## **St Joseph's Newsletter**



Week 3 Term 3 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

Term 3 Core Value: Stewardship School Rule: Care for the place you're in Respectful Relationships Focus: Help pack away materials

#### Dear Parents,

There was a wonderful feeling of school spirit at our Athletics carnival last Friday. Many thanks to our PE teacher, Sam Carolan, all the teaching staff and the band of wonderful parent volunteers who helped on the day, the families of spectators and of course the beautiful children who displayed excellent sporting behaviour all day.

**Lend lease Community Project Day- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** A parent from kinder, Michael Ljubic, is leading a project for Lendleases' annual volunteer initiative 'Community Project Day'. Michael has very generously nominated our school as his project. We propose to beautify the underutilised courtyard area outside kinder as an outdoor learning space. Sally Harrison from the CSO, who was here in Term 1 to suggest some playground changes, will work with Alison Jarman, our kindergarten teacher to design an outdoor space.

What we need at this stage is volunteers for the day. Each volunteer means \$50 is donated by Lendlease to buy materials for the work. It would be great to have some skilled volunteers- tradies or handy DIY people but we also need those willing to paint and be labourers. We are also appealing to Bunnings at Narrabeen to donate some materials too. Depending on how many volunteers we get, we may be able to stretch the project to adding a 'shopfront' for imaginative play near the climbing equipment.

All volunteers will receive a shirt and hat and lunch will be provided.

If you can volunteer for the day or part of the day, please contact Michael via his email so that he can register you. <u>Michael.Ljubic@lendlease.com</u>

Access to Playground climbing equipment This term I informed the children that the climbing equipment could not be used before school. This decision was made to align with WHS risk management requirements and our duty of care to the children. There is only one teacher on duty before school and this is not adequate for the 'high risk' rating of the equipment. I will not add another duty teacher before school as the staff already have a full quota of playground duties. I understand this is a change that will take some adjustment for some children. I have asked the teachers to talk to the children about alternative games to play before school. We will ask our wonderful Year 5 playground equipment helpers to put our new crates of toy cars and building blocks out before school as one alternative. The equipment will be open at recess and lunch each day when two teachers are on duty. As usual the equipment is closed after school for the same reasons above.

This week we introduced some new equipment for play at lunch times, generously funded by the P&F. A giant Connect 4 game and some crates of toy cars, building blocks and dress ups are being enjoyed especially by the younger grades.



#### Spelling/Word Study Parent education session

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 7-8 pm** Did you know that the English language is considered a morphemic based language? That is, most of the spelling of words in English are composed of morphemes or units of meaning that connect.

When we are learning to read and write words (in preschool, kinder and year 1), we rely on the sounds we can hear and the letters that are related. However, we all know this falls down with so many words so we need other strategies to work out words.

If you find yourself giving the answer 'Sound it out' when your child asks you how to spell a word, then coming along to our parent education session will give you more knowledge about how we learn to spell and how to help at home.

Please RSVP to the office if you are planning to attend to give us an idea of numbers <u>sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u>

**Change of date for Band performance evening** The date for the Band Performance evening has been changed. It is now <u>WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September</u>.

Corrina has informed all parents of this via her weekly email too. This is due to our performers needing a little more time to rehearse with their tutors due to year 5&6 students attending excursions for their Project Feathertail Glider work on Wednesdays this term. So how do we know which letters to use when we write those two parts of the word *bicycle*?

'Bi' is a Latin origin word, and it isn't too hard to remember these two letters, which are also fairly predictable letters for the sounds you hear when you say 'bi'. 'Cycle' throws up many more options. Why isn't it 'sikel', for example, as many young writers would probably write? The answer lies in the history of the word, in its original Greek origins *kyklo* – hence the 'y', and its entry into English through a French filter – hence the 'c's, including the initial 'c' making the 's' sound.

There is nothing natural and intuitive about spelling. The letters that represent the words we speak are the result of a complex history in which humans and their languages have interacted with one another over hundreds of years.

This makes spelling possibly one of the most 'unnatural' of skills we have to learn – which makes it all the more strange that many consider it a natural talent, or something you can simply pick up by taking a list of 10 words home to learn with Mum and Dad for the Friday test. The reasons our words are spelled the way they are have little to do with 'nature' and everything to do with history and society. Every word in English represents a story – a mini lesson in history, geography, linguistics, sociology and politics.

Those who struggle with spelling haven't been taught to look at words this way. They are stuck trying to remember the right order of a string of letters, and that is an impossible task. If words were just strings of letters then none of us could spell. We simply don't have the brain capacity to learn tens of thousands of strings of letters, and recall them every time we write a word. Most of us struggle to remember even one computer password of randomly generated letters. This is because we rely on patterns and meaning to learn anything new, and this is just as true for learning to spell words.

