered a loss or traumatic event. We help by providing meals to the family during that difficult time.

We will continue to do this in 2014 so if you would like to be on the Angel Network please contact Helen Ryan: email hryan@bne.catholic.edu.au or mobile 0409516554

Thanks in advance.

Helen Ryan

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**School Banking News**

Today is the last banking day for the year. Do not send your bank books in next week. All the rewards from your tokens should be here next week and they will go home in the message bag.

Many thanks

Sinead

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**NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Monday mornings 8 to 9:30am and Thursday afternoons 2:30 to 3:30pm

In addition to this the shop will also be open Saturday 30th Nov 9am to 12noon.

**Back to school trading days: 2014**

- Saturday Jan 18th 9am to 12noon
- Wednesday Jan 22nd 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Tuesday 28th Jan 2:30pm to 3:30pm
- Thursday 30th Jan 8am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm

There is a new price list available online and at the school office.

For all enquiries or placing of orders, please contact Maria McAllister via email on uniform.shop@yahoo.com.au with your name, mobile and school your child attends.

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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS**

Booking forms are now available for vacation care from the After School Care office.

Enrolment forms for 2014 are also available **PLEASE NOTE**: you need to re-enrol your child/ren each year if you would like them to attend Before or After School Care.

If you would like to find out more information please contact Lisa Storck, OSHC Co-ordinator on 3285 1850 or email petrieoshc@bne.centacare.net.au
OUR LADY OF THE WAY
P & F Committee needs YOU!

Mums and Dads and Carers too,
We are going to have just one more function for the year and that is a Christmas Stall.
We have selected goods at reasonable prices and plan on making the School's Christmas Stall a three day event from 8:30 am until 11.00 am (give or take)

Wednesday the 27th, Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th, November.

Things to do:
We are seeking 6 helpers each day to assist. Displaying goods, packing goods and helping out with a stall for each class to come through and pick out a treat or two and the family pets are included.
We have arranged a price list and have a float. Hopefully we have a pleasant sale and everyone gets a treat.
If you can't volunteer a day or two or even three don't worry we have work for you!

We are counting on you to give a list of things you may like to your children and some money to purchase a thought or gift for your family from the school stall. Send your child along to school on those days with the money and your thoughts and the store will help them have an extra surprise on Christmas day just for you with love. Gifts include cups, themed pencils and cars (toy), toys for pets and bath goods as well. We are hoping the items will really sell. A tea-towel for dad and meat thermometer may come in handy for Christmas lunch. A pencil, a notebook and colours too with tinsel and wrapping in red and in blue.

If you can help at our store please contact Angela on 0407630789 or David on 0417797077 and we will create a list.

Next year we will start the year with a planner for the year of goals for the P&F and where the funds can be sent to benefit Our children and Our School.

Merry Christmas to All and peace be with you.

PETRIE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES
Petrie Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8 am & 5.30 pm
Dayboro Sunday 10 am
Reconciliation Saturday 5.15 pm

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Administration Assistant: Rosemary Bravo
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Dayboro Catholic Community
Nora Morley Ph: 3425 3131, Pauline Cruice Ph: 34251145

December 2013 - January 2014 School Holiday Program
There's so much to do at the library these holidays! Bookings required for shows and activities.
Email libraries@moretonbay.qld.gov.au or contact your local library.

Pine Rivers United Sports Club are holding their inaugural Twilight Markets on Saturday 7th December 5pm – 9pm at Wendy Allison Park, 188 Samsonvale Road, Strathpine.

Cost is $30 for a 3m x 3m stall site - All types of stalls welcome. Arts & Crafts, Trash & Treasure, Xmas Gifts etc.

Sporting Raffle, Meet Santa (get your photo taken) Sausage Sizzle, rides for the kids.
Bring your family and friends along to help support our local sporting club. There will be something for everyone!!

For more information please see www.pineriversunited.org.au or contact Anna on 0411 635 288 or Dave on 0410 512 154 Or email us on pruscmarkets@gmail.com
Have you ever wanted to be a Zoo Keeper? Well, these school holidays you can, when you join Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day: Khaki Discovery!

If you are aged between seven and eleven you can help the zoo crew look after their animals, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action. Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Extreme. We also host a program which provides for children with special needs, Khaki Sensory. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to reserve your spot, or book online at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day.

Ages: 7 - 11 years or 12-15 years Price: $85 Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: 14th to 24th December 2013, and 2nd to 27th of January 2014

More information is available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day