Principal’s Message

Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining our Year 6 students at their Cluster Mass celebrated by our new Bishop Peter Comensoli. Bishop Peter spoke to the children and reminded them that as student leaders in our schools they are Ambassadors of Christ. Our Director of Schools also asked the children to “be of service to others”. Year 6 were excellent ambassadors for St Joseph’s during the Mass.

Last Friday our students took a stand together and said Bullying. No Way! It is an opportunity to highlight the fact that “bullying” can happen anywhere, at anytime but together we can stand up for each other and say no to it in our school. The children know that bullying is the ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). If you are aware of bullying involving your child, please speak to your child’s teacher as early as possible so the matter can be dealt with and your child feels safe and supported at school.

A reminder to complete the homework survey linked to last week’s newsletter. You can find all of this year’s newsletters on our school website www.sjndbb.catholic.edu.au

If you have any questions, concerns or worries, my door is always open. Contact the school office to make an appointment or drop in if I am available.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Reflection

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Mark 11:1-10
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Religious Education News

St Joseph’s Feast Day Celebrations & Art Competition
Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who joined us last Thursday morning for our Mass dedicated to St Joseph, on his feast day. It was a beautiful celebration filled with song, the word and reflections.

Another thank you must go to all our entrants in the St Joseph Art Competition. There was an overwhelming response, making the judging very hard.
Congratulations to our two winners; Elena B from Year 2 and Bianca B from Year 6.

First Reconciliation
Congratulations to all students who made their Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday and Wednesday. A big thankyou to Chris Curry, our parish Sacramental Coordinator, as well as all the parents and sponsors who supported and prepared the children throughout their journey.

Project Compassion
Throughout the season of Lent, students from St Joseph’s have been bringing in their loose change, in support of Project Compassion. All students are to be congratulated. It has been wonderful hearing children in the school talking about why it was so important to support Project Compassion.

Holy Week Liturgy
On Thursday 2nd April at 12.00 Midday, students will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. Each class will be taking part in a Liturgical movement. Please feel free to join us in the Church for this special Easter celebration.

Stef Thom
Religious Education Coordinator
Library News

PRC: Those children who indicated they wished to take part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge received their user name and password this week. They were written on a yellow post-it note. If your child hasn’t received one and you wish them to participate please let me know.

Holiday borrowing:
Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. If your child has overdue books they would have received a yellow post-it note with the books listed on it this week. Please help your child find the books and return them next week. If you are unable to find the books, please sign the note and return it to the Library and we will then check the shelves. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

School News

Uniform Shop
Just a reminder that the uniform shop is open every Friday from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. If you are unable to make this time, please contact Emma Crossley or Cybelle Massey via phone or email and we will make sure to organise your items for you. Orders (with accompanying cash or cheque) can also be handed into the office attention ‘Uniform shop’. We are also on the hunt for more volunteers to run the shop, particularly from Term 2 when Cybelle will no longer be able to assist due to work commitments. Anyone interested can contact Emma or Cybelle to find out more. If we have enough volunteers, we could rotate people each week so that you would not need to be there every Friday.
Thank you
Emma Crossley & Cybelle Massey
0404 075 184 / 0405 384 822
email: agwaemma@optusnet.com.au / cybellemassey@yahoo.com.au

Winter Uniform
Term 2 is when the students transition into the winter uniform but it is near impossible to predict when the cold weather will begin. Children may begin to wear their full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2 or continue wearing the full summer uniform until the end of Week 3. All children must wear the winter uniform from the beginning of Week 4 (Monday 11th May).

Mufti Day
This Friday 27th March is a mufti day. The Year 6 children are raising money for a gift that can be left to the school for the benefit of all the students. Children need to wear sensible clothing as it is a sport day. A donation of a gold coin will be collected by the class teacher.
School News Cont’d

Ride to School
Ride to School is on again this Friday. Arrangements are the same as before i.e. meet at the beginning of the Pelican Path next to the bridge on Ocean Street at 8.00am and ride to school around the lagoon. **Children MUST wear helmets and the appropriate clothing to ride. In the event of wet weather, the event will be cancelled.**

Sports News
Congratulations to students in our school who have qualified for Broken Bay / Polding teams in a number of sports. **William B (Yr. 5) has qualified for the Broken Bay / Polding Rugby League team. Luke H, Joel C and Aidan O’ (Yr. 6) have all qualified for the Broken Bay / Polding AFL team. Well done to all our students.**

**Harrison R** competed in the CPS Swimming Carnival last week at Homebush. Harrison placed 3rd in the Butterfly event and 2nd in the Medley. Harrison has gone on to compete in the PSSA State Championships at Homebush this week. A fantastic achievement Harrison!

