Principal’s Message

I hope the letter you received last Friday regarding the fee increase for 2017 clarified any questions you may have had. I would like to reiterate that no child should miss out on a Catholic education due to a family unable to afford increased fees. If you have any concerns regarding fees, I would be most keen to meet and discuss.

Many years ago with funding from the Federal government, St Joseph’s was able to offer Japanese as a foreign language. Unfortunately, this funding dried up and as a result, so did Japanese lessons! I have received some queries as to the possibility for another language to be offered in the future. As a first step towards the possibility of this happening, I have attached a brief survey to get an idea of people’s thinking.

Please click https://goo.gl/forms/hTX6h8Oz33lZA2YV2 to complete.

Once again we are having issues with Kiss and Ride, mainly in the morning. We ask you not to park in the zone and enter the school or talk with other parents in this area. The zone needs to be constantly moving so that others can drop their children off. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Page family (Year 2 and Kinder) on the Baptism of the children last Sunday. We also welcome back the Christie family to Year 3.

I ask you to take a moment to read some important links in the newsletter, namely rules for the Athletics Carnival, Nude Food days, an expression of interest to join the School Advisory Board and Diocesan Parent Council workshop.

We look forward to seeing many of our parents and grandparents at Mass tomorrow.

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.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Quote

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’

Luke 12:13—21

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Grandparents & Grand-friends Mass
Tomorrow we celebrate our beginning of term Mass focusing on those extra special friends/family members who provide so much love and support.... Our Grandparents and grand-friends. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Church at 9:15am, ready to celebrate our faith as a Catholic community. The students have been practicing their parts and we have a few special highlights by students within our school. Following Mass Grandparents and friends are invited to explore the classrooms, followed by morning tea.

Sacrament of Confirmation
What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?
According to the Catholic doctrine, this Sacrament children are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthen in their Christian life.

Just a reminder that Fr Rex is offering Parent Faith Formation for those parents whose children are about to embark on making their Sacrament of Confirmation. These meetings will take place next Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of August. Check the Parish Website for more information regarding this event.

Spiritual Renewal
On Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th August from 6:30-9pm the Parish is opening its doors to all who are interested in Spiritual Renewal and reconnecting with the Church.
- Can you remember a time and event in your life that you felt closest to Jesus?
- Would you like to relive the experience?
- Would you like to renew and refresh your relationship with Jesus?
- As a family, do you want a common faith experience which you can share together?
- Do you want to deepen your faith?
- How do you strengthen and renew your trust with God?
Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your attendance or ask any further questions. Child minding is being offered each night.

Fun Facts about Poland
I am currently in Krakow, Poland. We arrived on Monday after our travels down from Warsaw. Here are a few more fun facts about where my feet currently stand.
- The main events of WYD are being held in Blonia Park, Krakow
- 2013 Lonely Planet voted Krakow Square the best market square in the world
- The Patron Saint of Poland is St Casimir, born in 1458
- Our Mt Kosciuszko in Australia is named after General Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817) who fought against the Russian Empire
- Poland has a 45-foot statue of JPII

Don’t forget to join me on the ‘journey’ through use of the hashtags (#) on any form of social media and check out my posts on Instagram (username- stefanie.thom). This week’s hashtags are;
Thursday- #dbbwyd_welcome
Friday- #dbbwyd_threepm
Saturday- #dbbwyd_pilgrim
Sunday- #dbbwyd_joy
Monday- #dbbwyd_rest
Tuesday- #dbbwyd_hope

I thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers. Stef Thom (REC)
Catholic Schools Office DBB - Parent Education Program

FREE Workshop
CSO Parent Education Program Northern Beaches:
123 Magic Workshops
Building Emotional Intelligence & Managing Behaviour
St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Narrabeen Monday 15th & Monday 22nd August starting at 7pm in the Library.
The Program consists of two, 2 hour sessions, working through a parent resource booklet with a trained facilitator. The course will cover childhood development, emotion coaching in practice, mindfulness, self-regulation and how to encourage wanted behaviour. The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Click here

P&F News

- We have Grandparents Day this Thursday. The Kindy class is organising the event and needs families from all grades to bring in yummy food to offer for morning tea. Please drop off goodies at the canteen between 8.45am and 9.00am (before Mass).
  If you can donate a small plate of something delicious, please contact Cybelle Massey or Sally Miles, Class Parents.

- Sports Carnival is FRIDAY! Don’t forget to dress them in their house colour. Proper sports attire is necessary.
  Make sure to pack plenty of water, sunscreen, a hat and snacks/lunch. They will be there all day.

- Fun Fair - Bookachino will be collecting books on these two dates:
  Wednesday August 10th @ 2:40pm.
  Friday September 9th at 8:30am.
  Please donate good condition used books to be sold at the Fun Fair.
  If you haven’t done so already, hampers are being organised by your class parent and are in need of your contribution. These get auctioned off at the Fun Fair which all proceeds go to the school. Please help out where you can.

- P&F Meeting is scheduled for August 16th at 7pm. Agenda will be sent out ahead of time but a few topics to be discussed are new uniform items, fun fair wristband early bird sales, and volunteer opportunities.

- Uniform shop is open on Mondays from 2:45 - 3:15. Michelle Grice can be reached at: M 0402 914 953 michellegrice@bigpond.com

- Canteen is open Mondays and Fridays. We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact Donita Kerin if you’re interested. M 0412 709 428 Donita.Kerin8@gmail.com

  If you have any questions or need me for anything, please feel free to contact me. M 0411 247 709 Pagekaie1@gmail.com Thank you! Katie
School News

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE PART OF THE ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents, grandparents or parish members who would be interested in finding out more about being part of the School Advisory Board. The Board assists the Principal in decision making in matters that impact on the Catholic Mission of the school. We normally meet twice a Term in the evening to discuss matters using a SHARED WISDOM model of discernment. [Click here](#).

If this may be something you feel you could be part of then contact the school or email to express your interest.

sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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**NUDEFOOD Day is coming to St Joseph’s!**

Late last term, all parents were emailed a special note to let you know that our school is about to go ‘nude’!

From **Wednesday in Week 3** (that’s next week!), we are asking children to bring lunchboxes that **do not contain any plastic packaging**.

This is an important initiative that our school is becoming involved in to be more conscious about our overuse of plastic, and will hopefully have a positive impact on children’s eating habits too!

We will be including some great plastic-free lunchbox ideas in coming newsletters.

Here are a few to get you started! [Click here](#)

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**Athletics Carnival News**

**ST JOSEPH’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS**

To ensure the safety of all our students at this Friday’s Athletic Carnival, we have linked below the Athletics Carnival Expectations for parents and students to read before the day. We encourage you to discuss these important details with your child. [Click here](#)

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**From the Office**

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017 - Acceptance of Enrolment Offers are due this Friday 29th July.