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**Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship**

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**Principal’s Message**

“Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with those around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow”. **KidsMatter** is a mental health initiative in place throughout many Australian schools. This week, during **Wellbeing Week**, we are launching KidsMatter at St Joseph’s with a few different activities.

Our Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders have been involved in coming up with a slogan that will be used to promote wellbeing in the school for years to come. Our slogan is;

**Kids Learn, Kids Love, KidsMatter**

On Thursday afternoon we will head to the beach and grass area at Narrabeen Surf Club to celebrate the launch of KidsMatter with time to play and relax. Children are asked to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Over the past three years the staff have worked through three modules in KidsMatter that focus on key areas of wellbeing in the school. The first module was “**Positive School Community**” followed last year with “**Social and Emotional Learning**”. This year we concentrated on “**Working with Parents and Caregivers**”. The final module which will be completed next year looks at “**Helping children with Mental Difficulties**”.

A variety of brochures are on display in the foyer providing information for parents on these four components. You can also use this [link](#) to access a great deal of information about KidsMatter online.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing is a major part of our annual school plan; together we can work at ensuring that the wellbeing of our children is always considered.

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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**Link to ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL CALENDAR  TERM 4  2016**

#### Week 7

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Sunday’s Gospel Quote

Two men will be in the same field, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. Two women will be together grinding grain, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. So be on your guard! You don’t know when your Lord will come. Homeowners never know when a thief is coming, and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in. Always be ready! You don’t know when the Son of Man will come.

1st Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44

Religious Education News

The Lakes Parish Christmas Party

On Saturday 3rd December, the Lakes Parish will be holding a Christmas celebration at 7pm in the Narrabeen Parish Hall. Tickets are $15 and include nibbles, mains and dessert. Bring your own drinks and glasses. A fun-filled night is guaranteed. Bookings available at all Masses.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Hamper Appeal

Christmas is one of the many times in the year when families experience hardship and turn to Vinnies for support.

Over the next two weeks all students from St Joseph’s and St Lucy’s will once again support the wonderful work of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, who support people in our local community who are suffering from loneliness, mental illness, addictions, homelessness and other factors which alienate them within society.

On Monday you would have received a letter, which shared information about our schools Vinnies Christmas Hampers. Please remember to bring in the highlighted item from your note to school by Thursday, 8th December (Week 9). Please put your item into your classes decorated hamper basket.

We thank you all and know these items will bring great joy to the families who receive them and look forward to seeing many full hamper baskets be presented at our final end of year Mass.

End of Year Mass

As the year draws to a close it is a great time to come together and celebrate our faith, while reflecting upon the years events and sadly farewelling Miss Cronin, Mrs Gualtieri, Mrs Wark and Mr Gallagher.

Please join us for our End of Year Mass;

Date: Friday 16th December 2016
Time: 12:00pm
Where: St Joseph’s Church
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All members of the community are invited to be a part of this celebration and we hope that you extend the invitation to all extended family and friends. It looks to be a festive Mass with great music from members of the school band and reflections which we wish to share with you.

Stef Thom (REC)

Office News

- **Lost Property**
  Lost Property is now located near the student counter at the school office. Parents are encouraged to clearly label their children’s uniform items.

- Please read the new guidelines from the Catholic Schools Office for all photography and videography of students. [School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers LINK](#)

- **Swimming Carnival Yr2-6** Forms due by Friday 2nd December. [Forms](#)

- **School Fees Due** School fees are now due. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments please contact the school office. Thank you to all families who have already paid their fees.

- **Family Registration Form 2017 overdue.** This form must be completed, signed by both parents/carers and returned to the School Office ASAP so that correct fees for the 2017 school year can be determined for your family. Link to [Family Registration Form 2017](#) Thank you to those families who have return forms.

- **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.

- **Link 2017 School Travel Opal Cards**
  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](#)

Library News

- **Carnival Book Club: This is now closed. Orders will be sent to the school in the next few weeks.**

- **Borrowing:** This week is the last week for borrowing so we can get all books back on the shelves and checked for repairs and/or replacements before the end of the year. Next week the children will get a yellow stick-it note listing their outstanding books. At present we have over 250 books in circulation. Please help your child look for any overdue books. Thanks for your assistance with this.

  Fran Jones Teacher/Librarian
Student Awards

Kindergarten

Kyah M: for applying her knowledge of fiction and non-fiction.
Rory L: for his shared knowledge about chickens.
Isaac C: for his detailed observation and diagram of the chickens.

Year 1

Jack M: for his valuable contributions to class discussions.
Carys H: for trying hard to be an independent worker.

Year 2

Benji F: for being prepared to begin all lessons.
Ethan H: for trying hard to be neat in his books.
Rohan M: for finding and using a consecutive number pattern in Extension Maths.

Year 3

Max C: for contributing mature ideas to class discussions.
Alana M: for her fantastic effort reciting a poem.
Rose H: for always being organised and in the right place at the right time.
Anthony P: for finding and using a consecutive number pattern in Extension Maths.

Year 4

Imogen B: for excellent number puzzle solving.
Liam R: for excellent number puzzle solving.
Ella F: for great brainstorming in English.

Year 5

Matilda S: for fantastic discussion of early Australian history.
David K: for excellent effort with calculating percentages.

Year 6

Bella E: for a positive attitude.
Hannah G: for using great ‘show don’t tell’ in her writing.

St. Lucy’s-San Clemente

Ted C: for starting all class tasks straight away.
Sahrina S: for putting great effort into all class tasks.

St. Lucy’s-Siena

Rachel S: for working so hard on her sight word knowledge.
Jenny T: for trying her very best in all areas of school.
Sonny Z: for his ability to work mathematically.

School News

Congratulations to Amber C Year 4 who has had her Artwork selected to be the Christmas Card for our local Federal member for Mackellar Jason Falinski MP.