Principal’s Message

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Stage 3 students and teachers to Katoomba and Bathurst for their overnight camp. I have been on many of these excursions in my time here at Narrabeen and I would have to say that this was by far the best! All of the children were very involved in every activity and represented the school with pride. I received many positive comments on their manners, participation and appearance. I have to say how proud I am of their efforts and again thank all the staff who attended for their commitment.

The annual P&F AGM was held last Wednesday evening in the library. Congratulations to the current executive members who will be continuing in their roles in 2017. They are Katie Page (president), Yvette Payne (vice-president), Catherine Strbik (secretary) and Jennifer Simmons (treasurer). Thank you for your offer of standing again. Minutes of the meeting are linked in this newsletter.

Two St Joseph’s students have been nominated for Broken Bay Sports Awards this year for representing the diocese in two or more sports at the state level. They are Oscar J in Year 2 and Will B in Year 6. Congratulations boys on this major achievement!

During Week 7 (Wellbeing Week) we are planning to launch KidsMatter, an initiative that addresses mental health within schools, for all members of the school community, especially students. The plan is to have a few activities that highlight the importance of good mental health for everyone in our school community. We will keep you posted!

Our condolences go out to the Page family (Kindergarten) after the passing of Nicole’s mother last week. Please keep the family in your prayers as the funeral was held today.

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

Link to ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2016

Week 5

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

Week 6

16 Nov  Year 6 Lunch fundraiser
17 Nov  Swimming K-2
17 Nov  Year 1 and Year 3 Class Mass
17 Nov  Debating Session 5 (3pm)
Sunday’s Gospel Quote

Don’t worry about what you will say to defend yourselves. I will give you the wisdom to know what to say. None of your enemies will be able to oppose you or to say that you are wrong. You will be betrayed by your own parents, brothers, family, and friends. Because of me, you will be hated by everyone. But don’t worry! You will be saved by being faithful to me.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 21:5-19

Religious Education News

Remembrance Day
Remembrance Day is the day which commemorates the end of World War I. It was originally called Armistice Day, but its name was changed to Remembrance Day after the end of World War II. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the Armistice was signed and the fighting and hostilities of the four year long war stopped. This day is also celebrated by New Zealand, The United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America.

On Friday at 11am, students will take time to remember and honour all who fought, died and suffered in World War I and in all other wars and conflicts that Australians have fought in.

Students of St Joseph’s will gather together at 10:45am in the schools playground this Friday 11th November.

Reconciliation
Primary students will be taking time to reflect over the coming weeks, sharing in Reconciliation with Fr Curry in the lead up to Advent. Through this process students come in contact, in a profound way with the unconditional mercy and love of God, reaffirming their role as disciples of Jesus and their willingness to re-commit ourselves to the life of faith begun at Baptism.

What the students have to say about Reconciliation….

“This is a time to stop and think.”

“We go to church to share our sins, making ourselves better.”

“Being a disciple isn’t always easy.”

We thank Fr Curry for his continued support within our school, taking time to share in this Sacrament with our students. Students who have made their Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin to re- engage with this Sacrament from Week Seven of this term, until the end of the year.
Religious Education News Cont’d

Dates for the diary
Christmas Carol Celebration-
This year the whole school will come together to share in the Christmas joy and festivities, through a musical celebration. On **Wednesday 14th December**, following lunch (time to be confirmed in the coming weeks) the school band, choir and each class will perform a Christmas Carol or song for all. We would love family, friends and parishioners to come along and join in this festive filled experience. Put the date in your diary and keep your eyes on the newsletter for more details.

Stef Thom (REC)

Library News

**Carnival Book Club**: Children received the Catalogue from Carnival Book Club last week. If you wish to order from the catalogue please do so online at [www.carnivalclub.com.au/orders](http://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**
  *Reminder*: 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](#).

- **Students Leaving - School Leaver’s Form (Primary)**
  Could you please advise the school if you have a child in years K-6 who will be leaving our school at the end of this year by filling out the form. Link [School Leaver’s Form](#). This form needs to be completed asap and returned to the school office.

- **2017 School Travel Opal Cards** Link

  School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:
  · changes address, or · changes school or campus.

  A new application is required when:
  · applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
  · enrolling in Kindergarten, · progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
  · progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
  · requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

  Link [Student Transport information](#)
Student Awards

Kindergarten
Ava P: for delicate and precise animal clay creations.
Olivia C: for sounding out unknown words.
Isla C: for using different help strategies in writing.

Year 1
Ethan M: for great procedure writing on blue celery.
Sophie B: for working hard in Mathematics.

Year 2
Luca P: for great sizzling starts in English.
Ethan H: for good listening and responses in English.
Harper T: for always working hard in English.

Year 3
Gus S: for being prepared in the classroom.
Jolie M: for adapting well while being on crutches.
Hunter K: for working well when coming back into the Year 3 classroom.

Year 4
Max P: for working hard in multiplication and division.
Luciana A: for her outstanding guitar and singing performance at the Fun Fair.
Ava J: for her outstanding guitar and singing performance at the Fun Fair.

Year 5
Lilly K: for excellent effort and ideas in debating.
Boden W: for excellent work in Maths understanding percentages.

Year 6
Liam A: for conscientious work in researching his chosen convict.
Will B: for an excellent job on his goldfield timeline.

St. Lucy’s-San Clemente
Riley F: for an amazing effort with addition and subtraction.
Sreenidh V: for his ongoing excitement for all learning tasks.

St. Lucy’s-Siena
Eva K: for great work during numeracy.
Riley L: for doing his best during work time.

P&F News

Please read the AGM notes link P&F Meeting Minutes held on 2nd November 2016.

Community News

NSW Health: Seminar For Parents - Link Parenting Anxious Children Thursday 17th November 10am-12pm held at Hillview Community Health Centre, Turramurra.