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EDITION

...newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back for Term 4. I hope you were able to spend some extra time with your children over the holidays. The children and staff have returned from their break refreshed and excited about the Term ahead.

Fr Barry's Special Day.

This Sunday our school and Parish will host a special event to celebrate Fr Barry's 50th Anniversary of his ordination into the Priesthood and his 75th Birthday which both occurred during lockdowns. The event will begin with Mass at 10.30 am and then will be followed by a lunch beginning at 11.30 a.m. All school families are invited to attend. If you are not Catholic you do not have to come to mass to be able to join us. The lunch will be held in the school multi-purpose room. Entry can be via the church entry or via the school pedestrian gate in Adelaide St.

St Theresa's Feast Day

Some of you may not be aware that in the Christian Tradition commemorative days for saints and holy people are called Feast Days. This term is from historical times when communities would organise special feasts in honour of the memory of these holy people. This Friday we are celebrating St Theresa's Feast Day. Each year the two primary schools of St Theresa's Parish join together to celebrate Mass, participate in fun activities and enjoy a shared sausage sizzle. Our thanks to Doriana Cooper our Religious Education Leader for organising the day. Thanks also to staff and parents who will be helping out on the day.

2023 Class Structures and Staffing arrangements.

2023 organisational structures including staffing and grade structures have been finalised and I will write to you in the next couple of weeks to let you know about them.

Super Doopers will be on sale from next week. Please note that they won't be on sale every day.

MACSIS Surveys

Thank you to all of the families who completed these surveys recently. Congratulations to Chloe Su and James Clarke who won the \$25.00 Sadie Black voucher prizes.

Summer Uniforms

Children will be expected to wear their summer uniforms during Term 4 2022 and Term 1 2023 including their hats. A two week change over period will be in place for the start of this term.

Second Hand Uniforms.

We are looking for donations of second hand summer dresses. At this point in time there are only size 4 dresses available. A sale of second hand uniforms will be held soon. We will notify you when this event will occur.

Industrial Issues.

Most of our staff are members of the Independent Education Union (IEU) which is currently in negotiations with MACS to develop a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement which will determine wage rises and improved work conditions for staff in Catholic Schools including our school. Currently there is a stalemate in negotiations and the IEU has called on its members to take industrial action. This action may affect you and/or certain school activities. Information about the action can be found later in this bulletin

FINALLY

I hope to see many of you on Sunday at Fr Barry's special day.

Have a good weekend.

*Yours sincerely,
Robert Macklin*

PARISH MASS TIMES

Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	9.00 am Queen of Heaven 10.30am Mother of God. (Polish)
Thursday:	9.00am Mother of God.
Friday:	9.00am Albion 6.00pm (Polish, Mother of God)
Saturday:	6.00pm (Vigil) Mother of God.
Sunday:	10.30am Albion 9.00am Mother of God, (Polish). 9.00am Queen of Heaven.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

OCTOBER	
Monday 3 rd October	Term 4 begins at 8.45AM
Friday 7 th October	St Theresa's Feast Day
Sunday 9 th October	Fr Barry's 50 years as a priest celebration
Monday 17 th October – Friday 28 th October	Yr. 5/6 Swimming Program
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 1 st November	Cup Day Holiday – School Closure Day
Wed 2 nd Nov – Fri 11 th Nov	Prep – Year 4 Swimming Program
Friday 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 15 th Nov	2023 Prep Orientation Meeting 1: 9-11am
Tuesday 22 nd Nov	2023 Prep Orientation Meeting 2: 9-11am
Mon 29 th & Tues 29 th Nov	School Closure Days
DECEMBER	
Thursday 8 th December	Graduation Mass & Dinner at 6pm
Friday 9 th December	Semester 2 Reports go home
Mon 12 th December	Bump Up Day
Fri 16th December	Children finish for the year at 1.00 p.m



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(See below for Industrial Action information.)

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We need your help!

We're campaigning for fair employment conditions in our schools. Government schools and Catholic Schools in the Sale Diocese agreed months ago, to better manage workloads and improve staff consultation. Our employers are refusing to agree to this.

What we're asking for isn't expensive or unreasonable – we just want the same conditions as our colleagues.

Because employer representatives are not listening, this term we are running a 'No More Freebies' campaign to show that schools rely on our goodwill and our willingness to go above and beyond to do extra unpaid work.

We don't want to have to do this – but if we stay silent now, we'll risk seeing our schools become second-rate workplaces, with staff leaving to work in schools which properly support them.

This is not about our principal or school leadership – it's about Catholic employers, who don't seem to understand the work that we do.

We hope can rely on your support, as well as your understanding if things look a bit different until this is resolved.

You can support us by sending a message to Catholic Education employers using the link or QR code below.

**Regards,
Catholic School Staff**

<https://rebrand.ly/catholicschools>

