Principal’s Message

Our St Joseph’s Open Day is coming up next Wednesday. It is a great opportunity for the school to open its’ doors to the wider community and celebrate the fantastic place that St Joseph’s is. School enrolments rely on this day. We have a number of parent volunteers who will act as guides and serve tea and coffee, as well as answer questions from a parent’s perspective. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and to the wonderful P&F leadership team for coordinating the helpers.

One of our Respectful school rules is Care for Your Appearance. It teaches our children that wearing the correct uniform shows pride in the school and respect for themselves. We are encouraging the children to wear their correct uniform and asking parents to support their children with this. Kindergarten are wearing their new uniforms proudly and neatly however, the older the students get, the more they may “forget” to wear the proper uniform. We appreciate your support.

I have been in contact with the Crime Prevention Officer for Northern Beaches Local Area Command who will be visiting our school next week to conduct a security check of the premises. We will review procedures around lock down and evacuation to ensure that we have the best practices in place. I do ask that if you enter the school from Lagoon Street or Ocean Street during school hours that you ensure the gates remains closed and chained.

Information can be found inside about Ride to School this Friday. We only received notice this week but as it is always well supported, we have decided to participate once again. Please take note of the safety information included.

My door is always open if you would like to chat or discuss any issue.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Quote

‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Religious Education News

Whole School Parish Family Mass:
Last Sunday we celebrated our First Whole School Parish Family Mass, with the support of our excellent host families from Kindergarten of both St Rose Collaroy and St Joseph’s. It was wonderful to see so many families and parishioners there.

The children really enjoyed having the opportunity to be involved in the Mass. Thank you to our Kindergarten parents for their reading of our Prayers of the Faithful.

Caritas- Project Compassion

This year Caritas is celebrating 50 years of Project Compassion and it’s the perfect occasion to stand in solidarity with Caritas and our partners, to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This year’s theme for Project Compassion is “Learning more, creating change.” It is explored through six feature stories for the six weeks of Lent. These stories demonstrate how education, training and sharing knowledge empowers individuals and communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney’s community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through our school boxes, which were sent home and are also available within each classroom. These boxes are to be returned to school by Thursday 24th March. If you need a box, please do not hesitate to ask.

Stef Thom
Religious Education Coordinator
Library News

PRC: The Premier’s Reading Challenge opens on 7th March. I will be able to add new children on this date. Children who have done the PRC in previous years will be able to use their username and password from last year. I will hand out passwords to new children wishing to do the PRC as soon as I receive them.

Book clubs: The Carnival Book Club is now closed. The Red Gum book Club closes on 7th March. Thanks for your support of these book clubs.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

P&F News

A Letter from the P&F President

Just a reminder that Welcome Drinks is on this Friday from 7pm at the Sunk Bar in Narrabeen (at the Narrabeen RSL). It’s a great opportunity for new and established (not old!) families to meet other families at St. Joey’s. I encourage everyone to come because it’ll be a fun event! Thank you to the Year 2 Class Parents for organizing this event!

Other reminders:
Canteen is open Mondays and Fridays. Online ordering is available. Volunteers are always needed so if you can spare some time, contact Donita. Donita.Kerin8@gmail.com Uniform shop is open on Fridays from 2:45-3:15pm. Contact Emma or Sally if you have any questions. Emma - aqwaemma@optusnet.com.au Sally - Sally@sallymiles.com.au

Thank you!
Katie
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Office News

SCHOOL FEES - PAYMENT OPTIONS & DUE DATES

Annual and Standard Option (3 instalments): First Instalment now OVERDUE.

Monthly: first payment due date was February 15.

Fortnightly and Weekly: first payment due date was February 12.

Please ensure payments are regular and contact the school office if there are any difficulties meeting these due dates. Your Monthly statement will be emailed this week.

Thank you

STUDENT ABSENCE / LATE ARRIVAL

If your child is absent from school please phone to let us know on the morning of the absence by 9:30am.
If your child is late to school (not present at morning assembly), they need to sign the Late Arrivals Register and collect a Late Notice from the office.
School Banking News

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 8:30am  
**Date:** 8th March  
**Location:** St Joseph’s playground

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Vanessa Brentnall, School Banking Co-ordinator

Sport News

**Congratulations** to the following 29 students who were selected to compete in the Peninsula Swimming Carnival tomorrow.

There is a $2.50 entry fee for all swimming competitors at tomorrow's swimming carnival.

**Peninsula Swimming Team 2016**

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2016 (ICAS) Competition Years 3-6

International Competitions & Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Years 3-6 flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please return form and payment by Wednesday 23rd March.

Ride2School Friday 4th March

Ride2School Day – THIS FRIDAY 4th March, St Joseph’s will be participating in National Ride 2 School Day see flyer attached to this newsletter. This is a chance to celebrate a healthy and active lifestyle while reinforcing safe bicycle behaviour.

Students may choose to ride a bicycle, scooter or skateboard. They MUST wear a helmet to join our ride. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us on the ride or you can walk behind.

The group will meet on the Pelican Path where the path meets Ocean St at the Narrabeen Bridge at 7.50 for an 8:00am ride and do a loop following the path towards Pittwater Road and along to school, picking up riders along the way. Please remind your child to wait on the grass areas by the path and when we ride, to keep to the left and be mindful of other path users. We will remind the children of this as we ride.

It is a great community event where we have seen up to 100 bicycles parked on the grass area for the day at school.

We hope to see lots of people on Friday morning starting the day in a healthy way!

Parents are welcome to join, or support less experienced riders.

Important Dates

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