**Principal’s Message**

On Friday, the Semester One reports for each child will be emailed home. If you have not received an email by Monday please contact the school office. A letter explaining the report is attached to this week’s newsletter.

This Thursday, we will celebrate as a whole school the completion of the Sacramental Program for those students involved, mainly from Year 3. Mass begins at 9.15am in the church and will be followed by a celebratory morning tea for the children. Year 2 will be presenting a special gift during the Mass. Please join us if you can make it. Thank you to class parents and members of the school board for the morning tea.

On Saturday evening the celebrations continue with the 10th Anniversary Mass for the Lakes Parish. Originally, St Joseph’s and St Rose were two separate parishes but in 2006, Bishop David Walker combined the two churches and schools as one parish. Mass is at 5.30pm at St Joseph’s Church and following is a celebratory meal and some Indian dancing. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to join in the festivities.

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of watching the St Joseph’s Senior Band perform in front a large audience at The Forest High School. The band was one of five schools that performed. Mr Marsden did a fantastic job in conducting the band but credit must go to the children for a spectacular performance and representing their school so proudly.

If you have any concerns, issues or questions you would like to discuss, I am always happy to make a time to meet with you. Contact the school office to organise a time.

My door is always open!

Michael Gallagher

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**Sunday’s Gospel Quote**

Along the way someone said to Jesus, “I’ll go anywhere with you!”

Jesus said, “Foxes have dens, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man doesn’t have a place to call his own.” Jesus told someone else to come with him. But the man said, “Lord, let me wait until I bury my father.”

Jesus answered, “Let the dead take care of the dead, while you go and tell about God’s kingdom.”


13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

We would like to extend an invitation to our whole school community; to help us mark the momentous occasion of students who have made their Sacrament of Holy Communion.

This special Mass will be held tomorrow, **Thursday 23rd June, 9:15am** in the Church, followed by a special celebration (Hospitality) for those children who made their Sacrament and their parents/families, supported by our School Board. We look forward to seeing as many family members and special friends, joining our school community in this faith celebration.

**Mission**

Thank you to all the families and children who took part in our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, Beanie & Sock Day. Each class has a glove that we are trying to fill with any monetary donations, these are in the classroom until the end of June with all contributions supporting our local homeless and less fortunate!

**Parish 10th Anniversary Celebration**

On **Saturday 25th June 2016**, our community will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary as a twinned Parish. It is a great opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate. Please note that the Mass is open to all. Please feel free to invite all members of your family to join with us.

Following the Mass there will be an evening of taste tingling curries, Zumba dancing and colourful sari costumes to experience and explore in the Father Sobb Hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend this portion of the celebration.

**Grandparents & Grand-friends/Welcome Back Mass**

On **Thursday 28th July at 9:15am** we will be holding our Grandparents & Grand-friends/ Welcome Back (Term 3) Mass. We look forward to making this celebration of faith one that will not be forgotten. To support preparation of this Mass could you please send any photos of Grandparents and your child/ren to me Stefanie.thom@dbb.org.au by the end of term. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

**World Youth Day 2016- Krakow, Poland**

I am in the count down with just over a month, or 35 days until I leave for Krakow, Poland. As I mentioned last week there are many significant spiritual sites that I will have the opportunity to visit and explore. These include;

- **Jasna Gora Shrine**: to see the Black Madonna, an image and devotion that Saint John Paul II held very close.
- **Wadowice**: to visit the home town of the birth place and family home/museum of the Pope.
- **Auschwitz**: to visit the remains of the former concentration camp as well as Martyrdom Museum and St Maximilian Kolbe’s Cell.

Along with daily opportunities to take part in Masses, prayer and faith-filled gatherings with youth from around the world, I am looking forward to sharing my pilgrimage.

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

**Holiday borrowing:** Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Children with overdue books received a yellow stick-it note with the titles listed. Please help your child to find these books. If you are unable to find them please sign the note and return it to school and we will look on the shelves.

**PRC:** During Library this week the children in Kindergarten enjoyed *A bus called Heaven* (Book id 24726). This can be added to your child’s reading log. The Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on 9th August, so the holidays would be a good time to get a number of books read. Both Warringah and Pittwater Libraries carry a number of books on the PRC reading list.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News

**Canteen Needs Volunteers Please!**

One of the benefits of our school is having a canteen that offers delicious meals and treats for our children. We’ve been very lucky to have it open 2 days a week because of the volunteers that donate their personal time to make that happen.

We can’t always expect the same volunteers to keep the canteen open. You’ve started to see that morning tea had to be cancelled on Monday because of a lack of volunteers. We may have to close this Friday for the same reason.

**We need more volunteers.** It depends on you and your time to help keep it open. There are options available on both days if you can’t commit to a full shift.

Mondays we need 2 people. 9am-2pm.
Fridays we need 3 people. 2 from 9am-2pm and another from 11am-2pm.

Split shifts are offered at these times 9am-11:30am, 11:30am-2pm.

Without more volunteers, we risk more cancellations and I know that having 2 days a week that I don’t have to make lunches is a treat for me as well.

