



# Wanalirri Catholic School Gibb River Station

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Wanalirri School Newsletter Week 6 Term 4 2015

Dear Parents and Families, Please feel free to join us for painting next week. You are also welcome to come to help with the grotto we are building. The door is always open to those wanting to look at photos, and our computers are available for community use between 1pm and 2pm. A playgroup is run each Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 10.00 for parents and younger children. If you haven't joined us for anything lately, come soon!



## Artists Needed!

As part of our celebrations to begin the Year of Mercy, students will be designing artwork for our Sacred Door. The tradition of the Sacred Door will be continued here at Ngallagunda Community. You are invited to come on Thursday and Friday afternoons next week to help us paint the students' designs on our Sacred Door.

## Why a Sacred Door?

In Catholic tradition, **the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation** -- the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus.

It also symbolizes **an entryway to God's mercy** -- the ultimate and supreme act by which he comes to meet people. Mercy is **"the bridge that connects God and humanity"**, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness," the pope wrote in "Misericordiae Vultus" ("The Face of Mercy"), instituting the Holy Year of Mercy.

## Executive Visitor!

For a very small, remote school, Wanalirri has been very fortunate to have been visited by Catholic Education Office Executive members already this year, including CEOWA Director Mr Tim McDonald. On Monday November 30th, Mr Tony Curry, Director of School Improvement CEOWA will join our regional Principal Schools' Advisor Mrs Carol Geurts in visiting Wanalirri School. This is an important visit and another opportunity for community members to have their say about the school. On the day we will hold an Open Day and Assembly so everyone can meet and talk with the visitors, as well as see the children's reports, Personal Learning Portfolios and workbooks.



Mr Tony Curry CEOWA  
Director School Improvement

# Mr Tony Curry + Mrs Carol Geurts Monday Nov 30th



**100% Attenders Week 5**  
**Daemon Dalton Sionel Keiran Quinceton**

# Woodburning & Glass Painting



Students have been busy this week, using their artistic skills to produce symbols for our Jesse Tree and Glassware for Christmas presents. Students chose from given designs for these pieces, but will next create their own designs. Students have also been helping with painting, collecting rocks and digging foundations as we prepare to construct our grotto to Our Lady.