The St Joseph’s Mother’s Day celebration is always a lovely occasion. Last week’s was no exception! A great turn up of mums, grandmothers and special friends, a beautiful mass, and a scrumptious morning tea with beautiful sunshine - we could not have asked for a better day!

I trust that all mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday and that you got spoilt rotten by your families and especially by your children!

Mums are very special people who we can very easily take for granted, so it is wonderful to have a designated day for Mothers, when we can make them feel special and tell them how much they mean to us and acknowledge what they do for us every day. It must be hard for those with mothers and grandmothers who are a long distance away and also for those of us who have lost these very precious people.

Thank you to all the amazing mothers and grandmothers in our St Joseph’s school community. We are so grateful for all the time you devote to our school, the children and each other!!!

Special mention here to our P&F president Katie who has a very nasty broken ankle. We also send much love and sympathy to Mrs Wark and her family, who lost their beautiful Grandmother last night.

We keep all of the special women in our lives in our prayers and thank God every day for the gift they are to us and the world.

Brenda Paul
Acting Principal

**Sunday’s Gospel Quote**

**John 20: 19-23**

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven.”
Religious Education News

Kindergarten Religious Education
This term Kindergarten are exploring the Bible in their Religious Education lessons. This unit introduces the Bible to students as a collection of writings that were told over many years in different cultures and were eventually recorded. Together these writings built the story of our God who is active in our world and our lives.

Kindergarten students have been focusing on the Old Testament stories, or the stories of God. These include; the creation story, Noah’s ark and the great flood. Check out some of their recordings of this scripture story.

Sacrament of Eucharist
Children within our school community continue on their journey toward making their Sacrament of Eucharist. This week’s focus is around the connections that we can make in Eucharist to the Jewish Passover, The Last Supper and Life-Death-Resurrection.

May we join them at this special time in their faith formation, by sharing in a family meal at home. Maybe you could give a few of these ideas a try;

- Treat the family meal table as special place, using beautiful plates or cutlery.
- Create a calming mood at the meal table by using candles as light
- Arrange one or more symbols in the centre of the table, for example a cross, cup, and vase of flowers or bread.

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. This celebration will be shared with families from St Rose Catholic School, Collaroy.

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing many families in attendance and sharing in this special celebration of our faith.

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

New furniture: there was great excitement in the Library this week as some of our new furniture arrived. Once it has all arrived we will post photos. We are being very careful with our feet and we also know that no food or drink is eaten while in the Library.

PRC: This week the children in Kindergarten enjoyed Spirit of Hope (Book id 16344). This can be added to the reading log of children in Kindergarten who are completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Carnival Book Club: Catalogues for this book club were handed out this week. The catalogues cover K-6 so you should be able to find something interesting for your child to read. This is a great way of encouraging an interest in reading. We receive 20% of proceeds to purchase new books for the Library. So we hope you will support this. Orders are online and are not returned to school. The orders must be online by 27th May and will be delivered to the school a few weeks after this date.

Fran Jones, Teacher/ Librarian

P & F News

It’s week 3 - Winter Uniform transition! Get your winter uniforms ready so that everyone is in them for next week. If you need assistance with what is to be worn, the school’s website has a link on proper attire.
*The uniform shop will be open on Fridays 2:45-3:15pm. Some winter packages still remain to be picked up.
*Save yourself some time and fill out a pre-order form if you need a L/S Sport Shirt. Smaller sizes are out of stock.

A few dates to put in your calendar:
May 18th - Year 6 Lunch Fundraiser - info will be out soon!
May 20th - School Disco hosted by Year 3 Hawaiian Theme - ticket sales are now on! See flyer for details.
May 25th - P&F Meeting 9am - Library

FUN FAIR:
If you’re interested in being a sponsor for the fair, there are plenty of benefits that come with the donation; promotional rights to erect signage, booth set up, etc. Other options are available as well. Contact me for further details.

BOOKACHINO!
We are collecting books for our Bookachino stall at the Fair. Collection point is by the buddy bench in front of the hall. Here are the dates that someone is available to take your donations:
Friday May 13th - 2:40pm until pickup
Monday May 16th - 2:40pm until pickup
Thursday May 19th - 8:30am - 9:00am.

Please donate books in good condition and of a respectable nature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.
Katie Pagekatie1@gmail.com M 0411 247 709
Student of the Week

Kindergarten
Rory L: for shared knowledge about weather.
Kyah M: for excellent holiday recount.
Olivia C: for letter recognition in reading.

Year 1
Max M: for trying so hard with multiplication.
Kaden S: for always working independently.

Year 2
Balby L: for his amazing Lego dinosaurs.
Jocelyn P: for fabulous effort answering written question.

Year 3
Charlotte B: for consistently doing her best in all learning tasks.
Hunter K: for an improved attitude to his learning.
Abbi B: for her consistent positive attitude to all learning tasks.

Year 4
Sierra W: for being persistent no matter how difficult something is.
Stella N: for always being the first to offer to help some.
Ella F: for always having a positive attitude.

Year 5
Nathan V: for excellent effort with large number.
Sania J: for outstanding effort in all areas.

Year 6
Nathan V: for a huge improvement in attitude.
Jett C: for a huge improvement in attitude.

St. Lucy’s-San Clemente
Jenny T: for being so kind and caring towards everyone. Well done!
Emma W: for being a great classroom helper. Well done!

St. Lucy’s-Siena
Riley L: for his positive attitude towards his work in class.
Ted C: for being a kind and compassionate member of the Siena class.

Term 2 Class Captains

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ICAS 2016 (Digital Technologies Assessment)
Year 6 Fundraiser
School Disco 6-8pm
P&A Meeting 9.00am
Parish School Family Mass 5.30pm in the church.
Senior Band Performance @ The Forest High School 7pm (more details to follow)
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
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