Principal’s Message

Last weekend millions of young Catholics gathered in Krakow, Poland to celebrate their faith as one with Pope Francis. Mrs Stef Thom, our Religious Education Coordinator, was part of this large group with many other teachers from Broken Bay. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to follow some of her stories on Instagram. I’m sure she will have plenty more to share upon her return next week.

Next Monday we remember Australia’s first born saint, Mary of the Cross. Mary was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph’s, a group not unlike the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, our school’s founding order, that did their work among the poor and needy of society. Classes will be taking part in liturgies at various times during the day.

Last Friday’s Athletics Carnival was a great day for all our children. Mrs Carolan was very sick and had to leave early in the day. It was a wonderful example of community spirit where many parents and teachers joined in to make the day a success. Mrs Carolan plans to be back at school tomorrow to complete the three unfinished events.

A very special thank you to our Kinder parents who contributed to the morning tea for Grandparents / Grandfriends Day last Thursday. The children enjoyed seeing the many faces visiting the classroom as did the grandparents who were able to be there. A special thanks to the Kinder Class Parents for coordinating the morning tea.

If you haven’t yet completed the language survey in last week’s newsletter https://goo.gl/forms/hTX6h8Oz33I3A2YV2 or put forward your name as being interested in the School Board click here, you have until the end of the week to do so.

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

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”


19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

The Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Australia on 8 August 1909. She died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902.

Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, “Mary of the Cross”. In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began schools. Within 5 years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by Saint Mary of the Cross, having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010.

Sacrament of Confirmation
Next week students from Year Two and across our school will begin their Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes are held on Monday (St Rose School Hall) and Wednesday (St Joseph’s Parish Hall) please check the Parish Website for more information regarding classes, enrolment and the Confirmation ceremony.

On Saturday 27th August at 5:30pm is the Sacrament of Confirmation Blessing Mass. This celebration is open for all within our school community to attend and will also be extra special as all our students who are about to make their Sacrament of Confirmation will take part in a community blessing.

We look forward to seeing many faces in the pews at this celebration, which is being hosted by the Parish. Don’t forget to bring your singing voices, there will be a BBQ following Mass for all who are attending.

Fun Facts about Poland
I am currently in Warsaw, Poland. We have journeyed north from Krakow over the last two days and will soon be jumping on the plane and heading home.

Here is the final installation of fun facts about the country that I have been exploring;

- The world’s tallest statue of Jesus, Christ of the King is in Swiebozdin, western Poland and stands at 52.5m tall.
- 90% of Polish people identify themselves as Catholics.
- Poland is very green, there are 23 National Parks and over 1,200 natural reserves which are home to a range of rare animals such as the lynx, bison and eagle.
- ‘Spoko’ is the slang term in Polish for ‘Take it easy’ or ‘Okay!’

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;
Wednesday- #dbbwyd_farewell
Thursday- #dbbwyd_grow
Friday- #dbbwyd_home
I thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers.

Stef Thom (REC)
What is a Literacy Coach?

Since the beginning of 2015, I have been the Literacy Coach at St Joseph’s. A literacy coach is a literacy leader who works collaboratively with teachers to improve student achievement in literacy. The literacy coach provides school-based, job-embedded support for teachers as they implement effective literacy instructional practices.

This is practical, on-going professional learning where teachers have professional conversations that become imbedded into the daily life and culture of the school. ‘Instructional dialogue is a key component of successful coaching. It describes professional conversations that can occur between teachers and coaches in which the teacher is guided toward new learning and practice.’ (Duncan. M, 2006, Literacy Coaching)

The main aim is so that teachers make change in practice to improve the learning outcomes for all their students. The coaching is timetabled so that every teacher has the opportunity to develop/refine their skills in some area of literacy.

One component of Literacy Coaching at St Joseph’s is a planning, modelling and co-teaching cycle.

Planning – The teacher, with the support of the coach, identifies a particular area of need or new learning that they would like to develop.

Modelling – the coach ‘models’ best practice in the class, while teacher watches and notes new or different strategies that the coach implements to achieve the desired learning outcome for the students.

Planning – after the modelling the coach asks the teacher ‘What did you see/hear that I did differently from what you might do?’ The dialogue continues and the teacher commits to a change which he/she will co-teaching with the coach the next week.

Co-teaching – the teacher and coach ‘co-teach’ together to build knowledge and understanding of best practice for the classroom teacher. The coach provides feedback which is the opportunity for the teacher to reflect on his/her own practices.

‘The purpose of the coaching cycle is to develop the competence and confidence of teachers to meet the needs of diverse learners in their classrooms.’ (Duncan. M, 2006, Literacy Coaching)

Brenda Paul, Assistant Principal
Library News

**Book Week:** This term we celebrate Book Week. We will have a number of activities including a Dress-up Day (Monday 19th September) and a Book Fair on Monday 12th September and Tuesday 13th September. As well we will have a few competitions, details of which will come out in the following weeks. We also hope to have an author visit either this term or early next term. The children in Stage 3 are preparing short plays using some of the books short listed for the CBCA Awards.

