Someone was definitely looking after the St Joseph’s community last Saturday! With the forecast and misty sky early in the morning I was sure that the Fun Fair was going to be a somewhat “damp” event. The day turned out to be one of the best fairs I can remember. The performances in the hall were all amazing and there was standing room only when the dancers and choir were on stage. While one of the aims of the fair is to raise much needed funds for resources for our children, the other is to build a sense of community in the school. After all, this is one of our four core values!

A day like Saturday doesn’t just happen; it requires the commitment of many people who give generously of their time and energy. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to make the day a success. A huge thanks to Jess Crapis who successfully coordinated her third Fun Fair in a row. What an effort and what success!

Yesterday our school was involved in a self-review process with the Catholic Schools Office. We were one of eight schools taking part this year. I will share the results at tonight’s Parents and Friends Meeting in the Library beginning at 7pm.

The Junior and Senior Bands performed at Warringah Mall today and represented the school proudly. A wonderful effort by all of our children and a special thanks to Mr Marsden and Miss Clarke.

Stage 3 depart early tomorrow morning for an overnight excursion to the Blue Mountains and Bathurst where they will be learning about the Aboriginal and early European history of our country. It is an early start for us all and in advance I thank the teachers for their extra efforts and the children for going to bed early!

Congratulations to the Robertson family on the arrival of their daughter/sister.

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

**Principal’s Message**

**Week 4**

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

**Week 5**

8 Nov  Stella Maris Orientation
9 Nov  Kindergarten Orientation
10 Nov  Swimming K-2
10 Nov  Year 5 and St Lucy’s Class Mass
10 Nov  Debating Session 4 (3pm)
10 Nov  St Lucy’s Open Day
11 Nov  Remembrance Day
Sunday’s Gospel Quote

“The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection”.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education News

Pope Francis Visit-
What a journey he has had!
The cardboard cut-out of Pope Francis who has been travelling the schools of the Diocese for the past year has spent the last week at St Joseph’s. Students have taken part in a variety of learning experiences and taken the Pope on a many different experiences including; Mass with Fr Shiju, Mathematics learning in Kindergarten and Visual Art in Year Four.
Each child has created a ‘Mercy’ square which has been put together by the Liturgy and Mission Team to form a special coat which was presented at this afternoon’s assembly. Thank you to all who came along and joined in this faith-filled experience with this inspiring man.
Check out some of the images from the Pope’s visit to St Joseph’s.
Religious Education News Cont’d

Library News

Carnival Book Club: Children received the Catalogue from Carnival Book Club this week. If you wish to order from the catalogue please do so online at www.carnivalclub.com.au/orders. Instructions on how to do this are on the back of the catalogue. Orders need to be in by 18th November. Please do not send the orders to school. If you wish your order to be a Christmas surprise, please let me know and I will arrange for you to collect them when they arrive.

Fran Jones
Teacher/Librarian

Office News

Family Registration Form 2017
A form has been sent home today for each family to complete. This form must be completed, signed by both parents/carers and returned to the School Office no later than 21st November 2016 so that correct fees for the 2017 school year can be determined for your family.
Link to Family Registration Form 2017

School Fees
Final payments for 2016 school fees are now due. If you have any queries regarding your account please contact the school office.

Keys Found
A car key was found on Lagoon St Narrabeen on Saturday 29th October and handed into the school office.
Canteen News

School24

Next year the school will no longer be using School24 for the canteen. We will be moving over to a system known as "Qkr". More information will be sent home in the near future regarding this new system. In the meantime, we ask that you start to reduce the balance of your School24 account so that when the changeover takes place you will have an empty account with School24.

Community News

Lions Club Manly

Thank you to Lions Club for their donation of $300 to St Joseph’s. The money will go towards upgrade of playground equipment.

St. Joseph’s Funfair October 2016