Principal’s Message

A reminder that tonight is the Parent Information Evening with the first session beginning at 6.30pm and a repeat session at 7pm. Due to illness, Mrs Calleja will not be able to hold her class session tonight. Our apologies for this inconvenience. Information will be sent home to Year 1 families in the near future. The P&F Meeting will follow in the Library at 7.30pm. I hope many of our families can join us.

Fr Curry has organised three “Listening Nights” for parishioners. He wishes to hear from our parents about the parish, what is working well, what are some challenges and suggestions in meeting these challenges. Details can be found inside.

I had the pleasure of joining the Stage 3 students and teachers at the Leadership Camp last week on Port Hacking. The camp is a great opportunity for the teachers and students to get to know each other better and to learn skills in cooperation and team work. Congratulations to the students on their very good behaviour, manners and cooperation and a big thank you to the teachers for the two nights away from home and families.

Tomorrow is the Swimming Trials to be held at Manly Pool. Four “teardrop” flags each in each of the house colours gifted by last year’s Year 6 will be used for the first time. The carnival is an opportunity for the students to enjoy themselves but it is also a selection trial for future representative carnivals. Kindergarten and Year 1 will remain at school during the day.

Multiple coloured forms have been sent home today. Three of these need to be returned by all families with the Bicycle User’s Permission returned by families whose children ride their bikes to and from school. Please return all notes by Mon 22nd Feb.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Quote

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

Second Sunday of Lent
Religious Education News

What an exciting and busy start to Term One.

Ash Wednesday
Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season at this morning’s Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Mr Gallagher shared three key thoughts and actions for the students to carry out over the next forty days, these included;
- To pray
- To give to those in need (through our schools Project Compassion Box)
- To give something up or do something for others
This liturgy also reminded us that we can turn back to God, seeing the light of his ways, when we are feeling alone, in the dark or when the need to say sorry arises.

Fr Rex Curry’s Listening Nights
You are invited to three LISTENING NIGHTS.

There are three LISTENING NIGHTS. I would hope that you might invite some of the 90% plus of the Catholics who live in our Parish, but don’t regularly come to Mass, so that they too might have the opportunity to commence this ongoing ‘parish conversation’ of how we might grow together in the Lord over the next six years in the Lakes Catholic Parish.

The venue, date and times for these meetings are as follows:
- St Joseph’s Hall, Narrabeen – Monday 22nd February, 2016 - 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- St Rose’s Collaroy Plateau - Tuesday 23rd February, 2016 - 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- St Joseph’s Hall, Narrabeen – Wednesday 24th February, 2016 - 7.30pm – 9.30pm

What does the Parish Priest need to hear about the Lakes Catholic Parish?
What are three strengths of the Parish?
What are three challenges facing the Parish?
What are some of the ways you would like us to address these challenges?

Please let the parish office know which day you plan to attend for catering purposes.

Whole School Family Mass
This year Parish Family Masses will be taking a different schedule. To bring our Parish schools closer together we will be sharing our Masses. In the warmer months they will be held at St Rose Catholic Church on Sunday’s at 6pm and in the cooler months they will be held at St Joseph’s Catholic Church on Saturday’s at 5:30pm. There has also been a change from monthly Family Mass celebrations to termly.

With this in mind we look forward to celebrating our first upcoming Parish Family Mass, with the support of our excellent host families from Kindergarten. Our St Joseph Kindergarten children with the support of their parents will be reading out the Prayer of intercession, with St Rose Kindergarten families sharing the Readings, Reflection and hospitality. It is an excellent opportunity to come together as a Parish community and celebrate our faith. Please feel free to invite friends and family to this special celebration.

When: Sunday 28th February
Time: 6pm
Where: St Rose Catholic Church

Stef Thom
Religious Education Coordinator
**Library News**

**Carnival Club:** Catalogues for this book club went out this week. I’m sorry about 2 catalogues going out in close proximity this term. This is a new Book club and we will receive a bonus $100 to go towards books for the Library by sending out this catalogue. From next term we will alternate between the 2 catalogues so there will only be one each term. If you wish to order from this catalogue please complete the order online by **29th February**. These orders do not come to school.

**Red Gum Catalogue:** If you are ordering from this catalogue your orders need to be online by **7th March**. These orders do not come to school.

