



Padbury Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER

*The vision of Padbury Catholic Primary School
is to educate and develop the whole child
within a faith sharing community
that centres on Christ and His values.*

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ADVENTUS—from the Latin, meaning approach or arrival.

When we know that something or someone will be arriving soon, our reaction is likely not going to be one of indifference. Most of us will either be pleased and impatient for that arrival, or we will feel discomfort and dread that the date and time is fast approaching. We are in the first week of Advent. How will we observe Advent? What significance do we give to this coming Christmas?



We know that the arrival we anticipate is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again.

We have choices about how we look at that celebration. We can stress out because there is so much to do to prepare, or we can take the time to slow down and try and lose that 'hurry up and get things done' mentality that creeps into our lives.

We are often slow to learn that God does not ask us to be anxious. He asks us to welcome Him into our hearts at this beautiful time of the year. I remember when I was in primary school, the nuns used to talk about the season of Advent as a time of preparation, much like we prepare our homes for a celebration. The picture that they created for us mirrored the activity we observed in our homes—both parents and children all busily tidying up, vacuuming, trimming the tree, organising food and gifts. We were invited to imagine our hearts as a home where we could take the season of Advent to do some 'housecleaning' in order to prepare a place for the Baby Jesus. I love this image.

Here is a poem written by Cathy Goretsky which may help us to say focused:

WHILE WE WAIT

Come, Lord, we wait in the darkness of our sin.
Come Lord, we long for the warmth of your light.
Come Lord, invite us to come near to the Love that is You.
Come Lord, allow us to see the beauty that surrounds us.
Come Lord, shape us into the people you desire us to be so that we may carry Your light to a dark and lonely world.
Be with us as we journey together through the mist of the unknown to the source of all Love and Light that is You!
Amen

YEAR TWO TEACHERS FOR 2011

I have much pleasure in announcing the final teaching position for our 2011 teaching staff.

I have appointed Mrs Megan Woodall and Mrs Marita Burston as a tandem teaching team for one of the Year 2 classes. The other Year 2 teacher is Mrs Lucinda Smith.

Mrs Burston is an experienced teacher who has most recently been the Year 2 teacher at Liwara Catholic Primary School. She will teach Year 2 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Megan Woodall will teach for the rest of each week. Megan has been teaching here in Year 1W for this term and so many of the children already know and enjoy her positive teaching styles. Congratulations and welcome to Marita and Megan.

Helen O'Toole
Principal

A popular symbol of Advent is the Advent Wreath. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God's eternal love which has no end. There are 4 candles representing:

HOPE(Purple)

Symbolizing the promise the prophets delivered as a message from God.

WAY (Purple) Shows us that Christ is the way.

JOY (Pink)

Lasting Joy can be found in life on earth through Christ.

PEACE (Purple)

Jesus comes to bring peace to the world and to people's hearts.



The light shining from the candles reminds us all that Jesus is the light of the world.

THANKSGIVING MASS

TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

9AM

**OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS
CHURCH
CAMBERWARRA DRIVE
CRAIGIE**

Please mark this date in **bold red** on your family calendar.

As a school that is geographically far away from our parish church, we try to have at least one time a year when we celebrate a whole school Mass in our parish church.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

Parents—please take your children to the church from 8.30am on Tuesday 14th December. Teachers will be there to sit all the class together. We will be using buses to transport all the students back to school. You are very welcome to stay for this special Thanksgiving Mass in celebration of our wonderful year.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Volunteers from St Vincent de Paul will be collecting all the baskets full of donations next Monday, 6th December. Please keep your non perishable donations coming in to school until this date.

LIBRARY NEWS

This week is the last week that books can be borrowed. Please check under beds or in funny hiding spots for any library books that need to be returned over the coming weeks.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please note that the last lunch order day this term will be Monday 13th December. There will be NO lunch orders on the last day of school, Thursday 16th December.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Knapsacks have arrived for those who have placed orders. Please collect them from the uniform shop next week.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

The photographer will be here on Friday 3rd December to collect all the confirmation photo orders. Orders received after this date may not be back prior to the end of the school year.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARISH DANCE

Dance practice will continue each Thursday straight after school, 3.45pm, in the undercover area. For further details contact Carmel Homer on 0405 444 005.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS LEAVING

