Dear Parents,

What a wonderful event the Fun Fair was on Saturday. Hundreds of people from school and the wider local community walked through the gates and enjoyed the variety of stalls, rides and bargains to be found. The support from the parent community was as always very supportive with many parents working all day on many of the stalls. Thank you to the class parents for coordinating the various class responsibilities but a huge thanks goes to Jessica Crapis, Maria Bezinovic and Catherine Montague for their coordination and months of preparation leading up to the big day. Leaving out the $10000 raised before the Fun Fair, the day raised a whopping $24000 for the school. The three winners of the raffle were Emma Cassidy, Robert Elward and Amber Wikingi. Congratulations to everybody for a fantastic and “Fun” Fair.

A reminder that the KidsMatter Staff Development Day is on next Monday. There are no classes for the students on Monday. KidsMatter is a framework that acknowledges and emphasises the wellbeing of students, families, teachers and the wider community. You will be hearing a lot more about this before the end of the year.

Welcome to the Stoyle family (Matilda (Mattie—Year 3) who started at St Joseph’s this week.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions. My door is always open.

**Sunday’s Gospel Reflection**

My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that is what pleased you.

My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

**Matthew 11:25-30**

All Souls’ Day
ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOUL'S DAY
This morning the whole school and many of our family and friends gathered at Mass to commemorate All Saints and All Souls Day. It was a beautiful experience in which those present were able to reflect on the lives of the Saints and their own deceased loved ones. We prayed that in our own lives we can strive to follow in the footsteps of those now in heaven who committed themselves to serving others as Jesus did. This prayer from the writings of St Teresa of Avila would be worth reflecting on as a family this week.

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

YEAR 6 GRADUATION LITURGY – WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER at 5.30pm

SAVE THE DATE!!

Family and friends of our Year 6 students please put this date on your calendar. The St Joseph's School community would like to honour our graduating class and bless them as they leave our school to begin a new chapter of their lives at high school.

Gillian Evers
Religious Education Coordinator
P&F News

P&F President’s Report

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Fun Fair on Saturday so much fun and so successful. Jess, you really out did yourself and it was so nice to see you had a chance to enjoy the day. To your committee, Maria and Catherine, thank you for your tireless effort though out the day.

When all the packing up was finished I had a chance to reflect on what was a wonderful display of school community. I felt so happy to see other parents join together discussing the day’s events. Some had never met before so it was a chance to make new friends and connect with the community. I know sometimes it is hard to drum up enthusiasm, but we all join together when it comes down to business. I hope that parents remember that feeling for the future.

We also had our final P&F meeting last Wednesday. We had a good turnout and we were able to discuss topics that involve the education of your children. Please read through the minutes and consider coming to future meetings. It is the most effective way to give your contribution.

The next event in the P&F calendar is the Christmas BBQ. I believe the children have been rehearsing to put on a little concert for us. More information will be given soon.

As always please don't hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Grice
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School News

Thank you for the Fun Fair from Year 2
Children have posted letters to parents outside the school office thanking parents for the wonderful day. Here are a couple of messages, straight from the heart ...

Dear Parents
Thank you for the exhausting work you have done, it must have been very hard for you.
The fair was so fun! I loved how you all worked together as a team.
Things we need are new projectors, books, pencils, pens and paper.
Thank you for all the lovely things you just did for us and have a Happy Halloween!
Ella

Dear Parents
Thank you for all the amazing shops and rides. It was excellent fun!
I loved the rides, especially the rock climbing and the dunk’em, but they were all fun. I loved the whole day.
You have helped us buy the things we need. You’re the best people I have ever known!
Thank you very much.
Caleb
Students of the Week

Kindergarten

Ryan C: for working hard in all he does.
Gabriela A: for trying hard to write interesting sentences.

Year 1

Ethan A: for attentive listening and valuable contributions in class.
Gabriella H: for learning and letting others learn.

Year 2

Mason S: for listening respectfully to the ideas of others.
Ava C: for a fabulous narrative about sharing.

Year 3

Jenna M: for listening respectfully to class discussions.
David K: for listening and contributing in maths.

Year 4

Nina C: for always contributing and listening respectfully in class.
Ned R: for his excellent contributions to our poetry unit.

