

**Our 50th Anniversary Group has been working hard to organise events for the last week of term to mark our 50th anniversary. The week will have a Celebration theme to it and there are a variety of smaller events taking place throughout the week. We hope you will be able to come to at least one of these**

### **50th Anniversary Open Afternoon Wednesday 15 July**

**You are very welcome to drop in during the afternoon from 2.15- 4.00 pm to have a look at our school archive display.**

We will be burying a time capsule prepared by students during our **open afternoon**. The time capsule event has been organised by Mrs Hostead and various enthusiastic students.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to view the carefully preserved archives of the school, going back to when the school was opened. There will also be a chance to see the old school uniforms that were worn by students 50 years ago. Mr Peter Waszak and Mrs Lynn Stevens have been leading the setting up and organisation of the large and, in many cases, delicate display material. The process of sorting and setting out the Atrium display is lengthy. The display will take a day to put up in the Atrium and then again to take down at the end of the week. Mr Waszak is an archive expert and will be available on Wednesday afternoon to talk to about the school's extensive material.

### **50th Anniversary Mass Thursday 16 July 7.30 pm**

On Thursday 16 July at 7.30 pm Bishop Michael Evans will be celebrating Mass with other deanery priests in school. This will be a very special celebration of the last 50 years, involving students past and present. The Mass will have a dramatic start with the Indian drums being played by students past and present, led by Mr Suali.

The hymns, some of which have been composed especially for the Mass, particularly the psalm written by Stan Hansel, will be led by our school choir. Our students will be involved in the first reading through Drama and our liturgical readers will be leading the second reading and the prayers of the faithful. In addition to our school choir leading us in singing the hymns throughout our celebration, members of our School Council will be helping with the offertory as well as helping with car parking and acting as ushers for our guests.

This is a huge effort by all involved - staff and students and those connected to the school - and your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to come to the Mass can you ring the school and let us know how many places you require as soon as possible. You are all very welcome.

### **Planting of the memorial tree by Bishop Michael**

After Mass, with the help of members of our School Council, Bishop Michael will plant the first of many memorial trees, in memory of those who have died. It is hoped that each year on St John Fisher Day we will plant more trees that have been donated to the school in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate a tree in memory of a loved one please contact the school.

### **Refreshments and multi-cultural taster food**

Refreshments will be served after the Mass with a selection of taster food, prepared by our students, from countries around the world representing the multi-cultural and diverse nature of our school community. This is being led by Mrs Philips-Clarke and the Food Technology group. The students are already well on their way to producing some very tasty samples for the evening along with menus and display material from the countries represented. A PowerPoint presentation is also being prepared of photographs past and present led by Mrs Sam Rahemtulla and Mr Justin Stanford and students.

**There will again be the opportunity to view the archives and displays in school.**

### **50th Anniversary student celebration day (St John Fisher Day) Friday 17 July**

Friday 17 July will be a celebration day just for our students and present staff and will consist of a 'Celebration of our Students' by our students during our Liturgy and a school barbeque. Period 1 will be a chance for students to experience a lesson with a 50th anniversary theme to it. The school will then close early at lunchtime.