The School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventive dental care for all enrolled students up to the end of Year 11. Your child can continue to go to the same Dental Therapy Centre. Please advise the centre if you have changed your address so you can be posted a recall reminder. The contact number of the Padbury Dental Therapy Centre is 9401 7285

SCOLIOSIS CHECKS

Further to the note in last weeks newsletter about spinal check ups, these are best done by your local GP or by a physiotherapist.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

7.30PM

OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS CHURCH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



2011 SCHOOL SIGN SPONSORS



Unique Metals Laser is the school sign sponsor for 2011! Thanks go to the Bayntun and Figliomeni Families for their support of our school. Unique Metals Laser is located in Wangara and is one of Australia's most innovative and versatile manufacturers of sheet metal products. UML specialise in stainless steel fabrication for hotel restaurant, hospital, architectural and off shore oil and gas application, fire and volume control dampers, environmental noise control products, mechanical ductwork, high precision electrical components, laser cutting, CNC punching, coil processing, steel fabrication, prototype & high reproduction components and general metal work.

PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all the ex-Padbury students who won subject awards at the recent Sacred Heart College Awards Night.

Special mention to the following:

Year 10 Dux Alexander Woloszyn
Year 9 Dux Runner Up Matthew Wasley
Year 9 Dux Runner Up Charlotte Groom

P & F Christian Fellowship Award Winners:

Clara Bertozzi
Dana Nguyen
Karina Prentice
Emily Swiatek

VACATION CARE

Liwara Catholic Primary School in Greenwood has a fantastic vacation care program available for the coming school holidays. Each day has a program filled with a variety of activities including incursions and excursions. For a full program of activities contact the school office on 9448 3811 or visit the school on the information day to be held this Friday, 3rd December 3pm—7.30pm. There are some pamphlets available at the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Taylor Lawler and Luke Foley for their success in the Allstars Athletics competition at Cannington last week and for their selection to represent Hamersley in the State Relay Competition on Sunday 12th December. Well done boys.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Fri | 3/12 | Year 1 Assembly 9am
Icypole Day
Year 5 Bike Ed Excursion |
| Sun | 5/12 | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| Tues | 7/12 | P & F Meeting 7.30pm |
| Wed | 8/12 | Feast of Immaculate Conception
LAP Christmas Wind up |
| Fri | 10/12 | Assembly 9am
Graduation Lunch
Graduation Mass OLM 6pm |
| Sun | 12/12 | 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| Mon | 13/12 | KR Christmas Concert |
| Tues | 14/12 | PrePrimary –Yr 6
Thanksgiving Mass
9am OLM
KW & KB Christmas Concert |
| Wed | 15/12 | Christmas Concert 9am Whole School
Reports Home
Board Meeting 7pm |

SUPER SENTENCES.....

Year 1W have been talking about what gifts can be given that are not purchased. Here are some of their super sentences.....

Catch up with friends and your family to give a hug. Make my family some Christmas cookies.
Connor (1W)

Invite a friend to visit and give them a cup of tea. Kiara (1W)

Tell your family how much you love them. Why? Because they are special. Tanika (1W)

PARISH WEEKLY NEWS—

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.30pm
Sunday	8am 9.30am
	11am 5.45pm



Carols by Candlelight—This Sunday 5th December

Bring your picnic rug down to the Whitfords Oval for a beautiful night. Drinks and food will be available for sale with the carols beginning at 7.30pm.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation—Wednesday 8th December

Father Joseph and Father Dominic have arranged for 27 Priests to be present on this night. Reconciliation will commence at 7.30pm and should continue for 1 hour only. Everyone is encouraged to attend in preparation for this Christmas..

Christmas Rosters. Please sign up on rosters to assist this Christmas.

St Nicholas: The Patron Saint of the poor and underprivileged will be visiting our parish all the way from Spain at each of the Masses over the weekend 11th & 12th Dec. He would love to receive gifts from the children and parishioners of new or pre-loved toys/books in good condition or other gifts and non perishable foods and Christmas fare for distribution before Christmas to needy families. Your support would be gratefully appreciated. Please wrap presents and label "boy aged....." or girl aged..... From 0 to 15 years of age.

Decorations for our Church Tree:

Families are invited to place a decoration on our Christmas Tree at the back of the Church. The intentions of your family will be included in our Christmas prayers.



