There is a great deal happening around the school on many fronts. The big event for the week is the Fun Fair this Saturday. I hope you are able to support this major fundraising and community event. A great deal of energy has gone into the preparation from many people. Tell your friends, neighbours and relatives to come along and enjoy a fun day at the school.

Our school has been offered to partake in a behaviour research project conducted by University of Sydney. Students in Year 4-6 will be invited to answer a questionnaire asking about their experiences, both positive and negative, in their schooling. This anonymous data will be relayed back to the school to assist with the managing of student behaviour. Whilst optional, the more participants we have, the richer the data we will receive. I ask the parents of these children to seriously consider giving your child permission to partake.

Our school debating team participated in their first debate of the year last week and successfully argued that people who drive cars shouldn't have to plant a tree! Congratulations to our Stage 3 students, Hannah G, Luke P, Liam A and Matti S who competed and the team of students who supported them in preparing their arguments that afternoon.

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

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Week 3
27 Oct  Year 4 and Year 2 Class Mass
27 Oct  Debating Session 2 (3pm)
27 Oct  Year 6 to Mater Maria (1.30pm)
27 Oct  Mission Mass – Year 6 Mission Team
28 Oct  Kindergarten visit Flower Power
29 Oct  St Joseph’s Fun Fair (10am-3pm)

Week 4
1 Nov  Feast of All Saints
2 Nov  Warringah Mall Band Performance
2 Nov  All Souls Day
2 Nov  Kindergarten Orientation
3 Nov  Swimming K-2
3 Nov  Debating Session 3 (3pm) - forfeited due to Bathurst Camp
3 Nov  Bathurst Camp Stage 3
4 Nov  Bathurst Camp Stage 3
Sunday’s Gospel Quote

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated.”

Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today you and your family have been saved, because you are a true son of Abraham. The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost.”

Luke 19:1-10

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education News

Pope Francis Visit-

He has arrived!

A cardboard cut-out of Pope Francis who has been travelling the schools of the Diocese for the past year has arrived at St Joseph’s.

He is on his final leg... The Peninsula Schools.

This week each class will have time with Pope Francis to reflect upon all that he has done so far, and his theme of Mercy. Year One and Two have already shared time with the Pope, taking him on adventure to feed the ducks down at Narrabeen Lakes.

Each child will be creating a ‘Mercy’ square which will come together as a special coat of which will be presented at our Week Four assembly by our Year Six Liturgy Team Leaders, on Wednesday 2nd Nov, come along and have your photo taken with this faith-filled and inspiring man when he has been adorned with his Mercy Coat.

Bishops Art Prize-

Congratulations again to Jacinta P. (Kindergarten) who was presented last night with her award of ‘Honourable Mention’ for Early Stage One at this year’s Bishops Art Prize Award Ceremony, Catholic Schools Office Pennant Hills. We are so proud of your achievement and look forward to seeing many more of your pieces which you will be able to create with your prize.

Vote of Thanks-

Welcome Back Mass

Last week we had our Welcome Back to Term Four Celebration. I would like to take the time to celebrate and thank the five students (Maggie B, Frankie K, Amber C, Cameron T and Alana M.) who played our Alleluia and Offertory Procession song, under the tutelage of Anthony and Corinna - St Joseph’s Music Teachers.
Religious Education News Cont’d

Parish Schools Family Mass
On Sunday we celebrated our final Parish Schools Family Mass for the year. What an excellent combination of faith and expression of the importance of Mission for our Church and world. We thank all who attended and the children who read prayers during this special Mass.

Dates for the Diary-
All Saints Whole School Mass
Next Tuesday 1st November at 9:15am our Whole School is coming together to celebration All Saints Mass. The day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

Stef Thom (REC)

Library News

Author visit:
The children enjoyed hearing Jen Tate speak about her experiences as a zoo keeper at Taronga Zoo. They learnt about Australian endangered animals and the work zoo keepers do.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

School News

CLASS CAPTAINS Term 4
Kindergarten Tori M
Year 1 Matheus F
Year 2 Harper T
Year 3 Gus S
Year 4 Stella L
Year 5 Grace M
Year 6 Brooke H
School News Cont’d

Day for Daniel
This Friday 28th October is Day for Daniel. It is an initiative by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation aimed at educating children and adults on ways to keep children safe. They aim to empower children to *Recognise, React and Report* if they feel something is not right.

