Dear Families,

Last night’s expo was another celebration of the diversity of learning that students engage in and the diverse ways that they can present that learning.

That our students can express their learning through song lyrics, through poetry and letter writing, in mathematical problem solving, through movies and stories and web-pages that they have created is a credit to the work of their teachers.

It was a delight to share the learning with parents and grandparents who came along to listen as children explained what they had learnt and how they had learnt it.

It was heartwarming to watch the parents of the prep children beam with pride as they realized the amazing growth that 4 terms of learning had brought.

You couldn’t find a seat in the 1/2 area as families came to view the movie created by these children in celebration of their learning about Mission.

Our 3/4 students explained their learning about personal growth safety and well-being as well as their problem-solving skills in creating imaginative zoo enclosures and fantasy holidays.

And our year 5’s expressed their learning by creating web-pages, extensive written reports and explanations of the changes in their lives.

We look forward to our grade 6 students sharing their ‘project’ during their graduation on December 7th.

**Annual General Meeting**

I’m looking forward to celebrating a year of learning and reflection when we gather for our AGM next Wednesday evening. Please join us at 6.30pm for a drink and nibbles prior to the meeting starting at 7pm.

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St Alipius Parish School Newsletter

24th November 2016
The work of our fundraising teams has resulting some inclusions of some fabulous seating in our courtyard. Our kids are all enjoying the effort of everyone who pulled together to make our fundraising events successful. Thanks to Leo’s pop Lee for installing them. Thanks everyone!

As our year comes racing to an end, below are some important dates that we would love if you could please join us.

**Wednesday 30th November**  
Annual General Meeting  
6.30pm for a 7pm start

**Thursday 1st December**  
Foundation/Year 1 Stay-back 3.30pm-5.30pm

**Tuesday 6th December**  
Whole school transition
**Wednesday 7th December**  
Year 6 Graduation 7.30pm St Alipius Church

**Thursday 8th December**  
End of Year Picnic 6pm -8pm Eureka Park

**Friday 9th December**  
Year 6 Mystery Day

**Monday 12th December**  
Final Whole School Assembly 2.45pm lead by the graduating year 6’s

**Wednesday 14th December**  
Final Year Mass 12noon St Alipius Church, please join us to celebrate the year that was and to farewell Father Adrian.

Last Day for students – 3.25pm finish

**Thursday 15th & Friday 16th**  
Numeracy Testing – information to go home next week, please check your child’s bag or the app for the log in code. This testing is for all students attending St Alipius in the 2017 school year.

**Advent Giving Tree**  
As you consider your Christmas gift-giving, you may like to contemplate the Advent Giving Tree in our foyer. Families are invited to take a card from the tree and return it with an appropriate gift for the child nominated on the gift-card. Child and Family Services (CAFS) has provided us with the names of these children and they will distribute the gifts on our behalf.  
St Alipius School has always given generously to this cause which is linked to our Parish Giving Tree.

**Hats**  
Please remember that hats are essential components of our school uniform during first and fourth terms.  
Please ensure that children have their hats at school so that they can safely be involved in outdoor activities. Please ensure the names are clearly marked on the child’s hat. New hats are available through Crockers (Armstrong Street North)

**A Reflection**

The Season of Advent has begun. Advent means ‘coming’ or ‘visit’. In this sacred season we prepare for the coming of Jesus among us, of Emmanuel ‘God-with-us’. Advent comes at the end of our calendar year and at the beginning of our liturgical year. Because of this, the season suggests that we take time to reflect on the past, the present, and the future.  
This week as you gather as a family you may like to pray together.  
God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.
Mercy Corner

For the great human family it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! Pope Francis.

Is there something in your life that might need renewing?
In what way are you journeying in hope?
What do you hope for?
How do you bring hope to others?

Nazareth House Visit

Last week we went to Nazareth House to go and visit the old people there.

The building was massive and the garden was beautiful, it had statues of Mary and Jesus.

We also did an interview, where we asked them about, “What life was like when they were young?”

We played games with them, like Snakes and Ladders and we also had morning tea with them, we got to have a biscuit!

We hope they enjoyed our company, we hope we can visit them again.

By William M

Donations of Wool

At St Alipius we are starting a knitting and crochet group. We want to help parents of new babies born in hospital at Maubissie Central Temor.

To encourage parents to have their babies in the hospital where they and their babies have a greater chance of survival.

They are given a basic bundle of a rug, jumper, socks and bonnet, and baby singlet.

We are looking for any donations of wool so that we can knit or crochet squares to make rugs and hats.

If you have any spare wool that you no longer need and would like to donate, please leave it at the office. It would be gratefully appreciated.

Thank-you in advance
Jenny G
SELF DEFENCE OPEN NIGHT

You are invited to attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS at our upcoming Open Night

GKR Karate is offering an Interactive Child Safety Workshop For the students at St Alipius Parish School.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training.

29th November, 3:40 -4:30pm
St Alipus Parish School
In the Multi function room

Call/text Paul Gaskin on 0416 112 336 to reserve your spot.
Limited spots available.

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