Over the last few days I have been interviewing some of the new Kindergarten children for St Joseph’s, 2017. It is so lovely to meet with families both old and new, and welcome their children into our very special school community.

One of the questions we ask the parents is “Why do you want a Catholic education for your child?” The general response is that they want their child to thrive and feel that sense of shared community, just as they did in their Catholic schooling. They also want their child to be brought up in their shared faith where they are taught the Gospel values that will help their child learn the right way to live their lives.

Unfortunately, I have also been dealing with issues around social media and the impact that negative messages can have on the children and parents in our community.

St Joseph’s have developed a new policy for ‘Sustaining a Strong School Community’. It has been designed to ‘develop and support positive relationships within the school community’. The policy states:

As a Catholic community, our starting point is the understanding that each of us is made in God’s image and our deep respect for the innate dignity and uniqueness of each and every person. We embed Good Samaritan values of community, respect, compassion and stewardship as the foundations on which we develop faith and learning in our children and our families. The ways in which people interact with each other in the daily life of the school significantly affect each person’s sense of well-being, identity and self-worth and contribute to the culture of the community.

Students and parents alike should treat each other with respect and consideration, knowing that we make an impact on people’s lives by the things we write, post, like, share, tweet, say and sometimes by the things we don’t say. We need to think of others and the impact our words, intended or not, have on others. The message, plain and simple, is BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER!

Brenda Paul—Acting Principal

Sunday’s Gospel Quote


50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.
Religious Education News

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay exist to educate and form young people in Catholic discipleship: offering them experiences of following Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Mother’s Day Liturgy and Morning Tea
Tomorrow morning (9:15am in the Church) we look forward to celebrating all ladies in the school community, who play the special role of mothers in our lives. The children have prepared a beautiful Mass, filled with the spirit and meaning of Mother’s including our Holy mother, Mary.
We look forward to hearing student readers, singers and our reflection tomorrow morning. Please feel free to extend this invitation to any family members or friends.

A Prayer for Mothers
O Loving Lord,
You have created mothers in love and blessed them with children.
As they work tirelessly to support their families may they be showered with your blessings.
Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live each day under your care.
May those who are joined in your love, support mothers by their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer.

Amen

The school community wishes all mothers in the parish and school a happy and joy filled Mother’s Day this Sunday.

Sacrament of Eucharist
This week children within our school community will begin their journey toward making their Sacrament of Eucharist. During this faith journey the children are reminded that the Eucharist is the ‘source and summit’ of our lives as Catholics and the climax of their initiation as Christians.

We wish all embarking upon this journey, both children and their families a faith filled experience.

Parish Schools Family Mass
Parish School’s Family Mass - Saturday 28th May at 5:30pm in the church.
Our next Parish School’s Family Mass will be held on Saturday 28th May at 5:30pm. Year Three and Four students and families will be hosting and leading our second celebration for the year.
We look forward to seeing many families in attendance and sharing in this special celebration of our faith.

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

**PRC**: In Library this week the children in Kindergarten enjoyed *Where the wild things are* (book id 12030). This can be added to your child’s reading log.

The children have until 19th August to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Fran Jones, Teacher/ Librarian

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Office News

**Reminder for students Leave**
Absence for 10+ school days Link: St. Joseph’s website is News&Events, Forms&Links, Absence, Request for Leave Form. Return forms to Principal for approval. Thank you

**Fees** - Please ring the office if you did not receive your monthly statement. These were emailed yesterday.

**Head Lice**
We have had several reports of head lice in the school. *Could you please examine your child’s hair and apply the appropriate treatment if required*. Your local Pharmacy will be able to advise you in the matter.

Head lice can be treated quickly and effectively by simply following these steps:

- Purchase a specialist head lice treatment and apply it according to the directions on the pack.
- Examine all family members’ hair, and treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time.
- Wash out the treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.
- Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days if lice are still present or eggs are found with 1cm of scalp.

Your co-operation in attending to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Canteen News

Just a reminder from the canteen to email your payment receipt through when requesting a top up via the School24 website.
All payment receipts should be emailed to Donita Kerin at donita.kerin8@gmail.com

This will ensure that your top up request is approved asap.
Please contact Donita with any questions.
P&F News

Reminder:

- **Mother’s Day Mass and Morning tea starting at 9:15am.** Mass at 9:15, classrooms then morning tea to follow. Morning tea will be held in the hall after you’ve visited your lovely children’s classrooms.