**PRC:** We will once again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is a challenge that encourages a love of reading through quality literature. The children in Kindergarten to Year 2 have to read, or have read to them, 30 books 25 of which must be from the PRC lists. Those in Years 3-6 must read 20 books, 15 of which must come from the PRC list. Registration is not until the beginning of March so I will give further details closer to that time.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

**P&F News**

A letter from the P&F President

Open Day for the school is just around the corner and we need volunteers for the morning of March 9th to walk potential new families around the school. We’re in need of 9 people to help as we’re also going to serve coffee/tea in the canteen as well.

Please contact me if you are available from 9-11am to volunteer. It’s for the benefit of the school and doesn’t require a lot of time.

Are you on Facebook??? Check out these two new pages!!! St. Joseph’s Facebook page (St Joseph’s Catholic School) as well as the Fun Fair Page (St Joseph Fun Fair 29 October 2016). You will get up to date information about current events, reminders, etc that will help you in your busy life. The Parent Planner app along with the school’s website and newsletter will also assist you. If you still can’t find the answer you’re looking for, reach out to your class parents or to the P&F committee and we can help you.

Our first 2016 P&F Meeting is tonight at 7:30pm in the Library. I encourage you to come and check it out. Many topics are discussed and decisions are made so if you want to have a say in something, come to the meeting.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. My info is: pagekatie1@gmail.com or M 0411 247 709

From the P&F Committee, we hope you’re having a wonderful school year!
Office News

Any details about your child that may have changed recently needs to be updated on our files. These details may include medical information such as asthma, allergies or past illnesses. Other details include address changes, emergency contacts and phone numbers, or changes to family circumstances that may impact on the children’s schooling. Any changes to email addresses also need to be updated as email is now our main form of communication. Thank you.

Community News

Michael Grose
Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator

Free Seminars in February
Tuesday 23rd Terrigal
Wednesday 24th Mona Vale
Thursday 25th Wahroonga

Visit www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

BRIGHTEN AN OLDER PERSON’S DAY!
All YOU need is an Hour a Fortnight.
The Community Visitors Scheme is a Program that matches friendly, caring volunteers with older residents living in local nursing homes and hostels.
You can make a difference to their day by visiting and sharing a chat and a cuppa.
Call Rosemary 3968 5100
Orientation and Support Provided

This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.
St Joseph's Welcome Drinks

Please join us for a drink to welcome the new families and existing families to 2016!!

When: Friday 4th March
Time: From 6pm
Where: Narrabeen RSL - Sunk Bar
116 Nareen Parade, Narrabeen

We look forward to seeing you there!!

P&F Committee

Important Dates

| Week 4 | Wednesday 17th February | • Parent Information Evening 6.30pm
|        |                        | • P&F Meeting Library 7.30pm
| Week 4 | Thursday 18th February | School Swimming Carnival Years 2-6
| Week 5 | Sunday 28th February   | Family Mass Night 6.00pm at St Rose Church - Kindergarten
| Week 7 | Wednesday 9th March    | St. Joseph’s School Open Day (Volunteers needed)
| Week 11| Monday 4th April       | • Staff Development Day
|        |                        | • Parent Information First Eucharist At St Rose 7pm
What is EMU, the MAI Assessment and how is Mathematics being taught to my child?

Would you like to further understand the assessment and mathematical learning of your child?

Would you like ideas of how you can support your child at home with their learning of Mathematics?

Would you like the tools to do all of this?

Join us for our

**EMU Parent Information Night**

**Date:** Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

**Time:** 7:30- 8:30pm

**Where:** St Joseph’s Catholic School Library

RSVP: To ensure that we are able to adequately provide support resources for those that are attending, could you please complete the tear off slip below and return by **Wednesday 9th March**.

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EMU, MAI, Mathematics Parent Information Night

I ________________________________, will be in attendance for the Mathematics Parent Information Night on Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 at 7:30pm- 8:30pm.

______________________________    ________________________________
Signature                        Date
New blue sports t-shirts

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered the new blue sports shirts at the end of Term 4. We still have quite a few pre-orders awaiting collection so please come by and collect them any Friday between 2:45-3:15pm.

We will be doing another pre-order early this term. Please complete the order form below and return to the office by FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY.

We will order a small amount of additional stock this time so if labels are still on the t-shirts, sizes can be swapped.

White sports shirts can continue to be worn all year. All students will be required to wear blue sports shirts from the start of NEXT year (2017) onwards.

Blue Sports Shirts Order Form

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Please return this form in an envelope with the correct money enclosed (cash or cheque) to the office by Friday 19th February 2016.

Any questions please contact Emma Crossley aquaemma@optusnet.com.au 0404 075 184 or Sally Miles sally@sallymiles.com.au 0404 477 133.