**PRC:** The Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on 19th August. If you are having trouble finding books to complete the Challenge please see me and I will aim to get some extra books for you.

**Catalogues:** The children received catalogues this week. If you wish to purchase any books from these catalogues, orders can be placed online following the directions on the back of the catalogue. Carnival Book Club closing date is the 16th August. Orders do not come to school.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

Office News

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS / PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL / MEDICAL**

Any details about your child that may have changed recently needs to be updated on our files. These details may include medical information such as asthma, allergies or past illnesses. Other details include address changes, emergency contacts and phone numbers, or changes to family circumstances that may impact on the children’s schooling. Any changes to email addresses also need to be updated as email is now our main form of communication.

*Please advise the school office if there are any changes.*

**SCHOOL FEES**

Please ensure your payments are up to date and contact the office if do not receive a Monthly Statement or wish discuss your current payment commitments.

**Payment Options:**

- **Instalment** (3rd & final) now **OVERDUE** (29th July);
- **Monthly** 15th August;
- **Fortnightly** 29th July & 12th August;
- **Weekly** 29th July & 5th August.

Thank you for attention to this matter.
Dear Parents and Staff,

I would like to thank you for your assistance during the recent Athletics Carnival.

It was very helpful to have you all there to continue the Carnival, following my early departure due to illness.

It was a successful and enjoyable day for the children, and would not have been possible without your support.

Regards
Sam Carolan, Sports Teacher

School & Community News

**Invitation from the Lakes Catholic Parish**
St Joseph’s Catholic School Community are warmly invited to a BBQ Lunch
Sunday 14th August 12-2pm at the Lakes Parish Hall, Narrabeen.
For more information [click here](#)

**Mercy Catholic College Open Morning** Tuesday 16th August 9am-11am [Click here](#)

**Autism Spectrum Australia Siblings Camp August 26th-28th Aug**- Weekend for siblings of children/young people on the autism spectrum. [Click here](#)

**The Lost Property boxes** located in the Staff workroom are overflowing with jumpers, hats, raincoats, lunch boxes etc.
Please label all your child’s clothing and other items clearly.
School & Community News Cont’d

NUDEFOOD Day Is here!

Drumroll please...
Nude Food Day has arrived at St Joseph’s!!!

From today St Joseph’s will hold Nude Food Day each Wednesday.
This means that each Wednesday we ask that children bring lunches that
do not contain any plastic packaging.

We hope that we can significantly reduce the amount of plastic we use in our school, and we are also hopeful that this will impact positively on children’s healthy eating too!

Watch our Facebook page for further updates about which class brought the most nude food on the first day of NUDE FOOD WEDNESDAYS at St Joseph’s!
As our school motto says, BUILD IN LOVE.

How can we make this happen for our kids in the best possible way?

Volunteer!!!
Sponsor!!!
Donate!!!

It’s all for our kids. Let’s make it great!

This newsletter is designed to provide you with updated information, reminders and events surrounding the Fun Fair.

Book-a-chino drop off dates - these are the last ones!
Wednesday August 10th 2:40pm
Friday September 9th 8:30am

Wristband sales start today! See the flyer attached for information and prices. Reminders will be sent out weekly.

Don’t forget to put your money in for the class hampers if you haven’t done so already.

We are looking for volunteers to help with small tasks before the fair as well as work on the day of the fun fair.

-Someone to hand out fun fair posters to local businesses along with a donation letter. This includes silent auction item requests, monetary donations, gift voucher donations, etc. Locations include (but not limited to): Warriewood square, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why.
-‘On the day’ rosters are in process of being put together. Let me know if you want to help out and I’ll let you know what’s available.

There is still a spot for one more sponsor!!! Contact Jess immediately!
ST JOSEPH’S FUN FAIR 2016
SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER      10am – 3pm

WRISTBAND EARLY BIRD SALE
Wednesday 3rd August – Wednesday 22nd September
LAST DAY OF TERM

WRISTBAND
The wristband entitles you unlimited rides all day

RIDES include:
- Turbo Tubs (ages 4 & up)
- Climbing Wall (ages 5 & up)
- Bungee Trampolines (4yrs and up)
- Jumping Castle (2yrs and up)

The Wristband must be worn at all times to receive entry on the above rides.
Lost wristbands will not be replaced.

The early bird special closes at the end of Term 3
Orders after this date will not be processed.
Please note that wristbands will still be available to purchase on the day at the normal price.

To order you wristbands please return the slip below to the office with the correct change.

PLEASE ATTENTION IT TO:
FUN FAIR WRISTBAND PRE SALE - CLAIRE LITTLE

WRISTBAND EARLY BIRD SALE

FAMILY NAME

NAME OF ELDEST CHILD & CLASS

NUMBER OF WRISTBANDS REQUIRED

MONEY ENCLOSED

EARLY BIRD PRICE  per wristband $15.00
For x2 Wristbands $25.00
For x3 Wristbands $40.00
For x4 Wristbands $50.00
PRICE @ FUN FAIR per wristband $20.00

PRICE per ride $5.00

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