Dear Parents

Tonight each stage or class will be hosting Information Meetings. There are two meetings, the first at 6.15pm followed by a repeat session at 6.45pm. Afterwards, the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will commence in the Library at 7.30pm. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to hear about the school’s agenda for the year such as the Fun Fair, 75th Anniversary and social events. Please take the opportunity to come along to this important night.

Last week’s swimming carnival was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Sam Carolan for her organisation and to the parent volunteers who ensured that it ran smoothly. As a school we rely greatly on parent volunteers. Many of the services we provide would not be possible without those who willingly give of their own free time to benefit our children. Whether it is at a sport carnival, in the canteen, as a class parent, or covering books for the library, our volunteers ensure that our children benefit. Our annual Open Day is on 12th March and soon I will be asking for volunteers to assist with the school tours. Please keep this day in mind if you are able to help in the promotion of our school. The core value that we are focusing on this term is COMMUNITY. I hope we are able to show the visitors to our school on Open Day what a strong community we are.

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Reflection

You know that you have been taught, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. When people ask you for something, give it to them. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them.

Matthew 5:38-48
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

BEGINNING SCHOOL MASS - THANKYOU!
It was lovely to see so many parents at our first mass of the year last Thursday. Thank you to those who could join us. I think all who were there would agree that there was a great feeling of community in the church as we prayed that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us in all we do this year. The words of the blessing song we sang in the Mass could be a simple prayer to pray with your family:

\[ \text{May God be in our minds,} \]
\[ \text{May God be in our hearts,} \]
\[ \text{May God be always looking over our shoulder} \]

PARISH FAMILY MASS - SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY at 5.30pm
Another opportunity to come together as a community will be at the Parish Family Mass this week. It will be a wonderful occasion in which we welcome new school families to our parish. Our Year 6 students will be asked to host the Mass and make welcome families new to our school community. All school families are urged to attend and show the spirit of community that is a strength in our school.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - INCURSION DAY THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY
Next Thursday our school will welcome a 'nun' and a past student of St Joseph’s School to learn more about the work of the Good Samaritan nuns and the significance of the story of 'The Good Samaritan' in their lives. We hope the students will develop a greater appreciation of the history of our school and the dedication of those who have served in the community over the years.

SAVE THE DATE: 75th ANNIVERSARY MASS - 16th March at 11.30am
Followed by sausage sizzle, refreshments and reminiscences.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - RECONCILIATION
Many of our students, especially those in Year 3, are about to begin preparations to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If your child is participating don’t forget to book on 'Try booking'. If you missed the Parent Information Night on last Monday please contact the parish office for details.

Gillian Evers
Religious Education Coordinator
**Library News**

**Author visit:** We are very lucky to have Aleesah Darlison visit us on Monday 3rd March. She has offered us a free visit to tell us about writing her new books. She gave a very interesting talk in 2012 when we had the author’s afternoon tea here. She has written a couple of picture books including *Warrambi* and *Puggle’s problem*. She has also written the *Unicorn Riders* series and the *Totally twins* series. She is about to launch a new adventure/fantasy series entitled *Ash Rover*. If you would like to purchase any of her books please fill in the order form attached to last week’s newsletter and return it to the Office.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

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**Canteen News**

The Canteen Roster is now complete which means the canteen will be open this week. We are still waiting on Sausage Rolls/Spinach and Cheese Rolls which should be here this week. A copy of the Canteen menu is attached in this newsletter. **REMINDER:** Please write canteen orders on a paper bag with child’s name, class and correct money enclosed thank you. *Kylie Ouvrier*

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**School Banking**

A reminder that a representative from the local Commonwealth Bank will be on the playground from 8.30am on Friday 21st February. Parents will be able to open a bank account on behalf of a child. A driver’s licence is all that is needed. Banking will then commence from Tuesday 25th February and take place every Tuesday.

*Nichole Cook*

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**Notice Board**

We are still looking for a volunteer to change the school notice boards. It will only take a half hour or so every two or three weeks. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

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**Playground Equipment**

A reminder that the playground equipment is for use by the students during school time under supervision. We request that children do not play on the equipment after school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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**Sport News**

**Touch Football**  Last weekend William Barry and Lachlan Marshall (Year 4) represented Northern Beaches Renegades in the NSWTA Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie. After finishing first in their Pool for the U10 Boys, they progressed to the Quarter Finals but unfortunately got knocked out. Overall they finished 8th on the ladder out of 31 teams. A fantastic effort for the boys’ first-ever State Cup! On the back of this achievement, Lachlan has been selected for the Sydney Scorpions U10 Merit Squad to compete at the 2014 NSWTA Junior Regional Championships in Goulburn on 26/27 April.
SPORT NEWS CONTINUED

Swimming Carnival Results 2014

Colour House points;  
1st Green - 191 points  
2nd Yellow – 112 points  
3rd Red – 94 points  
4th Blue – 80 points

Thank you to all our parent helpers. Without your help the day would not have ran so smoothly.  
Congratulations to all students who swam on the day, great effort.

