Our St Joseph’s Open Day was held this morning. Thank you to all those who were able to assist with morning tea or conducting guided tours. The feedback from the visitors was very positive especially towards the welcoming parents of our school.

Traffic management on Lagoon Street, both in the morning and afternoon, can be problematic, some days more than others. There are restrictions on parking at these times and these are often enforced by council rangers. Drivers can be booked for parking longer than two minutes in the Kiss and Ride zone or for pulling up in the bus zone. It is your responsibility to follow the signage to ensure the safety of our children and to avoid substantial fines. Last week I submitted a request to Warringah Council for assistance in redesigning the layout of Lagoon Street. While they were open to the ideas, there are constraints with zones for buses, deliveries and driveways. I will keep you informed of progress. In the meantime I ask for your cooperation in keeping to the road rules on Lagoon Street.

Our students have been making a wonderful effort in wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Sydney Buses has informed the school that some students are not scanning their Opal Cards when entering or leaving the bus. If there is no registering of students travelling on the bus, Sydney Buses will cancel the bus run from St Joseph’s in the afternoon.

A very special welcome to the Ball family and Sophie in Year 1.

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

Michael Gallagher

**Sunday’s Gospel Quote**

“Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

*Luke 8:1-11*

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Religious Education News

ST JOSEPH’S FEAST DAY: SATURDAY 19th MARCH

Next Thursday 17th March, we will be having a special Liturgy at 10:30am in the Church to remember St Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was a descendant of the royal family of David, but he was not rich. He worked as a carpenter in his hometown of Nazareth and lovingly cared for his family. We will be celebrating this event with the annual sandcastle building at the beach—a St Joseph’s tradition’s after lunch.

Loving God you put your Son, Jesus, in the care of Joseph.

Put us also in his care.

Let him watch over the whole church.

May this celebration remind us to share what we have with the poor
and to honour parents for their loving guidance and protection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

It is appropriate that we also celebrate HARMONY DAY and BULLYING NO WAY on the same day. The focus of Harmony Day this year is our diversity is our strength. It is a day for all Australian’s to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The children will participate in activities in mixed groups that explore the themes of Harmony Day.

Caritas, Project Compassion 2016

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential. 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: Those children who indicated they wished to do the PRC as well as all of Kindergarten were put on the PRC on Monday. As soon as the user names and passwords arrive I will send them home. Hopefully it will be next week.

Book clubs: Both the Book clubs are now closed. Thank you to all those who purchased books. We get a commission which allows us to pick some of the books for the Library, which is a great way to keep our collection up to date.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

Schools Earth Hour and Clean Up Schools Day

On Friday 18th March, St Joseph’s will be incorporating Schools Earth Hour and Clean Up Schools day into the day. We are suggesting that all classes work for one hour without any electricity being used. In addition each class will complete a clean-up of a designated area within and around our school. We hope that this will give examples of how we can improve our local and larger environment. The Environment Leaders will be placing some posters around the school, and will talk to each class next week so children can be prepared for the area they are to improve.

Anita Brooks

Office News

Siblings Enrolments 2017

A reminder to current families with siblings starting next year that enrolments are now open and application forms are available from the school office or download the Enrolment Form from the St Joseph’s website.

Please complete the form and return to the office, enrolments for 2017 close end of May.
Sports News

Congratulations to Oscar J Year 2. Oscar swam last night in the Junior 50m Freestyle Multi Disability race and because he was the only one in his category he took first place with a time of 1:30.30. He has qualified to represent the Broken Bay Diocese at the Polding Area Swimming Championships on Thursday 31st March at Homebush. Well Done Oscar!

