Dear Parents of Year 6 Students,

To support the work of your school and the role you play in preparing students for Confirmation, I have been invited to facilitate a Confirmation retreat day for the students. Throughout the day your child will explore the meaning of the Holy Spirit’s gifts and the influence these gifts can have in their life.

To add to the occasion, I am requesting that either a parent, both parents, the student’s sponsor, or all three, write a brief surprise letter of support to their child and return it to Mrs Gallin, or the office in a sealed envelope by **Wednesday, 25th May**. Please keep this secret from your child so that it is a surprise on the day. The envelope should be labeled with your child’s name.

This is a wonderful opportunity to further express your support to your child as they celebrate this milestone. You may like to share some memories of your Confirmation, or your hopes for their future. The choice is entirely up to you. All I ask is that receiving the letter will be a positive experience for your child. Students will read the letter during the retreat so it is therefore **VITAL** that ALL students receive one. If however, you choose not to write to your child, you need to explain this to your child prior to the retreat day so that she, or he, is not confused as to why they have been “left out”.

If your child is not being confirmed, they will still be attending the retreat, so I am also asking the parents of these students to write to their child, encouraging them in their last year of primary school and expressing your support for them in the years ahead.

The opportunity to read a letter from a parent or sponsor will be a highlight for your child and will be remembered for a long time.

I thank you in anticipation and for the time, effort and support you are constantly providing to ensure this is a special time for your child. Please see Mrs Gallin if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Sue Barton

Retreat Facilitator