Sign up today. Email myself or the canteen manager, Donita Kerin. Details below.

Thank you,
Katie Page  pagekatie1@gmail.com  M) 0411 247 709
Donita  Donita.Kerin8@gmail.com  M) 0412 709 428

Lost Property

The Lost Property boxes are overflowing with jumpers, hats raincoats, lunch boxes etc. We will be placing all lost items for the children to collect in the playground Wednesday next week after lunch / before assembly. Please label all your child’s clothing and other items clearly and ready for next term. Thank you for your co operation.
Student of the Week

Kindergarten
Abbey R: for her understanding of the sun.
Evie P: for her shared ideas in class discussions.
Jaxon P: for his use of verbs in writing.

Year 1
Stella P: for wonderful book work.
Jack M: for great work in folk dancing.

Year 2
Bonnie J: for always including others.
Calan R: for trying hard to be neat in his books.

Year 3
Madison G: for being very focused to complete tasks well.
Harrison K: for a positive attitude at Maths challenge.
Gus S: for his excellent attitude to do tasks well with a broken arm.

Year 4
Luc D: for great work with picture graphs in Mathematics.
Ciara A: for great work with picture graphs in Mathematics.

Year 5
Boden W: for always being inclusive.
Ava K: for doing her best in all areas.

Year 6
Liam A: for his focus and dedication to his work.
Maevie P: for his commitment and perseverance in 2D shape work.

Uniform Shop News
NEW OPEN TIME
MONDAYS
2.45PM - 3.15PM
MANAGER
Michelle Grice
EMAIL michellegrice@bigpond.com
PHONE 0402 914 953

Fun Fair News
Fun Fair - Bookacino pick up
Wednesday 29/6 from 2.15pm
Final pick up for Term 2
There will be more collection dates in Term 3
Please contact Jess on 0401 048 112 if you have any questions regarding the pick up or anything Fun Fair related.
Thanks
Jess Crapis

Community News & Events
• Nation Catholic Education Commission: Catholic Schools - Partners in Australia’s Future - School Funding Facts. Click here
• Position Available: Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) supports students with disabilities travelling to and from school. Click here
• Holiday Activities for Children: Go4Fun - A Free 10 Week health and fitness program for Kids aged 7 to 13 years. Click here
  Goodwin’s Tennis Academy: School Holiday Tennis Camp. Click here
  School Holiday Softball Fun - Free Intro Clinic for Girls aged 6-12. Click here
Dear Parents

On Friday you will receive your child’s mid-year report via email. I would like to take this opportunity to explain St Joseph’s reporting procedures.

All Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office schools use the NSW Board of Studies syllabi. These curriculum documents form the basis of our teaching and learning programs. The Board of Studies has produced syllabi for:

- English
- Mathematics
- Human Society & its Environment (HSIE)
- Science & Technology
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development/ Health/ Physical Education (PD/H/PE)

In addition to these six key learning areas (KLA’s), Catholic schools also have a Religious Education Curriculum. The seven KLA’s are mandatory for all Catholic schools including obligatory time allocations to each KLA.

In NSW we use a standards referenced curriculum. This means that each child’s progress is mapped against a pre-determined set of benchmarks. Development in each curriculum is expressed as learning outcomes in four stages. Each stage represents approximately 20 months of development. The stages are not directly linked to classes. However, it is generally true that the following correlation applies.

- Early Stage 1- Kindergarten
- Stage 1- Years 1 & 2
- Stage 2- Years 3 & 4
- Stage 3- Years 5 & 6

The report reflects your child’s progress through this curriculum appropriate to your child’s age and stage of development. At St Joseph’s, we report to you on your child’s achievement in each of the KLA’s and against the syllabus mandated standards. Each child is graded by achievement and by effort. In all Catholic schools in Broken Bay, the achievement grading scales are in five levels. Achievement grades are not given in Kindergarten.
The grading scale is in accordance with Diocesan standards. Words are used to describe your child’s achievement. They are as follows:

- **Outstanding** - indicates that your child has achieved at a significantly higher standard
- **High** - indicates that your child has achieved above expectation
- **Sound** - indicates that your child has achieved exactly as expected. Most children receive a “Sound” grading
- **Basic** - indicates that your child has achieved below the expected level
- **Limited** - indicates that your child has achieved significantly lower than the expected level.

The effort rankings are:

- **Sometimes** makes an effort
- **Usually** makes a good effort
- **Consistently** makes a great effort

In reading this report, you need to consider that the report is indicative of your child’s performance against a 20 month cycle of learning. Students in the early part of a stage still have a year of learning ahead of them. In the report, the “Achievement Level” indicates where, within the 20 month cycle, your child is currently working. We report to the expected level for your child’s stage of development.

At the Parent / Teacher interview next week you will have the opportunity to discuss the report with the class teacher. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress in more detail than the allocated time, please contact your child’s teacher who will be happy to meet with you early next term.

At the interview you can view your child’s workbooks and the assessment data we collect. This will illustrate both your child’s standard of work and the grading that the teacher has allocated.

I trust this explanation has assisted you with your child’s report.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gallagher
Principal

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