Dear Parents,

**New Staff at St Joseph’s**

At today’s Welcome Back to School Mass I was pleased to introduce to the community new staff members at St Joseph’s.

Mrs Jarman, an experienced and gifted teacher, comes to us from Maria Regina Avalon to teach Kindergarten. Mrs Hobson is another experienced teacher who previously has worked in the Sydney Archdiocese. She is co-teaching Year Five with Mrs McCamey and also providing support across other classes. Ms Preston who is teaching Year Two is well known to St Joseph’s staff and students because she completed her final in-school internship here last year and was a regular casual teacher at our school in term four.

Already these teachers are enthusiastically offering their expertise, commitment and care to their classes and the school as a whole and I ask you all to help them feel welcome.

Also new to St Josephs is Mrs Beckett who joins the leadership team as Religious Education Coordinator. Mrs Becket will not take a class because she has a wider responsibility across all the northern beaches schools as Coordinator of Evangelisation and Catholic Faith Formation. However she will be based at St Joseph’s and play an integral role in the leadership of the school over the next year. We are fortunate to have someone with Mrs Beckett’s experience, expertise and Faith in this important role.

**School Leaders 2017** At the Mass we also invested and congratulated our new school leaders for 2017

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Alpha- Weekend 17-19th Feb  At church last weekend, the gospel reading from Matthew continued the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus compared his disciples to salt, light and a city on a hill. The significance of these things is that they all exist not for themselves, but for something else. In the same way, Jesus is saying, that Christians are meant to make the world a better place. The Christian responsibility is to affect the culture as salt, light and a city on a hill.

If we want to be real disciples of Christ, “the Light of the world” our consciences have to be clear and transparent, our behaviour must have the shine of love, honesty, purity, respect and sincerity and we have to be ready to lead. The Alpha leaders course which is taking place in our Parish on the weekend of 17th- 19th Feb is designed to help individuals rise to this great challenge.

If you are interested in being involved in the weekend please RSVP via the school office by tomorrow, Friday 10th February.

P&F Meeting Change  In the past, the first P&F meeting of the year has been held on the same night as the parent teacher information sessions. Unfortunately this cannot happen this year and instead the P&F will have its first meeting of the year on the Tuesday after the Information Nights - 28th Feb. Please put that date in your calendar and try to come along to support the work of the Parents and Friends Association.

Parent Information Night Changes. Because the P&F meeting will not be held as planned, we are able to extend the times for the Parent Information sessions which will run in all classes on Tuesday 21st as planned. The two sessions are to allow parents with more than one child at St Joseph’s to attend both rooms. The first session will now commence at 6.00pm and the second session at 6.45pm to conclude by 7.30pm. We hope everyone will come to meet their child’s teacher and find out about the workings of their child’s class this year.

Launch of Qkr Today we launch Qkr (pronounced Quicker) for canteen orders and other school related payments. Please take a moment to download Qkr to your android phone or iPhone. You are also able to access Qkr via your PC or laptop. Link to Qkr getting started guide and FAQs

Canteen – Qkr  The school canteen will reopen next Monday 13th February. Parents are able to place their child’s order now via Qkr. Getting started and canteen ordering information has been sent home today. If you require any assistance setting up or using Qkr please contact the school office.
Link to Guide to placing canteen order

School App  In the coming weeks we will launch the St Joseph’s School App – more news to follow.

Peter Rafferty
Acting School Principal

School Calendar

Week 3
15 Feb  Stage 3 Leadership Camp
16 Feb  Stage 3 Leadership Camp
17 Feb  Stage 3 Leadership Camp
Week 4
21 Feb   Parent Information Night in classrooms (Session 1 at 6.00pm, repeat Session 2 at 6.45pm)
24 Feb   P&F Welcome Event (Narrabeen RSL)

Week 5
28 Feb   NBLCCS Swimming Carnival (Warringah Aquatic)
28 Feb   P&F Meeting in Library (7.00pm)
1 Mar    Ash Wednesday
2 Mar    Bishop Peter Comensoli meets Year 6 Leaders
2 Mar    School Advisory Council meeting

Link to St Joseph’s School Calendar Term 1 2017

Library News

Helpers  So far I have only received one offer to help cover books at home. If you are able to spare an hour or so usually no more than once a month it would be greatly appreciated. The books and contact are sent home with your child and then you can return the books to the Library (Monday & Tuesday) or the Office once you have covered them. Thanks for your help with this.

Name_________________________ Child’s name ______________________________

Child’s class __________________________
  • I can cover books at home.
  • I can shelve Books on Monday mornings.
  • I can shelve books on Tuesday mornings.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian

Sports News

Swimming Carnival  Last Tuesday all Year 2-6, parents and staff enjoyed a fantastic day at our school swimming carnival at Manly Pool. Thank you to all the colour house captains, teachers and parents who contributed to ensure that the carnival was a great success.

Congratulations to POLDING – BLUE who won the Overall Point Score. Congratulations to all the other colour houses for the wonderful team spirit they displayed.

POINT SCORE

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Office News

- **Family Verification Reports**- please return to the school office by Monday 13th February.

- **Labelling uniforms** Please remember to clearly label your child’s uniform, hats and lunch containers.

- **Lost property** There is a large number of items in lost property. Uniforms, lunch containers etc. Lost property is located outside the school office in the undercover walkway.

Student Transport News

**Sydney Buses Timetable Change - Commencing Monday 13th February 2017**

State Transit Authority have advised they are currently going through a running time review of public commuter services which includes school special services. The aim of the review is to ensure reliability and on time arrival of the services they provide. As a result most school routes have been subject to minor timetable adjustments which will come into effect commencing Monday 13th February 2017.

[Link to timetable changes](#)

Community News

- **Stella Maris College Manly** Link- [Applications for Year 7 2018 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships](#) opened 1st Dec and close 22nd February 2017

- **Manly Basket Ball Programs:**
  - [Saturday basketball](#) resumes next Saturday January 28th at NBISC with skills Jerome Mark and Dan 2.30-3.30pm for students aged seven and under 3.30-4.30pm for student 8-14 years for $9 no Need to book just come on down to NBISC (Jacksongs Road Warriewood)

  **Pink ball** is our girls only basketball coaching program will restart on February 4th 2.30-3.30pm at NBISC It will run for eight weeks cost is $90 every pink baller will receive their own pink ball and Be taught by some of our talented female representative players it is a great way for young students aged 7-12 to start the sport to book see the link below [https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=237717](https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=237717)

  Potter League is a beginner basketball league a great way to start. There are six divisions in school year ages year one and two mixed, year three and four boys, year three and four girls, year five and six boys year five and six girls and higher level for girls opal league, individual players or teams can enter through the website link [https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=238068](https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=238068)