Welcome back to the final term of the year. As always, it is a busy time both in and out of school and it is important as families that we prioritise our activities to ensure the wellbeing of our children and ourselves! There are many events on the calendar this term including Masses and liturgies, Fun Fair, Learn to Swim program (K-2), Bathurst Overnight Camp (5-6), band performances, Kinder transition (2017) and end of year events just to name a few!

At the end of Term 3 the staff gathered at Long Reef Golf Club for the day where we were directed in a spirituality day under the theme of *Refresh the Spirit*. It was a very beneficial day for the staff where we listened, reflected and discussed ideas of gratitude, self-compassion and mindfulness.

The process for selecting a new principal for 2017 has begun. Ms Anne Duncan, Northern Beaches consultant, met with parents last term as part of the consultation process. Applications closed during the holidays and interviews will be held after Fr Curry returns from his annual leave. We will keep you updated.

We had some sad news during the holidays. Mrs Carlyle’s mother passed away last Saturday after a long illness. The funeral will be held this Friday afternoon and Mrs Carlyle will be returning to work next week at this stage. Miss Zappacosta’s mother is in need of ongoing care and so Teresa has applied for extended leave for the remainder of the year. Please keep these people and all who are sick in your prayers.

Ms Lisa Emerton will be working in the office as the administration officer for the remainder of the year. Please make her welcome when you visit.

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**

Won’t God protect his chosen ones who pray to him day and night? Won’t he be concerned for them? He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith?

*Luke 18:1-8*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay exist to educate and form young people in Catholic discipleship: offering them experiences of following Jesus as members of the Catholic community.

Religious Education News

Catholic Mission Month
Each year our school and Diocese support Catholic Mission Australia’s, Mission Month. This year’s theme is ‘Just as you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me’. The children have watched a short clip about the children of Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. Sister Eulie works with the children of Cambodia in her mobile Tuk Tuk School. To support Catholic Mission Australia, students will have the opportunity to take part in their own Tuk Tuk lesson run by our Year Six Mission and Liturgy Team, while wearing crazy socks tomorrow Thursday 13th October. We ask that students bring in a GOLD coin donation to go to Sister Eulie and Catholic Mission Australia. For more information about Sister Eulie and Catholic Mission Australia please go to https://www.cm.org.au/WMM2016/
Religious Education News Cont’d

**Bishops Art Prize**
In Term Two students throughout the school took part in the Bishops Art Prize competition aligned with their Religious Education units. Three stage finalist submissions were sent to the Catholic Schools Office for judging. It is with great pleasure that I share the outstanding news that Jacinta P (Kindergarten) has received the Early Stage One Honourable Mention ($30 art supplies voucher) for her artwork depicting “The Parable of the Good Samaritan”. Congratulations Jacinta!

**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 with the theme of ‘HANDS’. 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.

We require all artworks to be to Mrs Thom by Thursday 20th October.

**Dates for the Diary**

- **Beginning Term Mass- ‘Stewardship’**
  Next Thursday 20th October is our beginning of term Mass. This term our school is focusing on the school value of stewardship. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join in this special faith celebration.

- **Parish Family Mass- Whole School**
  Next Sunday 23rd October, 6pm is our Whole School Parish Family Mass to be held at St Rose Catholic Church, Collaroy. Students will have received an invitation to the Mass on Monday. If you or your child is available to be a readers, share a prayer, take up the gospel or the Offertory, please email me or send in your RSVP slip. We look forward to seeing many families in attendance and sharing in this special celebration of our faith.

  Stef Thom (REC)

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**Library News**

**Holiday borrowing**: Thank you to all those who promptly returned the books they borrowed over the holidays. A big thank you to those who found long overdue books. It was good to be able to hand them on to children who had been waiting for them.

**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. Please [click here](#) for the book order form.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian
**Student of the Week**

**Kindergarten**
- **Sadie J:** for her writing strategies.
- **Emily S:** for clear graph and tally work in Maths.
- **Jacinda R:** for outstanding use of expression.

**Year 1**
- **Tage P:** for always trying hard with his spelling.
- **Imogen F:** for being a great Maths teacher.

**Year 2**
- **Amelie P:** for great mathematical thinking.
- **Briley C:** for trying hard with writing.

**Year 3**
- **Chloe C:** for being a fantastic sport at Netball Gala Day.
- **Elena B:** for writing a great post-card in English.

**Year 4**
- **Abi L:** for her brave and talented singing performance.
- **Jasmine P:** for her consistent effort to improve her writing.
- **Sierra W:** for always being in the right place at the right time.

**Year 5**
- **Angus B:** for working hard to edit his work as he is writing.
- **Charlotte T:** for excellent effort to improve her writing.

**Year 6**
- **Dylan R:** for a consistently high level of commitment to all school activities.
- **Ned R:** for excellent manners and respect for all.

**St. Lucy’s-San Clemente**
- **Jasmine C:** for amazing drawing and colouring.
- **Ashley D:** for fabulous talking and requesting.

**St. Lucy’s-Siena**
- **Elijah L:** for great listening in class.
- **Julian O:** for outstanding reading.

**P&F News**

Welcome back to Term 4! It’s amazing how quickly this year has gone by. We’ve done so many wonderful things and are just a few weeks away from our fabulous Fun Fair!!! I hope you’ve all bought your wristband at the discounted prices before the holidays.

Tell your friends, family, and neighbours to come and have fun on Saturday, October 29th from 10am-3pm. There will be food, games, refreshments, kids corner and we might just get to see Mr Gallagher kiss a Pig!

A few reminders for the term:
~We are looking for a Uniform Shop Volunteer (or volunteers) to manage the sale and inventory of the uniform shop. Please contact me for details.
~Stage 1 students have been sent home a note about what to bring for their Fun Fair dance so if you could put their items in a bag with their name on it, that would be great.
~Have a think about what volunteering you can do next year. We’re working on getting the roles listed out so you can see what’s out there that needs your help. All we ask is for "Just One Thing". If you can do that, it’s amazing what can get accomplished. Will keep you posted.

Thank you and have an enjoyable Term 4! Katie pagekatie1@gmail.com M 0411 247 709

**Community News**

- **Manly Warringah Basketball Association** - Saturday Afternoon Basketball squad training at Northern Beaches Indoor Sport Centre Warriewood for more info click here

- **Congratulations** to the following families from everyone in the St Joseph’s community.
  Zac (Brother for Max M Year 1) and Koa (Brother for Kai C Year 2)