DINNER AUCTION

Once again, we must extend a huge “Thank You” to our dedicated P&F Committee for their hard work in putting together another fun-filled, and very successful, Dinner Auction. A fabulous time was had by all who attended and valuable funds were raised which will enable our school to continue to grow and foster a safe and inspiring environment in which our children can learn.

Our New Classrooms Are Open!

On Thursday, 11th August 2011, coinciding with The Feast of St Philomena, our new Prep/1 and Grade 2/3 Classrooms were officially opened. It was lovely to see a great many families come along to take part in the celebrations, and we were also delighted that so many of the people who helped bring our vision to reality - architects, builders etc. - were also able to join us on the day.

We would especially like to thank Mr John Mickel, MP for his inspiring speech in dedication of our new building and for cutting the ribbon to declare our new classrooms OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Puppet Show - Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

On Wednesday, 31st August, our Prep/Grade One Class had a visit from the Little Children's Theatre Company. Michael the Puppeteer presented Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs for them to enjoy.

Here’s what some of our students had to say about the show:

"I liked the Queen disguised as the old lady. I liked the forest because the trees were green. The dwarfs were cute."....Elizabeth

"I liked it. I loved it when the witch died. It had Snow White and it also had the huntsman. I liked him because he had a sword."....Jackson

"I liked the "Ho Ho" song because it was nice when you sang it. I liked the little baby because she was pink."....Sophie

"I liked the Queen disguised as the old lady. I liked the forest because the trees were green. The dwarfs were cute."....Elizabeth

"I thought it was good. I thought it was just going to be hand puppets but it was string puppets. He did it all by himself."....Lily

A reminder to all families that school photos will be taken on Monday 12th September. Please ensure that all order envelopes are returned by that morning at the latest and that students come to school in full uniform.
Book Week 2011 at St Philomena’s was a wonderful celebration of the world of books and the joy and knowledge they can bring to our lives. All the students, and many of their families, visited the school library to view the books on display, as well as making some lovely purchases to take home and enjoy.

The highlight of Book Week at our school was the Book Parade. Each class chose a theme relating to books and our students came dressed as their favourite character within that theme. A lot of effort was put into all the costumes and we thank all the Mums and Dads for their help in this regard and for encouraging an enthusiasm for books in their children.

The winner from each class received a certificate and a $10 voucher to spend on a book of their choice from the Book Fair range. The winners from each class were:

- Prep  - Marcus Murray
- Grade 1  - Cecilia Fox
- Grade 2  - Clare Murray
- Grade 3  - Marion Barros
- Grade 4  - Thomas Langguth
- Grade 5  - James Walmsley & Michael Hardess
- Grade 6  - Harry Bailey
- Grade 7  - Saona Bailey & Gerard Hardess

Well done to everyone.

Congratulations to our Debating Teams

**Year 6 Team**
Gerard, William, Megan, Ryan and Harry

**Year 7 Team**
Gerard, Saona, Lydia, Genevieve and Christopher (absent from photo)