Dear Parents,

As this term quickly comes to a close, we are taking the opportunity to keep you up to speed with a number of things that are happening this week and some matters regarding next term.

**Farewell Doris**

After almost two decades of service to the St Ambrose school community, it has come time for us to give thanks and celebrate Doris’ contribution to our school as our school canteen coordinator. This coming Thursday, our students and staff will gather straight after lunch in the Parish hall at 2.35pm to make a presentation to her. It would be wonderful if, you as a parent, are able to join us and be part of this very special occasion.

**School Canteen**

To ensure that the canteen continues to provide our families with the wonderful service it currently does, we have enlisted the service of Erica Crowther to see us through this transition period. Many of you are already aware of Erica’s cooking classes that are run from the Parish Hall. The canteen will operate from Week 2 of next term on a Tuesday and Wednesday. During Term 2, you will be asked to provide us with some feedback as to menu design and healthy eating policies.

**Winter Uniform – Term 2**

Term 2, along with the cooler weather, signifies the time when students wear their Winter Uniform. In particular it is vital that children are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and that to reduce the occurrence of ill health that they dress warmly. A detailed outline of what is to be worn will be published in this week’s newsletter. If your child has yet not got appropriate footwear, please take the opportunity over the next two weeks to address this. Runners are only to be worn on days that your child participates in Physical Education.

**Change of Physical Education Times for Grade Prep to Grade 2**

Due to our end of term Mass being held this Friday at 12.00pm, specialist classes for Physical Education will be conducted this Thursday. Students in Prep, Gr P/1, Gr 1/2 and Gr 2 are asked to wear their sports uniform on Thursday and come to school in full school uniform on Friday.

**End of Term Dismissal Time – Friday at 1.00pm**

Students will be dismissed from their classes following Mass on Friday. Please ensure that arrangements have been put in place if you are not here to personally collect your child. If you have arranged for another family member or friend to collect your child, could you please let the office know either in writing, email or phone. Please note that the after school bus is not running this Friday.

**2016 Prep Enrolments Are Now Open**

Planning is well underway for the 2016 school year and like this year, we are looking forward to continued school growth. Many families have commented on how pleased they are to see class sizes reduced, especially in the junior area of the school. We have been able to achieve this by adding an additional classroom. In providing a high quality education program with learning environments that are engaging, supportive and caring, it is important that enrolments do not exceed the facilities capacity nor inhibit the programs that we currently provide. Because of this, our target Prep enrolment number for 2016 is 36. This again will ensure small class sizes and allow the school to attend to that which matters most – your child. If you know of families that have children at Kinder, we would ask that you please encourage them to make contact with the school as Prep enrolments will open shortly.

Wishing you a great week ahead.

Kind regards,

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*Principal*