Principal’s Message

It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks at St Joseph’s with a number of events taking place. Last week the School Board gathered to finalise a statement about the safe and respectful use of technology including the internet, emails and social media. This was presented last night to the Parents & Friends Association meeting for further review. The statement will be made available once further additions have been made.

On Sunday we had a number of our school families join the parish in a BBQ and short presentation on the Alpha program. The program is aimed at adults who want to reflect more deeply about what really matters in our lives. It looks like an excellent opportunity for any member of our adult community to take time for themselves to reconnect with what is important. A flyer is attached if you would like to find out more.

The children participated in the celebration of Our Lady at Monday’s Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Fr Shiju led the children in a calm and reflective Liturgy. I would like to commend the children on their reverent participation during the Mass.

On Monday night our school hosted the first of two evenings of a program called 1-2-3 Magic. There was a great turn out from our families as well as some from other schools. Feedback was excellent! Please enquire if you would like to join the program that begins next month at St Kieran’s, Manly Vale.

This is your last chance to complete the languages survey if you forgot. Please click here to access the form.

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

Do all you can to go in by the narrow door! A lot of people will try to get in, but will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, you will be left standing outside. You will knock on the door and say, “Sir, open the door for us!”

But the owner will answer, “I don’t know a thing about you!” Then you will start saying, “We dined with you, and you taught in our streets.”

But he will say, “I really don’t know who you are! Get away from me, you evil people!”


21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Religious Education News

Sacrament of Confirmation - Parish Blessing Mass
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.

World Youth Day
As my head returns to our time-zone and I acclimatise to our cooler winter weather I would like to share a little of my journey.

The Faith
Being witness to so many youth, filled in faith, joy, love and mercy provoked my love of all things ‘God’, Christian, Catholic and good. Our faith is beautiful when placed together anywhere in the world, through music, smiles, words, Mass and sharing of food. I not only bring a renewed energy to my own personal faith, but a stronger hope for all that I do in my role as REC. I have already begun to teach my class some new songs which we will include in Whole School Masses in the future.

The Sites
The country of Poland is beautiful, gorgeous rolling hills, green paddocks, old historical sites filled with pebble stone roads/pathways, stained glass windows and rich in history.

The country of Poland is stark with opportunities of strength and courage, along with times of sadness, loss and mourning.

During my two weeks I visited many sites including; Jana Gora, the large Church and Monastery filled with memories of joy, brought from St John Paul II’s words of wisdom. Being witness to the Black Madonna, while experiencing Mass with thousands from around the world, packed tight into the sanctuary space while an American Bishop and our Bishop, Bishop Peter lead Mass was a moment of awe, filled with joy and the Spirit. There were also many times of thought provoking sadness in places such as Auschwitz and Birkenau where many lost life through significant torture in the name of greed and discrimination.

The Friendships
Travelling Poland with 30 teachers from around our Diocese strengthened my passion for teaching, love of children and added just a few more people to my friends list on Facebook. While all 30 teachers will be forever in my heart, I have become close to six lovely ladies from Manly to Warnervale and look forward to continuing this friendship for years to come.

Finally, I thank Michael for the opportunity to travel and experience this wonderful world gathering. As well as Bishop Peter for inviting teachers of our Diocese to join this pilgrimage of faith.

What an experience and life changing opportunity!

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

PRC: The Premier’s Reading Challenge close on **this Friday 19th August**. Please ensure your child’s log is completed so they can receive their certificate at the end of the year.

**Book Fair:** This will be held in the Library on Monday 12th September and Tuesday 13th September. The Fair will be open from 8.30-9am and 2.45-3.30pm both days. Children may purchase books and /or donate books to the Library. There will be some great books to purchase. More details and a flyer will follow next week.

**Catalogues:** All orders for both the Redgum Book Club and the Carnival Book Club closed this week. Thank you for your support of these.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

P & F News

~ We want to congratulate Georgia N and Hannah G for making the Manly-Warringah Netball Rep Training Squad Team! Good luck girls!

~ Please make sure you read the Fun Fair Newsletter that is attached at the bottom of this newsletter. There are important dates to note and volunteers needed.

~ Year 4 is hosting Father’s Day this year. Details are as follows:

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

The Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast is coming up. It’s on Friday 2nd September, from 7.30am-9.00am.

Please fill out the attached order form [click here](#) and return it to your class teacher ASAP.

Thanks
Fiona Kelly & Jane Kinkade

~ Mufti Day is next Friday! Gold coin donations will go towards the Fun Fair.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

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Katie
Parish News

The Lakes Catholic Parish invites you to our First Alpha Course. Please click here for more information.

The Lakes Parish Alpha team,
Fionan, Di, Marc, Tom, Alicen and Danka

School News & Community News

FREE Workshop
CSO Parent Education Program Northern Beaches:
123 Magic Workshops
Building Emotional Intelligence & Managing Behaviour
St. Joseph’s Catholic School, Narrabeen 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

Literacy Parent Workshops  “How to support your child at home” Workshop
starts at 9.30 am, there is no cost and all are welcome.
FREE for Parents & Carers of children all ages. The Diocesan Parent Council (DPC) is presenting a workshop with Virginia Outred from the Catholic Schools Office. Virginia will be presenting at St. Cecilia’s Catholic School, Balgowlah on Tuesday 16th August. All Parents and Carers from schools across our diocese are welcome. Click here for more information

Wakehurst Little Athletics Club - for more information and to register online click here

Miniroos Disability Kick-Off Program (In partnership with Manly United FC) This course is designed for Kids with a disability, aged 5-12 years, the nation-wide initiative uses short, game-based activities to be fun to introduce the sport of football in an inclusive way. It focuses on learning new skills, hand eye coordination and gross motor skills. Click here for more information
**Book-a-Cino**
Drop off dates - this is the last one!
Friday September 9th 8:30am

**Wristbands**
Earlybird sales for Ride Wristbands have started!
See the flyer attached for information and prices. Reminders will be sent out weekly.

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

**Volunteers Needed!**
As always, we are in need of volunteers to help with many aspects of the Fun Fair. We are currently looking for help with the following:

**Poster Drops**
We are looking for volunteers to ask local business to hang our Poster in their premises. Along with this, we are asking local business if they would like to donate to the Fun Fair (cash donations, items for silent auction, gift certificates etc). Locations to deliver Posters & Donation letters are Narrabeen, North Narrabeen, Warriewood (including the Square), Collaroy & Collaroy Plateau and Dee Why. Please let Katie or Yvette know if you are available to help

**Stall Volunteers**
If you would like to donate your time to a specific stall, either by helping prior to the day, or by helping man the stall on the day, below is a list of Stalls and the Organizers. Please get in touch and offer your help!
BBQ - Nichole & Jamie Cook
Book-a-Cino - Maria Bezenovic & Angela Naseby
Cake Stall - Kelly Casey
Gelato/Slushy Stall - Brigid Tysoe
Kids Corner - Maria Andrijic & Kath Jorgensen
Kindy Farm
Ride Stall (on the day) - Belinda Bradley
Silent Auction - Emma Cassidy
Wheel of Fortune - Angela Rothwell & Regina Wilkinson
Wristband Sales - Claire Littler

Jess Crapis contact info: jess@homedesignsandco.com.au  M) 0401 048 112
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 LITTLER

WRISTBAND EARLY BIRD SALE

FAMILY NAME

NAME OF ELDEST CHILD & CLASS

NUMBER OF WRISTBANDS REQUIRED

MONEY ENCLOSED

PRICES

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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