AFL Registration

Pittwater Tigers Junior AFL Club is seeking players for Auskick (5-8yrs) and Juniors (U9s-U17s). All games are played on Sundays. Boys and girls are welcome. There is also a dedicated all girls team this year. Register online at pittwater afl.com.au or call Liz on 0422 503 149.

AFL After School Program - Come and try AFL!! Awesome 6 week Auskick program with fully trained and qualified coaches • AFL Auskick Pack including footy, cap, FootyPedia, pump, cards and more • Suitable for all skill levels, boys and girls, big and small! • The opportunity to become a Sydney Swans Red Rookie! Suitable for beginners or those just wanting to dust off the summer cobwebs and get their hands on a footy again before the season starts. Register online for this program at aflauskick.com.au and select 'Find a centre' with the postcode 2101, then select Pittwater AFL Auskick Centre - After School. The program is run on the synthetic field at Narrabeen Sports High from 4-5pm on Wednesdays 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 12th Mar, 19th Mar and 26th March. The 3rd session will be held at North Narrabeen Reserve (Pittwater Tigers home ground) from 4-5pm on Tuesday 4th March. This is to coincide with a visit from the Sydney Swans after the training session.

OFFICE NEWS

School Fees Reminder  Please contact the office if you have not received your Fee Accounts.

WARRINGAH COUNCIL—AUTUMN 2014 VACATION CARE

We are currently putting together the next school holiday brochure for the Autumn 2014 vacation care period, and are looking at the number of brochures that we distribute to each school.

Our booking procedure is changing in that we will now have an online registration process, and an interactive booking form which will be available for download from our website.

For this reason, we are looking to reduce the number of actual printed brochures that we distribute.

Therefore we will be posting you only a nominal number of vacation care brochures (i.e. 10-20) for your school office, and would ask that you direct your families to our website for more information (http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/live/community-support-services/family-and-child-care/vacation-care). If you require further copies please contact our office so that we can adjust our mailing distribution list accordingly.

We look forward to hearing your feedback. Kind regards

Warringah Council Vacation Care Services
### Students of the Week

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| Kindergarten | **Bridey C:** for beautiful listening manners.  
**Bonnie J:** for always listening and following instructions. | |
| Year 1 | **Sophie B:** for careful presentation of her work.  
**Max C:** for beautiful listening manners. | |
| Year 2 | **Jasmine P:** for listening carefully to instructions.  
**Kayly S:** for magnificent artwork. | |
| Year 3 | **Blake W:** for writing a fantastic recount about our excursion to the Aboriginal carvings at Narrabeen.  
**Jenna M:** for being a good listener. | |
| Year 4 | **Jett C:** for being a good listener.  
**Georgia N:** for challenging and extending herself in writing. | |
| Year 5 | **Year 5:** for fantastic behaviour at Leadership Camp.  
**Isabelle H:** for being a good listener. | |
| Year 6 | **Jade C:** for being a reliable and helpful class member.  
**Michael K:** for excellent listening to all Year 6 instructions. | |

### Important Dates

- **Wednesday 19th February**—Parent Information Evening tonight sessions from 6.15pm then 6.45pm  
  —P&F AGM Meeting 7.30pm Library
- **Saturday 22nd February**—Parish Family Mass 5.30pm
- **Thursday 27th February**—Good Samaritan Incursion Day (Cake Stall)
- **Wednesday 5th March**—Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am
- **Sunday 16th March**—Anniversary Mass at 11.30am St Joseph’s Church

### P&F President Report

It would be great to see a big turnout for tonight’s P&F meeting which is also the AGM. If you have any agenda items please forward them to myself or Michael before the meeting. This is your opportunity to voice any questions or ideas that we can deal with during the school year.  
Also remember the Welcome Drinks for new families at the Sands on Friday February 28th. I have had good feedback so far so it should be a great turn out. I look forward to having a couple of drinks with you all.  
As always feel free to contact me michellegrice@bigpond.com 0402914953  
Michelle Grice P&F President