We will be supporting this day at St Joseph’s on Friday by teaching each class an age appropriate lesson on how to keep safe.

You can also support this day by talking with your child/ren about personal safety in the real world and online. The foundation has also made available the ‘Help Me’ app which is free to download onto your child’s phone. It has a ‘Help Me’ button which will send an instant SMS to two nominated ‘safety’ numbers and included in that text are the GPS coordinates of from where the text was sent.


Sport News

Year 6 Basketball Gala Day
Last Tuesday, St Joseph’s participated in the Manly Warringah Basketball Primary Schools Gala Day. We sent both a girls team and a boys team to compete against the other Catholic schools on the Peninsula. The boys faced some tough competition in many of their games, however they were able to secure a couple of wins and definitely improved as the day went on. The girls started the day strongly being beaten on the buzzer by a free throw and then went on to win the remainder of their games. They narrowly missed out on a finals position.

We would like to commend the students on their sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the day, especially their willingness to assist with scoring duties for each other’s games.

NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival
Last Thursday, Oscar J (Year 2) represented Polding and competed at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival. It is a 2-day carnival where over 2200 students from all schools across the State compete. Oscar qualified for the junior boys para-athletes 200m. He ran a strong race, enjoying the large crowd’s applause and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by shaking his opponents’ hands at the conclusion of the race. Well done to Oscar for making to such a high level!
Student of the Week

Kindergarten

Vivienne O: for shared ideas about vet play.

Jackson H: for his descriptive writing about animals.

Abbey K: for detailed sketch and outline of a whale.

Year 1

Max M: for his excellent editing skills.

Gracy B: for being a kind and caring friend.

Year 2

Bridey C: for caring for our classroom.

Lindsay T: for her calm and friendly approach to everyone.

Year 3

Charlotte B: for being a warm, kind and caring friend.

Maddie G: for always having a go at all tasks.

James N: for working hard learning his multiplication tables.

Year 4

Liam R: for working hard in writing this term.

Luc D: for his improved proofreading and editing skills.

Grace A: for always listening attentively and respectfully.

Year 5

Grace M: for conscientious work in editing for grammar.

Gabriel C: for determination in calculating angle sums.

Year 6

Eliza B: for conscientious work in exploring the attributes of circles.

Jett C: for enthusiasm in learning about conditions on board the First Fleet.

Sonam D: for excellent work in learning about prepositional phrases.

P&F News

Uniform: I am happy to announce that two volunteers are able to help out with the clothing pool! Amy Fittler (Year 1 mum) and Kerry O’Neill-Hall (Kindy mum) will be transitioning into the role over the next few weeks. Their contact details will be available soon. For now, please continue to email myself or Yvette if you need anything. Thank you Ladies and thank you Michelle Grice for keeping it going this year!

WHITE SPORT SHIRTS - we will be finishing up the transition from the white sport shirts to the blue ones by the end of the term. Attached is an order form that has this item on there. Please fill it out and enclose the correct money (or cheque) in an envelope for the clothing pool by Friday NOVEMBER 18th. You can order other items if necessary as well.

Canteen: A big THANK YOU to our Canteen Manager, Donita, and the volunteers for getting a 5 star rating on the “pop by” visit from Council this Friday! Well done!! We have been challenged in finding volunteers for canteen. We really need your help and any time you can spare. The current volunteers are doing many more shifts than they originally signed up for and we need more people. Please contact me if you can help on a Monday or Friday.

FUN FAIR IS SATURDAY!!!! Don’t forget to bring in your baked goods for the Cake Stall on Friday!

P&F Meeting is Wednesday November 4th at 7PM

Topics of discussion are Uniform outsourcing, Canteen survey results, Teacher Gift policy, Fun Fair results, etc.

Year End EVENT! SAVE THE DATE! Sunday December 4th at Nth Narrabeen Surf Club 3pm. Details to follow from Year 1. Click here for flyer. Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

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Community News

- State Transit Authority: School Bus Service Changes -742 & 635 (a.m. service) click here
- Catholic Care – Brookvale Family Centre: Needs volunteers for the Community Visitors Scheme Click here