Principal’s Message

It is hard to believe that three-quarters of the year is almost complete! As always, the term has been filled with many events and opportunities for the children, families and staff. This term we did:

- Peer Support training days for Stage 3 and Values program for all students
- Followed Mrs Thom’s pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day
- Grandparent’s Day Mass and Morning Tea
- School Athletics Carnival as well as Peninsula and Broken Bay Athletics Carnivals
- Nude Food days organised by Year 6
- Confirmation lessons and Sacramental ceremony for Year 2 students
- Indigenous experiences for Kindergarten and Stage 3
- Public Speaking program and competition for representative Year 6 students
- 1-2-3 Magic Parent program for two evenings
- Kindergarten excursion to Warriewood waterfall and Fire and Rescue truck visit
- Parents and Friends Association Meeting
- Candela Mission presentation for children in K-6 and stall
- Hockey Clinics for Year 2-6
- Lunch with the Stars at ICMS Manly and Library Book Fair
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- School Band and Choir Performance
- Kindergarten parent planning with Mrs Thom
- St Joseph’s School Board Retreat at Mary MacKillop Place
- Stage 2 and 3 Cricket, Netball and AFL Gala Days

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in our community for your continued support and wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Michael Gallagher

Sunday’s Gospel Quote

There was once a rich man who wore expensive clothes and every day ate the best food. But a poor beggar named Lazarus was brought to the gate of the rich man’s house. His body was covered with sores, and dogs kept coming up to lick them. The poor man died, and angels took him to the place of honor next to Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell and was suffering terribly. When he looked up and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side, he said to Abraham, “Have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and touch my tongue. I’m suffering terribly in this fire.” Abraham answered, “My friend, remember that while you lived, you had everything good, and Lazarus had everything bad. Now he is happy, and you are in pain.”

Luke 16:19-31

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Taylor Village Art Exhibition-

St Joseph’s students have been challenged by Taylor Village, part of the Wesley Mission Group, to take part in an Art Exhibition. Students need to create an art piece. Last year Ava J (Year 4) took part, completing a beautifully sketched piece that was displayed for all in our community to view. You can complete your artwork individually, in a pair or as a group. The artwork can be any size, shape and matter eg: Photography, drawing, painting, sculpture.

Begin your planning and creating, confirmation of the final submission date will be in the newsletter early next term.

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

Holiday borrowing: Thank you to all those who returned long overdue books this week. It was good to be able to hand them on to children who had been waiting for them. Those who didn’t have overdue books were able to borrow over the holidays.

Guessing competition: No one was able to guess all the teachers and their books correctly. However, Gabriela in Year 2 got the most correct. So she is the winner of the small prize. Thank you to all those who had a go at guessing.

Visiting speaker: On 24th October Jennifer Truswell will be visiting us. She has worked for a number of years at Taronga Zoo and has just published a book about some of the animals she has looked after. The book will cost $20 if you wish to purchase it. An order form will be attached to the newsletter next term.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian
School News

Thankyou Mrs Jones

Book Week by Year 2!

Book Week is awesome!
I am Neymar Jr because he is a great striker and I am a striker for my team called Hulkmania. Neymar plays for Brazil.
Book Week is really fun. Everyone in the whole, entire school dresses up as their favourite book character.
I love Book Week but now I need to wait 365 days for the next one.
Calan

Today was my favourite event of the school year because we get to dress up as our favourite character from our favourite book. This year I am dressed up as Hermione Granger from the exciting Harry Potter Books.
I love Book Week, it is extraordinary! I wish it would never end.
Everyone in my class is different!! My friend Bonnie is a horse rider and Lindsay is Billy B Brown.
By Jocelyn

Book Week is one of my best days at school and it was also this week. We dressed up as one of our favourite characters. I am an Arf Trooper from Star Wars The Clone Wars.
Just having this suit, I feel like a really super clone trooper. You can dress up as whatever you like the best. At school there were a lot of Star Wars characters from Kindy to Year 2. I really love my strong suit.
Ryan

All students must wear their
Full Summer Uniform  Mon 10th Oct - Term 4
St Joseph’s goes to Rio
St Joseph’s has joined in the hype of the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games this term in multiple classrooms, completing mathematical investigations, art activities, research tasks and writing and reading tasks. Take a look at some of the products:

Maths Extension – Stage 2
On a Wednesday, two groups of children attend Maths Extension sessions where they have used the Olympics as a basis for mathematical investigation. Our learning intention this term was ‘We are learning to analyse data and draw conclusions’ with a focus on the range of data generated at an Olympic Games and more importantly, the analysis and discussion of its meaning.