Netball
Do you want to play netball? Mona Vale Commodores is looking for a couple of U10s players to join a lovely team of young girls. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to enjoy a team sport and have a good time. If interested please contact Tracey O’Brien 0413 187 930 or tob_1970@hotmail.com

Bikes at School
Riding to school is a healthy choice but we ask children to follow some simple rules. If the weather forecast is for rain, it would be wise to travel to school using alternative transport. When riding to school, children must ride directly to school without stopping on the way at the shops.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) – Catholic Care
Dear Families,
Catholic Care is excited to announce that we have the potential to offer Before School Care for Term 2. This service caters for school children aged 5 to 12 years from 7am - 9am. Staff create a relaxed, safe environment where children can enjoy a wide range of activities that are fun and suited to their ages and interests. However, this will be achieved depending on numbers of families interested.

For enquiries, please contact Outside School Hours Care ASAP (preferably before March 27th).

Many Thanks,
Flavia Granadeiro
Email: narrabeen.oshc@dbb.org.au
Phone: 0448 869 324

Community News

Sibling Enrolments 2016
If you have a sibling starting at St. Joseph’s in 2016 please collect an enrolment pack from the school office. Enrolments are now open and application forms need to be returned ASAP so that interviews can be arranged.

Thank you.
Students of the Week

**Kindergarten**

Stella P: for recognising when her friends need help and always helping them.

Max M: for trying hard in all he does.

**Year 1**

Bonnie J: for being a quiet respectful learner.

Nathan O: for being a quiet worker and letting others learn.

**Year 2**

Dominic R: for working co-operatively at Maths Problem Solving.

Ethan A: for working co-operatively at Maths Problem Solving.

**Year 3**

Isabella F: for supporting others with their learning.

Sierra W: for her effort and application with subtraction problems.

**Year 4**

Joseph L: for always offering answers and working hard in class.

Nathan V: for always letting others learn and doing his best.

**Year 5**

Nina C: for great work in Mathematics.

**Year 6**

Sofia L: for willingly offering to help when she sees a need.

Vanessa H: for always being focused to completing tasks

St. Lucy's Startright 1

Eoghan L: for excellent work during Guided Reading.

Jenny T: for trying her best at remembering her sounds.

Startright 2

Jekobi B: for great work at his desk.

Important Dates

Friday 27th March

- Ride to School Day (subject to weather conditions)
- Mufti Day

Thursday 2nd April

- Last Day of Term

**Term 2**

Monday 20th April

- Students Return

Monday 11th May

- Students to be in full Winter Uniform this week (Week 4)
ST JOSEPH’S

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Please return the ticket stub (don’t forget to write your name on them!) plus the money in the envelope provided by no later than

This Friday, 27th March 2015.

Each family is also asked to donate an Easter Egg for the raffle prizes – please send to school no later than

This Friday, 27th March 2015.

Raffle is drawn at the School Assembly on

Wednesday 1st April 2015.

For questions please contact either Daniele Munro or Rebecca Pomponio (Yr 2).
NSW POLICE RUGBY LEAGUE CHARITY GALA DAY

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015
PITTWATER RUGBY PARK

1472 Pittwater Road, Warriewood
(access via Walsh Street)

GATES OPEN 2.30PM ENTRY – GOLD COIN DONATION

3.30pm – Manly Warringah Sea Eagles -v- Macarthur Bulls
Mulheron/Dooley’ Memorial Shield'

4.45pm – Penrith Panthers –v- Bankstown Giants

6.00pm – Parramatta Eels -v- Eastern Suburbs Wombats

Join us for the after match function!

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Camp Details

Where: Paddlecraft @ Bayview Anchorage Marina
1714 Pittwater Road, Bayview

Cost: $80 / paddler per day

When: April 14th, 15th or 16th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Ages: Juniors Year 5 & 6 (10 – 12 yrs)*
Seniors Year 7 & 8 (12 yrs – 14 yrs.)*

*Our preference is to group by age with minimum (8) paddlers per age group

For more info visit www.paddlecraft.com.au or call 9997 8015