Dear Parents,

**Parent Information Evenings**  Education of young children is always most successful when parents and school are cooperating and providing mutual support and encouragement. Next Tuesday evening, 21st Feb, Parent Information Sessions will be held in all classrooms to provide you with an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and learn about their learning program at St Joseph’s. Two sessions will be held in each classroom so that parents can attend when they have more than one child at school. The first session will commence at 6.00pm and the second session at 6.45pm to conclude by 7.30pm. We hope that all parents will take up these opportunities to learn what is happening in your child’s classroom and how you can contribute to your their learning this year.

**New Technologies at St Joseph’s** This week is an exciting week for St Joseph’s as both its QKR app and its school app go live.

The QKR app allows for easy, cash free transactions at canteen, uniform shop and school office.

The St Joseph’s School App takes you to important information from the school website so you can view up to date, calendars and newsletters. Most importantly the App will allow us to immediately contact community members via their mobile phones with ‘push notifications’ regarding important reminders and/or emergency events.

To download the app simply search for ‘St Joseph’s Primary School Narrabeen’ within your app store and download. Be sure to enable push notifications in your settings.

**Family Mass** The next Family Mass will be held at St Rose Collaroy Plateau on Sunday 26th Feb at 6.00pm. All St Joseph’s families are invited to attend. Stage 3 and Kindergarten will be centre stage for this celebration.

**Stage 3 Leadership Camp** Yesterday the senior classes left on their annual Stage 3 school leadership camp at Chaldercot, Port Hacking in the Royal National Park. This property operates under the auspices of Youthworks, Anglican Youth Department. It’s a very beautiful spot next to the Port Hacking River where they have been conducting wonderful school camps for many years. With the support of their teachers and the staff of the camp, the children are participating in a number of outdoor activities that encourage leadership and cooperation skills. Here are some photos of them having fun at camp.

Peter Rafferty  
Acting School Principal

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**School Calendar**

**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) 7pm  
26 Feb  Parish Family Mass (St Rose Church 6pm)
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  7.30pm

Week 6
7 Mar    St Joseph’s OPEN DAY
11 Mar   Reconciliation Blessing Mass (Year 5) St Joseph’s Church 9.30am
12 Mar   Reconciliation Blessing Mass (Year 5) St Rose Church 9.00am

[Links to St Joseph’s School Calendar Term 1 2017]

Religious Education News

All families are invited to attend Kindy & Stage 3 Lakes Parish Family Mass Sunday 26th February 6.00pm at St Rose Church, Collaroy. See Link for more details

Library News

**PRC:** This year we will again be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Should you wish your child to be involved they need to register their name with Mrs Jones by the end of February. Once we receive the user names and passwords from the PRC in early March children will be able to add books to their online reading log by logging in on the PRC home page at: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Children in K-2 have to read, or have read to them 30 books from the PRC list. Children in years 3-6 have to read 20 books, 15 of which must be from the list. The children have until the 25th August to read their required books. The lists can be accessed online at: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

Books in our Library that are on the lists have a sticker placed on them to make choosing a book easier for the children doing the Challenge. Books added to the list for this year will have stickers placed on them over the next few weeks. This is a great way to improve children’s reading, and also open them up to a variety of different texts.

**Redgum book club:** Children were given this catalogue this week. If you wish to order any books from the catalogue please order online at www.redgumbookclub.com.au The orders do not come back to school. There are lots of wonderful books to choose from. Orders need to be online by 6th March. The books are then delivered to school in about 2 weeks after the close off date. The school receives a commission on all books ordered which means we are able to order new books as they are published. Thank you for assisting us with this.