- **Friday - Mufti Day!** Yay! Kids love Mufti day! Please bring in an item for the Adult Tombola to be raffled off at the Fun Fair. Items will be collected as you walk into the gate or at Kiss and ride/drop. A few volunteers will be at the gate and the kiss and ride/drop at drop off and pick up to collect anything you don’t want your child carrying. We are trying to make it easier for parents. Help us help you.
  - WINE
  - SPIRITS
  - BEER
  - JEWELLERY
  - DVD’s
  - BEAUTY PRODUCTS
  - HOMEWARES
  - WINE
  - CANDLES
  - BOOKS
  - ITUNES VOUCHERS
  - GIFT VOUCHERS
  - HAIR PRODUCTS
  - STATIONARY
  - ADULT BOARD GAMES

- **Announcements for the winners of the Fun Fair will be announced at assembly today.** All competition submissions are hanging up on the wall outside the Staffroom. Come take a look! A great job done by the children! Such great ideas.

- **Year 6 Fundraiser - Wednesday May 18th** - keep and eye out for the order forms to come through!

- **Disco - May 20th - Tickets on sale!!!** Hawaiian theme - have fun dressing up!

- **Lastly, Save the date! May 25th - 9 am - P&F Meeting.** Agenda will come out ahead of time. I would love to see everyone there. If you have anything you’d like to talk about, please let me know and I’d be happy to add it to the agenda.

- Lastly, thank you to our volunteers. There are so many people that volunteer and I personally thank you for your time. It’s a thankless job but we (all of us on the P&F committee) truly thank you.

- If you would like to contact me for any reason, here are my details: pagekatie1@gmail.com or M 0411 247 709

  Thank you, Katie

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**Important Dates**

| Term 2 | W2  | Thursday 5th May | - Mother’s Day and Back to School Mass and Morning Tea  
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A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly meetings. The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

SPEAKER EVENING WITH ANTONIA CANARIS
DIRECTOR, NEUOSENSORY

“ADHD & DIFFICULTIES IN READING, WRITING & ARITHMETIC”

Antonia will discuss the overlap between ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia. She will also mention helpful strategies and how to find reliable advice and remediation. This presentation would suit parents, teachers and other professionals assisting children with ADHD as well as adults with ADHD.

Antonia holds a Master’s in Education (Literacy and Numeracy) & a Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies majoring in Autism. Antonia is a qualified Orton-Gillingham multisensory educational therapist having studied through the Institute of Multi-Sensory Language Education (IMSLE).

Antonia is a member of the International Dyslexia Association and the Australian Dyslexia Association. Antonia is a director of Neurosensory, an educational and remedial teaching practice, specialising in multisensory learning for children & adults with dyslexia, ADHD, ASD and other learning disorders.

Tuesday, 10th May 2016 @ 7.00-9.00pm
The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

$5 CONTRIBUTION ON THE NIGHT
Ticket reservations essential via the website or

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BeachesADHDSupport
Facebook Forum: https://www.facebook.com/groups/BeachesADHDSupportGroup/
Email: nbadhdsupportgroup@hotmail.com
Website: www.northernbeachesadhdsupportgroup.com.au
Entertainment Book available online at: www.entbook.com.au/219d619

Venue kindly sponsored by
Pittwater RSL Club

Your guide to ADHD information, services & resources in the Northern Sydney region.
www.adhdguide.com.au
Open Day
Thursday 5 May 2016
3.30pm to 6pm

Experience, discover and explore the many opportunities available at Brigidine College for your daughter.

Join us at Open Day for an impressive showcase of activities, tours, performances and interactive exhibits. See our website for a schedule of the afternoon’s events.

Accepting enrolment applications for Year 7 2017, 2018 and 2019.

325 Mona Vale Road, St Ives www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au

There is a spirit in this school worth experiencing.
St Joseph’s School Disco

Let’s go to Hawaii

Dress up in your favourite Hawaiian outfit!

Friday May 20th
All Years from 6pm - 8pm

Tickets $10 Includes
slice of pizza, bottle of water & glow stick

For an extra $1
*Coloured Hair Spray * tattoo * Pizza * chips 50c

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

We would love to come to the Hawaiian Disco, enclosed is $10 per person for our Family Name _____________________________
Childs Name _____________________________ Class _______________
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Please give this slip to your teacher, in an envelope with the money. Thanks