Seasons Greetings

As Christmas draws ever nearer, we at the CCSP would like to wish you and your family a happy and holy holiday season. Once a year we are given cause to stop, take stock and take a moment to look around and give thanks for the gifts of love and friendship we have around us. This year, with the particular circumstances of the Sydney Siege, we are called to dig even deeper and look through our sadness to the overwhelming goodness of people, who in all various shapes and forms make manifest the ‘face of God’, that at Christmas time came in the face of a little baby. Let us see the hope and love of mankind in that innocent face.

2015 CCSP Council

I am pleased to announce that at the CCSP AGM in November, Trevor Kellam was re-elected as Chairperson with Donna Falzon as the Assistant Chair. Congratulations Trevor and Donna. The CCSP is also supported by a management committee comprising Anne-Maree Pletkan, Bronwyn Melville, Ali Cant and Neisha Licitra. Congratulations to all. Each diocese has representation around the CCSP table for 2015 and I would like to extend a special welcome to our new members. I know that you will achieve great things in 2015.

Inaugural Roger O’Sullivan Award Recipient

On Wednesday 10th December, Chair of the CCSP Trevor Kellam and Acting Executive Director Linda McNeil (second from left), made the presentation of the inaugural Roger O’Sullivan Award to St Michael’s Parish Primary at Deniliquin. The award was received on behalf of the school by principal Bernadette Murphy (middle) and parents and teachers Fiona Waters and Shelley Scouller.

From an impressive range of applications from across NSW, St Michael’s was chosen by the panel as the school who is demonstrating exemplary practice in relation to bridging the gap between home and school to enhance the faith development, learning and well-being of students through family, school and community partnerships.

‘It Takes A Village to Raise a Child’

Make sure to keep May 16, 17, 2015 free for the CCSP iConnect Conference at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour. Keynote speakers, Michael Grose, Bruce Sullivan and Rev. Dr. Elio Capra head the bill for what promises to be a great weekend of learning and networking. Visit our website to register now! www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/conference
Merry Christmas to all our subscribers, supporters, sponsors, suppliers, parents and schools. Wishing you joyful times with family and friends.

*Linda McNeil*
*Acting Executive Director*

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