Term 4 Week 7 Friday 25th November 2016

Pittwater Parish bulletin link:- http://www.pittwaterparish.org/stop-press

Upcoming Events
On Sunday 4 December Pittwater Parish is celebrating Bishop Bernard O’Grady’s 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination and 21 years of Episcopacy at the 9am Mass at Maria Regina Church Avalon, followed by morning tea. All Maria Regina children and their families are invited to attend this very important Mass. Please let Shane in the office know if you are available to help immediately after assembly to set up the morning tea. Thank you.

Week 7
Saturday 26th November     Blessing of Kindergarten 2017 and Year 5 Family Mass at Maria Regina Church followed by a sausage sizzle. Please RSVP to Mrs Labone at jane.labone@dbb.catholic.edu.au indicating how many sausage sandwiches you need for your family if you haven’t already done so.

Week 8
Thursday 1st December   Kindergarten and Year 6 will be attending Mass with the Parish at 9.15am.
You are warmly invited to attend Mass with us!

Advent
This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent. The liturgical year begins with Advent, a word derived from Latin that means "coming." During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time.

During Advent we are encouraged to ‘stay awake’ to the close presence of God. There are many ways we can be closer to God during Advent; slow down and take time for prayer; pay closer attention to the people in your life; be aware of the people in the world who are lonely or suffering; and reach out to those in need.

Enjoy this prayer with your family as you light the Advent wreath candles.

_Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe._

_You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all._

_As we light the candles of this wreath_

_May its growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son_

__So that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy._

_We ask this through Christ our Lord._

_Amen_
**Diocese of Broken Bay Schools' Joy Tour 2015-2016**

In 2015 and 2016, every Broken Bay school has received a visit from a 'representation' of Pope Francis. While the Pope visiting Maria Regina the children will be invited share ways they experience joy in their lives and share joy with one another. Year 2 have already shared a joyful time playing cricket with Pope Francis.

**Christmas Hampers**

Don’t forget to bring in your gifts and non-perishable food items for your class hamper. The response has been magnificent.

**Wellbeing week was fabulous!**

We have had fabulous week thinking about our Wellbeing. We took time to be thankful for the friendships we have at Maria Regina.

We took time to be reflective completing a guided meditation. We created a Gratitude tree. Each leaf had a symbol on it of what we are grateful and thankful for. I had a symbol of Avalon as we are so lucky to be living in this amazing place. I also had a symbol of peace as we long for world peace where all countries are getting along. We are finishing today will a Lip sync competition at lunch. It’s been a fabulous week.

Maren, from Year 6 Well Being Team.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

This week was the last week for library borrowing. Please have a good look at home for overdue library books; some students have **over 10 books overdue**. This makes it tricky for other students wishing to borrow. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

I still have lots of new books that need covering, if you can help cover books please let me know.

Happy Reading

Mrs Alexis Conn

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