School News

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

FRIED RICE DAY **EGG FREE**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23TH
$2 A CUP

ORDER FORM

NAME ______________________________ YEAR_______

NAME ______________________________ YEAR_______

NAME ______________________________ YEAR_______

MONEY ENCLOSED $___________

PLEASE ENSURE THE EXACT MONEY IS ENCLOSED
ONE ORDER FORM PER FAMILY
THANK YOU
Students of the Week

Kindergarten

Rory L: for caring for others in our class.
Sasha C: for her details in her half self portrait.
Tori M: for hearing beginning sounds and sharing her understanding.

Year 1

Max M: for his excellent spelling attempts in writing today.
Yasmin B: for trying hard to work independently.

Year 2

Luca P: for a fantastic report about sound.
Zoe C: for her wonderful science experiment.

Year 3

Leticha I: for always being focused and on task in the classroom.
Cameron T: for his excellent effort in using manners in the classroom.

Year 4

Jasmine P: for working hard to extend herself in Literacy and Numeracy.
Harry N: for working independently in class.
Ava J: for consistently working her hardest in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 5

Gabriel C: for persistence during Maths.
Nat L: for her amazing knowledge when working on Prime and Composite numbers.

Year 6

Christian V: for moving safely at all times.
Isabella E: for wonderful work in multiplying 3 digit numbers using mental strategies.

St. Lucy’s-San Clemente

Riley F: for working independently on his Mathematics.
Emma W: for working well on measuring and always trying her best.

St. Lucy’s-Siena

Riley L: for working well in Literacy groups.
Aidan S: for great participation during morning circle.

Important Dates

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This newsletter is designed to provide you with updated information, reminders and events surrounding the Fun Fair.

We are looking for BOOK donations. This year there will be a lovely section selling books but also selling delicious coffee and treats as well. In order to have this stall, we need adult and children’s books. The appropriate kind, please. They need to be in good, sellable condition. We will have coordinated drop off days and locations that you will be notified of. The first drop off is the first day back from school holiday - April 26th, which allows families time over the holiday to sort through books and make a pile to donate. It will be on school grounds however we haven’t decided the spot yet. Stay tuned!

We are not having a white elephant this year so please bring your donations elsewhere. Thank you to those who were already preparing.

If you would like to have a stall this year, contact Jess above for details. We will prioritise St. Joseph’s families to have prime location as we’d love to help support your business!
All you need to do is **GET CREATIVE** and include everything you love about going to the fair!

For example:
* Rides & Games
* Balloons & Face Painting
* Cakes & Lollies

Use as many colours and any materials you like to make your poster. Please use a piece of white A4 or A3 paper. **Only one entry per student.**

* * *Don’t forget to write your name and class on the back and hand it into your classroom teacher. * * *

**1st Prize:**
2 ride wristbands for the fair for you and a friend plus an art pack

**2nd Prize:**
1 wristband and an art pack

**3rd Prize:**
An art pack

*Ride wristbands entitle the wearer to unlimited rides at the fair*

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON 8th APRIL 2016**
THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY IN TERM 2
To make our annual Easter Raffle a success we ask that each child bring in a donation to their class of an Easter egg.

These donations will be arranged into baskets that can be won at the Easter Raffle drawn on the last day of term.

Raffle tickets will be sent home today.
$2.00 per ticket = $20/ticket book

We would love it if one book, per family, could be sold.

All tickets and money need to be handed into the office by Wednesday 16th March.

Please include names and phone numbers

Raffle is drawn at the School Assembly on Wednesday 23rd MARCH, 2016

So 2 easy steps to making 2016 Easter raffle a success;
1. Donate an egg to school.

Thank you for your support!
Any questions to either Donita Kerin or Michelle Cameron (Year 5)

Extra raffle tickets available from the office
Stella Maris College
Open Evening
Wednesday 16th March
4.00pm - 8.00pm
All Welcome
52 Eurobin Avenue, Manly
www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
9977 5144
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Would like to participate in the Competitions as indicated above.

Signed:…………………………………………………………                      Amount enclosed: $……………. (cash / cheque)
Parent / Guardian

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY Wednesday 23rd  March 2016