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Wanalirri School Newsletter Week 1 Term 1 2016

Dear Parents and Families, Welcome back to everyone for the start of the 2016 school year. It's a very special year for our school— 25 years of Catholic Education at Gibb River. We have a lot to celebrate and a lot of work to organise events. Students will be helping to design invitations next week, and we'll ask community members to choose from three examples.

We're back!



Excursion tomorrow: Students will be going swimming and fishing at Flat Rock or Second Gorge this Friday. Ely has been asked to invite family members this time, as we continue with last term's idea of sharing our fun times with community. We will depart school about 11am and return before 4.30pm.

Plaque for Grotto—
What do you think? We are planning to dedicate the grotto to the memory of Alfie, Marcia, Josephine, Pauline and Ambrose's late sister. Here are the words we're thinking of using:

*Dedicated to the memory of
Yvonne Elizabeth Burgu (White)
1954-2015
A loved community member and supporter
of Wanalirri Catholic School.
Our Lady of Lourdes. Pray for her.*

Thanks

Thanks to Alfie, Nancy, May, Lewis and Samantha for coming to our Assembly on Wednesday. All students received a new book to take home.

The letter below comes from Catholic Education Director Mr Tim McDonald who visited our school in June last year.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. The year promises to be full of possibilities in all our 163 vibrant, faith-filled learning communities each of which are centred on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has declared 2016 the 'Year of Mercy'. This challenges us all to be 'merciful like the father' in our daily lives. Imagine the transformative effect our school communities could have on society, if we were to take up Francis' challenge, in our families and those we work with, as well as those who find themselves alienated, lonely and despised in society. Your school community will be creating a range of opportunities for students and families to honour and celebrate this special year and I encourage you to get involved.

If you are new to our system I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. You are joining Catholic education at an exciting time. We are in a period of significant growth and we have once again demonstrated sustained system-wide improvement in last year's WACE results.

In the last three years we have opened seven new schools and colleges and 2016 marks the opening of Salvado Catholic College for the first time. I wish the students, parents and caregivers involved in the College's foundation year all the very best.

All Catholic schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of more than 11, 000 dedicated school staff and principals can ensure that our Catholic schools help students across the state reach their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McDonald".

Tim McDonald