Our first investigation was of the medal table. Students were asked how they thought the medal table was organised. Most thought it was by total medals won, however, after some analysis of the London 2012 table, they discovered that it is, in fact, ordered by gold medals won. We debated the fairness of this system especially for those countries who may win a lot of silver and bronze but they don’t elevate their status. We decided we had to devise a new, fairer system. We decided to allocated points to medals; 3 points for a gold, 2 for a silver and 1 for a bronze. The order would then be decided on total number of points. We completed this process for both the London table and the Rio table (once the Olympics was completed). Here are some of our conclusions;
“this system values all medals, not just gold ones. Overall it is fairer” Matilda P
“We think most countries would prefer the points system except USA and China who it doesn’t affect” Max C
“I think this system has a chain reaction of events that can dramatically affect the table” Ava C

We then went on to look at different forms of data generated in newspapers as a result of the games and had to analyse its purpose, meaning and effectiveness.

It’s been a lot of fun using real data for an investigation.

Year 5 Olympic Chalk Art

Inspired by Paralympians
Year 5 investigated the Paralympic values of determination, inspiration and courage and then linked these to individual athletes. Their task was to compose an informative text about how an athlete displays these values in their life both on and off the sporting field. We were able to learn so much about new sports, different classifications and marvel at the ‘superhuman’ abilities of these athletes. Here is an excerpt of one piece of writing:

“Can you imagine getting up at 5am, putting on a one piece then diving into a pool to be told to swim 100 laps with only one arm? You are unbalanced and far less powerful. This seems unachievable but it is what Ashleigh McConnell does every day. Ashleigh is a Paralympic swimmer who was born with an arm impairment below her left elbow…Narrowly missing the team for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, Ashleigh set her sights on Rio and pushed herself to her limits in the pool and in the gym, improving her technique and striving to be better…Ashleigh showed the world she was determined and it only made her train harder…Most people would look at Ashleigh and only notice her disability but after people see her glide through the water with only one arm, they are amazed and inspired…” Lilly K
Hockey Skills with NSW Hockey

St Joseph’s has been really fortunate to have had NSW development officer Rachel Miller run hockey clinics throughout the school for the past five weeks. She has exposed the children to a range of skills and games that many haven’t tried before and has been amazed at their enthusiasm and improvement each week.

Stage 3 held their sessions every Tuesday afternoon down at Lake Park and we finished the term off with a game yesterday to test all our new skills. It was a close game with many goals scored and students demonstrating many improved skills.

Thank you to Rachel and Hockey NSW for providing us with these clinics, we’ve loved it!

Congratulations and well done!

Oscar J has been selected to represent Polding at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships on 19th & 20th October in track at the Sydney Olympic Park.

Community News

- National Disability Scheme - Information expo for carers, families and people with disability Monday 17th October for more info [click here](#)
AND THE WINNING CLASS IS...

YEAR 2 on 95%

Runners up were: Year 1 on 93% and K on 92% - fantastic results also!

Our Year 2 students celebrated their nude food success with a party and games yesterday, and each of them will be presented with a certificate (not laminated!) for themselves and their wonderful families, today at assembly.

Overall, our schoolwide average for the term was 79%

This is an amazing result and it shows the strength of our community in working together as stewards of our beautiful world. We send a gigantic 'thank you' to all of our fabulous parents for their awesome support!

This information brought to you by Year 6 2016

P&F News

*Uniform News!!!

Due to work commitments, Michelle isn't able to stay on as Uniform Manager. We are in need of someone to take on this role. I'm happy to have a cuppa to discuss questions if anyone thinks they might have some time to help out. Please let me know if you're interested or want to meet up.

* This will be the last week for the Canteen Survey. Please take a few moments to fill it out. It's quick.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTSFJNZ

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

Don't forget to put in your request for Fun Fair wristbands! Early bird prices end THURSDAY! 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 (October 29th 10am-3pm) and tell everyone about it. You’ll see posters out and about soon. Keep a look out!!!

Have an enjoyable holiday!

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