Last weekend our school board and St Rose’s School Advisory Committee gathered at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney for a combined retreat. It was a great opportunity for teachers and parents to share in an opportunity to reflect on our busy lives and to explore ways that we can look after our spiritual, mental and physical health. We welcomed three new members to the group of which there is now ten members in total. I thank all of those who were able to attend, and those too who couldn’t make it, for their commitment to upholding those core values of community, respect, compassion and stewardship. The school board is a great support for me as principal and a voice for the parents of our school.

On Monday Ms Anne Duncan, the Northern Beaches primary consultant, will be at the school to meet with parents who may want to express their opinions regarding the new principal for 2017. Anne will ask those present a few questions about the qualities parents are looking for in a new principal and explain the selection process. The meeting will take place in the library at 9am and should last about 20-30 minutes.

Finally, I am making another request for your cooperation at the Kiss and Ride zone both before and after school. The safety of our children is not something that can be compromised and for that reason there are rules for the use of this zone. I ask that you follow these rules respectfully and cooperate with any request made by teachers.

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

My disciples, I tell you to use wicked wealth to make friends for yourselves. Then when it is gone, you will be welcomed into an eternal home. Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. If you cannot be trusted with this wicked wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? And if you cannot be trusted with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something that will be your own? You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saint Teresa of Calcutta-

Our church has acknowledged the work of Mother Teresa at her Canonisation last week. What a joy and mercy filled women, who many of us have looked up to over the years.

Born in 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, Mother Teresa taught in India for 17 years before in 1946 she experienced her “call within a call” to devote herself to caring for the sick and poor. Her order established a hospice; centres for the blind, aged, and disabled; and a leper colony. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work. She died in September 1997 and was beatified in October 2003. In December 2015, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Mother Teresa, clearing the way for her to be canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta on September 4, 2016.

Dates for the Diary-

**Beginning Term Mass- ‘Stewardship’**

Next term, our beginning of term Mass will focus on our school value of stewardship. This Mass will be held on Thursday 20th October at 9:15am. Please place the date in you diary and share with family and any special friends who may like to join in this special celebration.

**Parish Family Mass- Whole School**

Our next Whole School Parish Family Mass will be on Sunday 23rd October at 6:00pm at St Rose Catholic Church, Collaroy. This Mass will incorporate all students from our school. We will be looking for readers, children to share the prayers, take up the gospel and the Offertory. We look forward to seeing many families in attendance and sharing in this special celebration of our faith.

Stef Thom (REC)
Library News

**Book Fair:** Thank you to all those who supported our Book Fair. We were able to take $400 worth of books as commission for our Library. Thank you also to those who donated a book.

**Dress Up:** Next Monday 19th September the children can come dressed as their favourite book character. The theme this year is Australia: Story Country. In the afternoon the children in Years 5 & 6 will act out some of the stories that were short listed for awards this year.

**Guessing competition:** Here is the hyperlink [click here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTSFJNZ) to the guessing competition for Book Week. Print it off and identify the teachers and then connect them to their favourite book. Hand your entry to Mrs Jones or one of the Library Monitors by **Monday 19th September**. Don’t forget to put your name and class at the top. There will be a small prize for the first correct entry drawn. We will draw the winner after the plays on Monday afternoon.

**Holiday borrowing:** Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Those children who have overdue books received a yellow post-it-note with the titles listed this week. If you are unable to find them please send me a note to say your child has looked for them and we will then check the shelves in the Library. Thanks for your assistance with this.

Fran Jones  
Teacher Librarian

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P&F News

- We have put together a canteen survey that we’d love your feedback on! It’s a couple of questions and doesn’t take very long. I’ll also publish it on Facebook for easier reference. Here is the link below.  
  [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTSFJNZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTSFJNZ)

- Uniform shop will be open on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. If you need anything outside of those hours, Michelle is happy to help. Please contact her directly [michellegrice@bigpond.com](mailto:michellegrice@bigpond.com)  
  M) 0402 914 953

**FUN FAIR ~ FUN FAIR ~ FUN FAIR ~ FUN FAIR ! ! !**

- Don’t forget to put in your request for Fun Fair wristbands! Early bird prices end **NEXT WEEK**. After that, they’re sold at the door. Get in early! It’s a great savings! The form is at the end of the newsletter.

  It’s coming up fast! Plan the day (Saturday October 29th 10am-3pm) and tell everyone about it. You’ll see posters out and about soon. Keep a look out!!!

Katie [pagekatie1@gmail.com](mailto:pagekatie1@gmail.com)  
M) 0411 247 709
We have almost completed our school’s very first term of Nude Food! Today marks the final week of the competition, however **Nude Food Day will continue next term and beyond!!**

Last week, our winning classes were Years 1 & 2 on 100%. An amazing result!

Next week we will announce the winning class for the term and this class will win cool prizes, including a mega-class-party!

These will be presented next Wednesday.

Remember that each Wednesday is Nude Food Day at St Joseph’s!

This information brought to you by Year 6 2016.
Student of the Week

Kindergarten

Sasha C: for skipping using the big rope.
Lily M: for number pattern work.
Bruna F: for descriptive writing about plant and animals.

Year 1

Yasmin B: for being a kind and caring friend.
Charlie S: for her amazing writing in English.

Year 2

Balthy S: for trying so hard in Art activities.
Stan C: for using wonderful vocabulary in writing.

Year 3

Chloe L: for her enthusiasm and commitment to the research task.
Anthony P: for his mature contributions to class discussion.
Ethan B: for always doing his best in all tasks.

Year 4

Imogen B: for working hard in all subjects.
Stella N: for always having a positive attitude.
Luca C: for settling back into class with ease after his holiday.

Year 5

Nate L: for excellent delivery of his speech.
Ava K: for being well prepared for public speaking.

Year 6

Sofia H: for always working hard in Mathematics.
Tyler G: for being an inclusive class member.
Eliza B: for enthusiasm and commitment to learning.

St. Lucy’s-San Clemente

Jenny T: for amazing improvement in Reading.
Emma W: for being such a kind friend.

St. Lucy’s-Siena

Nicholas D: for great effort with his work.
Riley L: for being a calm and kind friend.

Community News

♦ Goodwins Tennis Academy, School Holiday tennis Camps - various venues. Click here

St Joseph’s Performance Night

Our inaugural performance night was a phenomenal success.
A huge thank you to all teachers and staff, students and parents for their attendance and support of the night.
Every performance was world class and we are so proud of all the students.
Corrina & Anthony Music Teachers
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

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