Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Friends of our College,

This will be our last Newsletter for the year, so at the outset I want to wish you all God’s blessings for the Christmas Season. May it be a safe and happy time for you all.

I want to thank all those who have been part of our school community and who have worked tirelessly to provide the best education and pastoral care for our students at O’Loughlin. Thank you to all of our staff: teachers, administration, support staff, school counsellors and our school-based police officer. They have done a fantastic job this year - often difficult and unrewarded. I also want to thank the members of the College Advisory Board for their advice and support during the year. To all of them: thank you. Thanks, too, to all the parents and students for your cooperation throughout the year. It has been a pleasure for me to be part of this magnificent College during 2015.

**Year 12 Graduation:** Two weeks ago our Year 12 class held their Graduation Mass at the Cathedral, led by Bishop Eugene Hurley. This was a very fitting way to finish their time at O’Loughlin where they could thank God for the blessings received during their time with us and to ask for guidance into the future. After Mass everyone proceeded to the Convention Centre for dinner and the graduation ceremony. It was a wonderful night of celebration. Our two school captains, Ciara Kruger and Josh Spera, were the MC’s for the night and they did a magnificent job. Congratulations to our “Class of 2015” and thanks for their contribution towards making O’Loughlin Catholic College an excellent learning environment for our students. We wish them well for the future.

**Student Leaders and College Captains - 2016:** Last Monday our elected student leaders (Jasmine Allen, Ghian Barlison, Chloe Brannelly, Henry Callander, Moses Fuentes, Kaytlyn O’Neil, Alicia Scrimgeour, Julia Woods) attended a leadership day organized by Mr Pickham and Mr Fleming. It was a wonderful opportunity for these young men and women to learn more about themselves, what leadership means and its accompanying responsibilities. I was fortunate enough to spend part of the day with them as well. At the end of the day they conducted elections for School Captains. I was very impressed by all of their speeches and can assure you that our school is in good hands next year. I am pleased to announce that our School Captains for 2016 are Julia Woods and Henry Callander. Congratulations!

**Building Program:** Earlier this year I submitted an application for funding to build extra classrooms sorely needed at the school, as well as improved staff facilities. Recently I received a letter from the Commonwealth Government announcing that we have been successful in receiving a grant of $300,000 towards this building project. Our Architect, Mr Ross Tonkin, will be overseeing the project and we hope to begin early next year. Our target date to move into the new classrooms is the beginning of Semester 2.

**Presentation Night – Tuesday 8th December, 7.00pm:** Finally, a reminder to everyone that the College’s Presentation Night will be held this coming Tuesday evening at 7.00pm at the
Entertainment Centre, Mitchell Street, Darwin. All students are required to attend in school uniform. Our Year 12 graduating class have the privilege to attend in their graduation outfit. I look forward to see you all there.

God bless.

Jim Jolley
Principal