Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Saturday night, my husband and I enjoyed the BCE Leadership Dinner in Brisbane hosted by Brisbane Catholic Education. Executive Director, Mr David Hutton, was given a standing ovation as a sign of respect as we say farewell and thank you to him for his steadfast leadership over the past fourteen years. The new Brisbane Catholic Education Executive Director, Miss Pam Betts was also welcomed. We wish both David and Pam the very best in the next phase of their life journey.

No doubt you are all as sad as we are that Fr John Conway will be leaving us in January after being appointed to Redcliffe Parish. We look forward to many opportunities to express our thanks and say farewell to Fr John before he leaves in January.

2013 PREP ORIENTATION

The last two weeks have seen the new Prep children and their families visit OLGC as a way of introducing them to the various aspects of school life. A presentation on Tuesday by Speech Pathologist, Miss Jane O’Brien, about early language gave us all some insight into the importance of early oral language in young children. Thank you to the new and familiar families who were able to come along to our Orientations and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

JUNIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL - NEXT WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

I am looking forward to the Junior Swimming Carnival to be held next Wednesday at the Gatton Pool. Mr White has provided information to students and families about this event. Please feel welcome to come along and enjoy another school event with your children.

CLASSES FOR 2013

At the Board meeting on Tuesday, class groupings for 2013 were presented. These groupings are designed to meet current enrolments and are subject to change.

Prep Blue, Prep Yellow, Year 1B; Year 1Y;
Year 2B; Year 2Y; Year 3B; Year 3/4Y;
Year 4B; Year 5B; Year 5/6Y;
Year 6/7Y and Year 7B.

Please note: Should parents and carers wish to advise the school regarding educational matters that may affect the allocation of students to particular classes, please forward this to the Principal in writing by Friday 23 November. As you are aware from previous years, every effort will be made to accommodate these requests that are aimed at supporting the education of your children. All decisions are focused on meeting the needs of every student and include detailed collaboration by teachers and support team.

Proposed staff for 2013 include:

Support Team: Mr David White: APRE/Curriculum Support/ Behaviour Management/Director of Sport, Ms Denise O’Brien: Support Teacher Inclusive Education; Mrs Carolyn Cipa: Guidance Counsellor; Sr Anne Maree: Pastoral Worker; Mrs Angela Mobbs: Teacher Librarian.

Classroom Teachers:
Mrs Sarah Knight/Mrs Clare Topp (Prep Y), Mrs Carol Dennis (Prep B)

Teachers to be allocated to classes in the coming weeks:
Mrs Andrea Emerton, Mrs Kristen Newton, Miss Chiara Galie, Miss Shannon Gilchrist, Miss Alex Walker, Mr John Guyer (taking leave in terms 1 and 2), Mr Steven Shoebridge, Mrs Jennifer Brouwer, Mrs Marissa Ledger, Mrs Ruth Casey and Miss Jayde Eussen.

Specialist Teacher and School Officer details will be included in upcoming newsletters.