Congratulations to The Buswell Family on the arrival of **Evan Joseph** who was born on 24th November. A brother for Julia (KR) and Lucy.



Our deepest sympathy to the Lelani Family on the loss of their father and grandfather. Our prayers are with you at this time.



WEEKLY TIP

Add water absorbency granules in the bottom of planting holes to keep water near the plants roots as they develop. These highly absorbent polymers absorb hundreds of times their weight in moisture and slowly release the moisture back to the plant's roots.

YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY

3 December – from 7pm
Last Parents Christmas Party at the
Doorey Household in Kingsley.



*Marisa will be at school on
Thursday morning to collect
payment.*

CHRISTMAS PARTY YEAR TWO

Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm
Justine & Darren's
32 Angrove Drive Hillarys
Cost \$20 per head

RSVP: 12th November to list at the class
room
Further information from the Class
Representatives
(Corey, Jed, Eileen or Anne)



YR 5 XMAS DINNER

Thursday 9th December

7.00pm at "Mia Cucina Restaurant"

(North of Hillarys Marina)

Fully Licensed, BYO wine only \$6 corkage.

RSVP: Mon 6th December

PH /SMS : Berni Plane 0402 109 443

Email : bernijet@bigpond.com



PRE-PRIMARY XMAS PARTY

Friday 10th December
7pm at "The Breakwater"

\$15.00 per head Includes Finger Foods
Drinks sold separately at the Bar.

If you haven't already done so, please
RSVP and pay Lisa or Sonia by this Friday,
19th November.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dec 2010 - Jan 2011

Gravity Discovery Centre

Exciting activities for all ages. Water rockets, make flying objects, telescopes and lots more! Great family day out.

Daily activities begin 10:30am Monday—Friday

1098 Military Road, Gingin

Tel: 08 9575 7577

Fax: 08 9575 7544

bookings@gdc.asn.au

www.gravitycentre.com.au

David Milne Golf Academy

Junior Golf

Holiday Program &

Junior Development Term 1, 2011

Junior Holiday Clinic—Tues & Thurs 9.00-11.00am
Junior Golf Program—Thurs & Sun Term 1 2010
Junior Intro to Golf—Every Sat morning 9.00-10.00am
Golf for Girls—Every Sat afternoon 4.00-5.00pm

For enquiries & registration contact 9301 2599
or visit the Academy office at Joondalup Resort
Or email admin@davidmilnegolfacademy.com.au

No clinics will be held on
Christmas Day or New Years Day

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GISBS LEARN TO SAIL COURSES

2010 / 2011

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| 1. December 2010 | Monday 20th to Friday 24th |
| 2. January 2011 | Monday 3rd to Friday 7th |
| 3. January 2011 | Monday 10th to Friday 14th |
| 4. January 2011 | Monday 17th to Friday 21st |
| <i>8.30am – 12.30pm Age: 9 – 17 Cost \$220 per 5 day session</i> | |
| 5. January 2011 | Mon 24th Tue 25th Thu 27th Fri 28th |

(4 day course as the 26th is Australia Day)

8.30am – 12.30pm Age: 9 – 17 Cost \$200 per 4 day session

Looking for something fun and exciting to do these school holidays???

The Yachting Australia 'Small Boat Sailing' scheme is designed to progressively teach you how to sail dinghies, starting with the essential skills in the first course, 'Basic Skills 1'. More advanced skills and techniques are gradually introduced in each of the five courses, leading to Racing Skills.

Course content includes:

- Rope Work, Rigging
- Sailing Theory
- Sailing Techniques & Manoeuvres
- Rescue & Capsize Recovery
- Launching & Recovery
- Meteorology, Winds, Tides & Currents
- Sailing everyday subject to weather

Things to bring are: Bathers, T-shirt, Boardies, Jumper, Hat, Sunscreen, Water Bottle, Morning Tea, Change of Clothes, Towel, Runners and a fun attitude.

The Yachting Australia Training Schemes are delivered by trained and registered instructors and hold a working with children check. On course completion students will receive their YA Certificate and Log Book.

Contact: Chris or Mel Ph: 92462833 Email: training@hillarysyachtclub.com.au Address: Northside Drive (PO Box 348) Hillarys 6923