Year 5

Aidan O: for being a caring and respectful classmate.
Phillip C: for playing the Gold game fairly.

Year 6

Louis C: for playing the Gold game fairly and with integrity.
Sophie C: for writing a very descriptive and creative narrative.

St. Lucy’s

Startright 1
Sienna M: for independent handwriting at her desk.
Startright 2
Leela H: for doing her best during Multilit.

Office News

Family Registration Form 2015
A reminder that every family needs to return this form to school no later than FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER. The form is attached again to this week’s newsletter.

Please ensure that all children attending any school in 2015 are listed on the Family Registration form. Both Parents are required to sign the form.

Important Dates

Term 4

Monday 3rd November- Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
Wednesday 17th December - Last Day of Term for Students
Family Registration 2015

To be completed by all families

This form must be completed, signed by BOTH parents / carers and returned to the School Office no later than 7th November 2014 so that correct fees for the 2015 school year can be determined for your family.

Family details

Mother / Carer

Surname

Given name

Best contact number

e-mail address

Father / Carer

Surname

Given name

Best contact number

e-mail address

Details of how the 2015 school fees will be paid

Terms of payment (if no box is ticked the payment defaults to standard) see overleaf for details

Standard ☐ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Weekly ☐

(3 instalments) (1 instalment) (10 instalments) (20 instalments) (40 instalments)

Our preferred payment method is

Details of all family members attending any NSW school in 2015

Family Name (please list eldest to youngest)  Given name  Date of birth  School attending in 2015  Scholastic year in 2015

Please read the Terms & Conditions overleaf and sign the Acceptance. No discounts will be given unless this form is completed and returned to the school by the due date.
Eligibility for Fee Discounts

- The first child is the child in the family who is in the most senior class of any systemic school in the Diocese of Broken Bay (some exceptions do apply, see below). Second and subsequent children are defined in descending order of class seniority of children attending any systemic Catholic School in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

- The following schools are also included as “systemic” for the purposes of Tuition Fee discounting only (not applicable to family Building Levy):
  ♦ St Edwards, East Gosford
  ♦ Stella Maris, Manly
  ♦ Marist Brothers, North Sydney

- Rates currently applicable are as follows:
  ♦ Second child               20% discount
  ♦ Third child               50% discount
  ♦ Fourth & subsequent children 100% discount

- Students attending systemic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Parramatta and the Diocese of Wollongong may also be eligible for sibling discounts on Tuition Fees (as above), and a reduction on the Diocese of Broken Bay Building Levy. Please ensure these students are listed on the first page of this form.

Terms & Conditions relating to payment of School Fees

1. If more than one account is to be issued per family, ie Split Billing, written approval of all parties involved must be obtained, otherwise fees will be addressed as stated overleaf – please contact the School/College office for details.

2. Tuition Fees and Building Levy are set each year by the Diocesan Schools Board.

3. School fees will be billed and invoiced on an annual basis. The standard payment terms are in three equal instalments in February, April and July.

4. The dates for payment will be clearly identified on the invoice issued at the beginning of the school year.

5. Sibling Discounts on Tuition Fees are not automatic - application must be made by completing, signing and submitting this form by the due date.

6. Fees are payable by BPAY, EFTPOS, Cheque or Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard only).

7. Families may make arrangements to alter the Standard payment terms. Payments may be altered to be made either yearly, monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Please indicate under Terms of Payment overleaf.

8. Both parents/caregivers are responsible for payment of the fees unless Split Billing Forms have been completed.

9. In cases of genuine financial hardship, families should apply to the Principal for consideration. Please contact the School/College office.

Acceptance and Certification - to be signed by person(s) responsible for payment of fees

I/we request that sibling discount be granted on Tuition Fees and/or Building Levy for all applicable students detailed overleaf. I/we have read the Terms and Conditions above relating to payment of school fees. I/we certify that I will take responsibility for payment of all fees billed to me/us by the school and agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions.

1 .................................................................................................................. .................................................. ........................................

   Please print name                      Signature                      Date

2 .................................................................................................................. .................................................. ........................................

   Please print name                      Signature                      Date

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