Mr Tony Smith is retiring from Teaching on Friday 2nd of December. (Mr Arthur Holland will teach Grade Four for the last 7 days). Tony has taught in Catholic Schools on the North West all of his teaching career, the last 2 schools being Marist Regional College (from 1993 to 1999) and Stella Maris. He came here in 2000 and has taught both Grade Six and Grade Four.

Many students who have been taught by Tony say that he is one of their favourite Teachers. He is well known and much loved for his very thorough approach to teaching and his quirky sense of humour. Mostly he is a man of few words, but the words he does speak are all important, however .... give him a microphone at a sports carnival, and another side of Tony emerges. We then hear accurate, precise commentary, insightful, humorous comments and even singing!

Something you may not know about Tony is that he loves to dress up. We have included some of the more appropriate photos in this newsletter.

In his time as a Teacher, Tony has touched the lives of many students in a very positive way. Anyone who has been taught by him, never forgets him. As a staff member he adds a balance to our group, keeping us on target and being the guru of staffroom duty.

Tony we will miss you. We thank you for all you have contributed to so many of our lives and we wish you a peaceful and full retirement. Thank you Mr Smith.
JESUS’ MESSAGE IS THE SAME THE WORLD OVER

Yesterday, Fr Devaraju, from a state in southern India, called Andhra Pradesh, came to speak with the grade 6 students and some of the grade 5 students. Fr Devaraju, along with Fr Kasturi, are two priest who have recently arrived in the Archdiocese of Hobart to work for a period of four years here in Tasmania. One of the things Fr Devarju talked about with the students was the importance of family and respect each of its members have for each other. This can then permeate to our neighbours - everyone else in the world. One can here in this, Jesus’ message, “Love one another as I have loved you.” In this first week of Advent, the focus is HOPE. This message from Jesus, certainly fills us with much hope of how loving the world can be. Let’s each and every one of us, help make that hope a reality. We can do this in the way we dare to step out and make a difference-just like Jesus.

Kinder’s Preparing for Christmas during Advent

Family Life Program
Gr 6 – Wednesday 30th Nov
Session is at 6:30pm
Main School Building

Friday 2nd December
Advent Pageant

Monday 5th December
Volunteers Afternoon Tea
2:00pm in Staffroom

Tuesday 6th December
P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm

Thursday 8th December
End of Year Concert
Burnie Arts & Function Centre @ 7.00pm

Monday 12th December
Grade 6 Thanksgiving Liturgy and Dinner
@ 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th December
Mass at 11.30am (not 10.00am)

Final day for students
**Burnie Schools’ Advent Pageant 2016**

This Friday, 2nd December, Stella Maris students in grades 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be participating in the annual Burnie Schools’ Advent Pageant. What an exciting way to start the Advent season! Students in these grades will be leaving school at approximately 9.00am and will be travelling by bus down to the Burnie Skate Park. They will then parade with their buddy classes along the boardwalk and finish with a concert outside the surf club.

All students participating in the parade are encouraged to dress in costumes such as a character from the Nativity story. They may wear their sports uniform and sports shoes underneath their costume. You don’t need to buy anything new, a sheet or a dressing gown paired with a tea towel can create a fantastic shepherd or innkeeper costume! They must have their school hat, (unless their head is already covered with a sun safe costume item), sunscreen, and **bring their recess, packed lunch and water.** Students will need small a backpack to carry these items.

Classes will have the opportunity to have a play in the Burnie Park as they make their way back to school. All participating students will then be walking back to school in time for second lunch play.

Catherine Robertson – Stella Maris Advent Pageant Coordinator

**No Candy Canes Please**

Over the past few years there has been a growing trend for children to give out candy canes at school during Advent. We would like this to stop for the following reasons:

- Some parents do not want their child to have 20 plus canes.
- We often find them half eaten, or sticky bits in the carpet.
- We find many laying around at the end of the day.
- Children put pressure on each other and their parents to have one for everyone.
- Can you imagine a class full of children high on sugar??? Or a school full???

**Library Borrowing**

Can all students please return their library books by next Friday, 3rd December.

**Re-Housing for School Chickens**

Is there anyone out there that would be willing to re-house the school chickens over the break. If so, please contact the school office A.S.A.P.
A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER INVITATION

Dear Parents/Grandparents who have volunteered in any capacity during the year.

You are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea
ON: Monday 5th December 2016
WHERE: Stella Staffroom
TIME: 2.00 pm

We would like to express our appreciation for all the voluntary time given by you and thank you for your ongoing support of Stella Maris Catholic Primary School.

RSVP: To the School Office by Friday 2nd December 2016
Dare To Step Out And Make A Difference
Just Like Jesus

STELLA TRIATHLETES

WELL DONE TO ALL COMPETITORS

WE ARE RESPECTFUL  WE ARE SAFE  WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
Stella PBS Parents
Positive Behaviour Support Information for Parents

Congratulations to the following students for reaching 100 Dojo points!

Grade 4 – Deegan Henrick, Sienna Ansell, Marley King, Jock McNeill, Ella Dolting, Amelie Quinn & Lily Rawnsley.

Well done on being such Safe, Respectful & Responsible students.

This fortnight our focus expectations have been RESPECTFUL in toilet areas by respecting the privacy of others and using quiet voices & RESPECTFUL in play areas by playing fair and using good sportsmanship. You can help at home by discussing the importance of these values with your family.

Dare to step out and make a difference just like Jesus

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What our school values mean to our students

Ethan:
“You can be Safe by using equipment responsibly & keeping your hands to yourself.”

Shyla:
“We can be Responsible by not running in the hallways.”

Riley:
“We can be Respectful by using nice manners.”

Ashley:
“We can be Safe by tucking in our chairs so that people don’t trip.”

PBS Parents
This newsletter is designed to keep you informed about SW PBS in our school and tips for how you can help at home. We know that we can achieve the best for your children when we all work together.

BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY.

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GIVING TREE

Stepping out and making a difference just like...

JESUS

During the season of ADVENT bring along a new, unused gift, wrapped with a
label stating gender and age for whom it is suitable.
These will then be presented to St Vinnies at the end of the term to distribute to the less
fortunate members of our community. Christmas is a time of;
caring, thoughtfulness, honesty, humility, compassion, LOVE, understanding,
giving, forgiveness, kindness, sharing, peace.

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