Fran Jones
Teacher Librarian
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Link to Order Form and uniform items available from St Joseph’s uniform shop
Payment can be made via Qkr - School Uniforms
Link to Qkr getting started and FAQs

P&F News

Welcome Drinks at Sunk Bar
7:00pm, Friday 24 February
Sunk Bar, Narrabeen RSL Club
All members of the School community are warmly invited to attend the start of the year

St Joseph’s Parents and Friends Association

Please come along to the first
P&F Meeting of 2017
Tuesday 28 February
7:00pm in the Library

Canteen News

A big thank you to all the lovely Mums and Dads who have cheerfully agreed to give up their time to volunteer in the canteen this year. We couldn’t do it without your generous support and I know the kids enjoy seeing Mum and/or Dad behind the counter!

If anyone is thinking of volunteering, but not quite sure where to start, please feel free to call me for a chat.

Thanks again,
Donita Kerin  Mob: 0412 709 428
Canteen Manager

Link to Canteen orders via Qkr
## Student Awards

### Kindergarten
- **Claudia K**: for excellent talking and listening in class discussions.
- **Mitchell R**: for working very hard during his 1st week at school.
- **Isla C**: for listening carefully and trying hard.

### Year 1
- **Ava P**: for always raising her hand and having something great to say.
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### Year 2
- **Max M**: for his amazing work on place value in Maths.
- **Emily L**: for making amazing improvements in Writing.

### Year 3
- **Amelie P**: for being a kind and caring Year 3 student.
- **Lindsay T**: for her excellent efforts towards all her work.

### Year 4
- **Nathan L**: for settling well into Year 4.
- **James P**: for working independently and focusing on tasks.
- **Charlotte B**: for being a focused reliable worker.

### Year 5
- **Stella N**: for always being inclusive.
- **Adam B**: for a great start at St. Joseph’s.
- **Aaliyah V**: for always helping others.

### Year 6
- **Paige F**: for being a kind and gracious new student in our school.
- **Nate L**: for taking care with his uniform, including wearing a hat.

### St Lucy’s-Possum
- **Eva O**: for settling in so well at school.
- **Riley B**: for listening to his teacher and following instructions.

### St Lucy’s-Wombat
- **Riley L**: for making right choices and good listening.
- **Eva K**: for working hard and listening.

## Community News

**St Paul’s Catholic College Manly- Open Evening Link**: Thursday 2nd March 2017 4.00pm-7.00pm Year 7 2019
Enrolment applications close 31st March 2017.
• Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood- Open Day Link: Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th} March 2017

Join us for Open Day

At Mater Maria, our caring and collaborative learning community provides opportunities for the full human development of each student. We are focused on quality educational learning and positive relationships that enable each student to achieve their full potential.

We invite you and your family to visit our College, meet with staff and tour the facilities to get a flavour of the school’s values and how we operate. For further information please visit matermaria.nsw.edu.au

- Open day - Thursday March 9, 2017 4pm to 7pm
- Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2018 close on April 6, 2017 at 4pm
- Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2018 have closed - waiting list applicants only

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• Employment Opportunity - St Paul’s College Manly. Link to Learning Support Assistant Temporary part time position (30hrs per fortnight – 3 hours per day. Applications close Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February.

• Parent/Caregivers are warmly invited to attend a FREE: 1-2-3-Magic Workshop Link– Building emotional intelligence & managing behaviour. See flyer for 3 host school locations.

The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to other, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them.

You’re invited...

Have you ever wondered ... is there more to life?

- Got lots of meaningful questions?
- Never really understood the Christian faith or knew how to express it?
- Maybe you grew up on Church a long time ago.
- Perhaps you go to Church but want to go to know God better...

Come for a bite to eat, watch a talk and have a chat.

Alpha runs for 4 weeks (not during school holidays) beginning Monday February 19, 2017 7:30pm-9:30pm (includes dinner) at The Lakes Parish Hall, 21 Lagoon St, Narrabeen.

All Welcome

Contact the parish office on mail parishoffice@lakesparish.org.au or phone (02) 9922 3050 to let us know you will be coming.

Find out more

https://sites.google.com/a/lakesparish.org.au/alpha
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