Yr 2/3

67 days until Christmas - that is right! 67 days! That means there are only 36 days until we finish school - is this part where we start madly panicking???

Well done to all the children for the HUGE effort they put in this week with their swimming lessons. One full week of one hour lessons is tremendous and hopefully they managed to sleep well! I was very impressed with the level of determination and enthusiasm I witnessed this week. It was a pity it wasn’t exactly balmy weather for swimming but the children certainly kept smiles on their faces regardless of the chilly winds and overcast days.

This term will see some Yr 3 children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a lovely sacrament that seeks to re-establish a relationship with God that may have been damaged due to poor choices. We will keep them in our prayers as they begin this preparation.

A reminder that there are still a few assessment books that need returning. If you have one sitting on your desk… please send them in as soon as possible.

Have a lovely week.

Yr 5/6

Afternoon swimming lessons for this week have been well attended and appreciated, I’m sure there have been a few earlier bedtimes for some of the students, swimming does that! This week the class has furthered on with their learning in RE about the ‘miracles of Jesus’, and there were rather a few of them. We have ‘heard’, ‘watched’, ‘written and ‘remembered’ these blessed happenings and wondered at the diversity of these miracles. By now the class have all received their reading test results and they have all done so well, as an addition the writing that was produced was imaginative and interesting to read.

Each day we are getting closer to our class goal as we know that once we turn our boxes in our class reward system we will get to go on excursion. Where and when is yet to be decided but I will keep you informed as it nears.

I hope you enjoy the warm weekend ahead. I know I sure will be, as I plan on sitting in the sun and eating as much birthday cake as I possibly can on Saturday!

Have a restful weekend!
**Community In Touch**

**Swimming Lessons**
Hooray! Lessons are all over for another year! Thank you to all families for supporting swimming week and ensuring children had the right clothing. I know there will be some very tired individuals tonight!

**School AGM**
Please join us for our P&F meeting this coming Tuesday 18 October at 5.30pm in the staffroom. School Board will follow at 7.00pm.

We are always on the lookout for people who can take on executive roles for either committee. Please let me know if you or someone else is interested.

**Year 3 Reconciliation**
We hope you can join us on Wednesday 9 November at 10.00am as the Year 3 class celebrate their First Reconciliation.

**Faction sports carnival**
It’s getting close to the day. We look forward to having you join us on Friday 28 October for the sports carnival.

**Bike-a-thon - November 6**
Today every child received a sponsorship form for the P&F bike-a-thon coming up on Sunday November 6. Please take the time to read the cover letter and start collecting sponsors! The P&F are planning a HUGE day and we need your support to make it happen.

**Year 2/3 Assembly**
Please join us for the Year 2/3 assembly on Thursday 3 November at 2.30pm.

**PBS update**
At this week’s P&F meeting the staff spoke to parents about the wonderful PBS program running at St Joseph’s. One of the things we spoke about was where we have come from and what positive signs we are noticing. Next week we will send home a PBS brochure that will outline the basis of the program as we have lots that we wish to share with you!

The section on the back of the brochure, entitled ‘We need you!’ is an area I would particularly like to draw your attention to.

As always, please take the time to read this brochure and give us feedback.

Have a happy weekend!

The sun looks like it will continue to shine over the weekend for us so do enjoy that little bit of vitamin D!

Carlo Pardini

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**Competition**
The Pemberton Chamber of Commerce is approaching the two local schools to offer the children throughout the years a chance to have their talents recognised.

Children up to Year 10 are invited to draw/paint their interpretation of Christmas in Pemberton... What comes to mind would be for instance: 6 white “boomers” / Rudolph as a kangaroo, Christmas decorations, words, religious images etc in the form of art.

The reward for the winners is to see their work superimposed on the metal placards and hung up throughout the town over the festive season in the years to come. There will be 8 large 1 metre by 1.5 meter pictures printed. It is suggested that children do their drawings on A3 sized paper and use bold strokes and colours. Work may be done in the classroom or at home with little input from parents.

Please note:
The winning entries may require some minor graphic changes from the organisers.

Please deliver completed submissions to Toni Dearle at the Pemberton Discovery Tours by November 16th.

For further details please contact Renata Suckling 0488 760 426

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