Thursday 26th June

Dear Parents and Guardians

**New School Classrooms Ready for Use in Early 2015.**

**Background Information**

At the School Board Meeting held on 27th June, 2013 the substantive school Principal, Mrs. Climo reported to the Board that she was ‘awaiting standards on early childhood education regarding the size / numbers in our current junior primary rooms. Work may need to be done to create enclosed areas to accommodate. There is no current Catholic Education Office (CEO) / Government funding available for upgrades. If we do not meet Standards, we may require funding to correct such issue.’

Shortly after this School Board Meeting, Mrs. Climo was appointed to her current position as Principal School Advisor (PSA), initially for a 6 month period and then later for a further 12 month extension through to 31 December, 2014. I assumed the role of Principal effective 22nd July, 2013.

At the School Board Meeting of 24th July, 2013 the Board voted to approve the building of new Year 1 classrooms. These classrooms will be built in the grassed area between the current OSHClub and Year 1 rooms and the current Year 2 rooms. This decision was taken so that the current Pre Primary block can be converted to a dedicated Kindergarten block which meets all the requirements of the National Quality Standards (NQS) in Early Childhood Education (Quality Standard 3: Physical Environment). Ramifications of this conversion would be that the Pre Primary classes would move over to where the Year one classes are; next to OSHClub and the Year one classes would move to the new build early in 2015 when the build is completed. Throughout the period between Term 4 2013 and the end of Term 2, 2014 Oldfield Knott Architects were engaged, quantity surveying was completed, low interest loans were sourced and City of Wanneroo Planning and Health certification was secured. Soon the final sign off on the build will occur with the CEO and Quantity Surveyor giving the go ahead. The successful tender has been awarded to Cercan. The final stage in this long process is the builder applying for a Building Permit. Once this is given we are expecting the build to commence during the Term 2 holiday period.
What impact will the build have on the school community?

There are some direct implications:

1. The kiss n ride will **not be operational when school resumes for Term 3 and will remain so into the New Year**. This is because the builder will require a fenced off area in which he can put building material deliveries, a toilet, secured sheds and maybe a crib room. Please see the attached map.

2. There will be **limited parking available at the southern end of the kiss n ride during the day**. However, whilst entry will be easy. Exiting will require patience and skill as it will require u-turning. We recommend only parking in this area during the middle of the day. Be warned that builders will use this end to enter and exit the building site.

3. The three disabled parking bays at the northern end of the kiss n ride will not be in use at all. The disabled bay in the school hall car park will be available and the one inside the staff car park can be accessed if need be. Only those community members who have a disabled parking permit can use these bays.

4. **OshClub clientele should use the Junior Primary Staff Car Park** for ‘Before school’, ‘After school’ and ‘Holiday care’ drop off and pick up.

5. Gate 3 (The kiss n ride drop off entry gate) will be permanently closed during the build. It will be inside the fenced off area.

6. **Access to the school grounds will be through the Junior Primary Teachers Car Park, Gate 1** (Entry off pathway opposite Connors Retreat), **Gate 2** (OSHCLUB/ Junior Primary Area entry), **Gate 4** (Main gate to office area) **and Gate 5** (Waring Green). All gates except Gate 4 will be locked from 9am which is existing practice.

7. The School Community Hall car park will remain chained at the northern end. Access will remain as it always has.

8. **All community members are encouraged to park at Anthony Waring Oval Car Park where there are over 100 parking bays. Other parking is available at the Church, along Waring Green and along Victorsen Parade.**

9. **Wet weather drop off and pick up will be impacted.** We advise the use of rain coats and umbrellas when the weather is inclement. Parents should exit cars and escort children to and from the school buildings.

Please be aware that the school maintains its duty of care in all circumstances. However, the building of the new classrooms is an absolute necessity in order for the school to attain NQS. We have always enjoyed fantastic levels of support from the community and anticipate that this will continue through the inconvenience of the build.

We will update the community via newsletter which is posted on the school website weekly.

Yours faithfully

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Eileen Climo  
Principal