**Afternoon Dismissal** Teachers are reporting that the children have adjusted well to the afternoon dismissal procedure. If you are picking up your child from the playground, please wait past the main entrance to the school on or near the basketball court so that teachers can send your child to you. Waiting near the K-2 classroom area causes congestion there. The exception to this will be wet days.

All other children know where to go to line up and wait for the duty teacher to take them to the gates. This procedure also means students are in class longer in the afternoon, making learning time a priority. I understand that some parents feel this new procedure has affected the awarding of the behaviour 'white cards'. The white cards are still awarded to children meeting behaviour goals and maintaining school rules but this is done in class away from the afternoon rush when the class peers of the recipients can acknowledge those children. Bronze, silver and gold award cards are all given out at the fortnightly school assembly.

Warm regards,

Dirginie Octor

Virginia Outred Acting School Principal

#### Reminders

Mufti Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August Year 6 are holding a gold coin fundraiser on Friday.



**Notification of Pupil free day** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept the last day of term 3, all the teachers will be attending a whole day spirituality day. This will be a pupil free day.

# Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash



#### **School Calendar**

#### Term 3



#### CALENDAR

Link to St Joseph's School Calendar 2017

#### **Religious Education News**

#### Thank you and update from Candela Peru

A total of \$976 was raised from the sale of the women's handcrafts. Thank you so much for your generous support of the Sisters of Mercy mission in Candela Peru. This money has been sent to the mothers so they can continue to provide food, clothing, medicine and education for their children. Mary Rajca

#### **The Lakes Parish Playgroup** Each Monday 9.15am to 10.45pm. For further information please contact Nuala 0451 944 474





**Vale: some sad news** Please keep in your prayers this week the Aiello family's great grandmother who has recently passed away. Ciara and Grace (Year 5).

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

#### **CONFIRMATION 2017**

#### Session Weekends:

- Session 1: 29th/30th July With Presentation at all masses
- Session 2: 5th/6th August
- Session 3: 12th/13 August
- Session 4: 19th/20th August With blessing at all masses
- Enrolments:
  - TBA at Parent Information Evening
- Sacrament of Confirmation:
  - Sat 26th August 2017 2 rituals 10:00am and 12:00pm
  - All ceremonies will be at St Joseph's Church.



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Margot Beckett Acting Religious Education Coordinator

#### Learning & Teaching News

#### **Student Awards**

Kindergarten:	<b>Cooper S</b> for always being a helpful member of class. <b>Cody C</b> for work hard on reading.
Year 1:	Jacinda R for trying hard in everything she does. Jackson H for working quietly and respectfully.
Year 2:	<b>Reid S</b> for an amazing start to Term 3. <b>Gracy B</b> for challenging herself in Maths with subtraction.
Year 3:	<b>Bathy L</b> for having a positive and enthusiastic start to Term 3. <b>Rohan M</b> for great skills used to problem solve in Maths
Year 4:	James N for his outstanding effort with handwriting. Chloe R for her thoughtful contributions to literacy groups.
Year 5:	Maggie B for always being happy to help. Mason S for always greeting people with manners. Stella N for caring for the place we are in.
Year 6:	<b>Ava K</b> for thoughtful written responses in Religious Education. <b>Charlotte T</b> for thoughtful participation in Religious Education discussion.
St Lucy's Possum Class:	<b>Oscar D</b> for developing his language and speaking skills. <b>Lachie P</b> for good sitting in morning circle.

**St Lucy's Wombat Class: Elijah L** for writing a great holiday recount. **Julian O** for writing a great holiday recount.

#### Library News

**Book Week** Don't forget to send in your entries for the *Poster competition* <u>More details are in the attached flyer link</u> and the *Setting competition* <u>Click here for more details.</u> You have until **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** to hand them to Mrs Jones.



**Book Fair** This will be held in the Library on **Monday 21**<sup>st</sup> and **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** from 8.30-9am and 2.45-3.30pm. Books will range in price from \$5-\$30. You can buy a book for yourself and/or donate a book to the Library. Payment can be made by cash, cheque to Carnival Book Fairs or credit card

(MasterCard and Visa card only). Payment may also be made at the Carnival website <u>http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au/</u> and click on the "Parent Payments" link and follow the instructions.



**Dress Up** Children can come dressed as their favourite book character on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**. We will have a short parade of the children at 9.30am if you wish to join us.

**PRC** Congratulations to Tori M from Year 1 who has completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Tori! You have until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> august to complete the Challenge.

Fran Jones Library Teacher

#### **Sport News**

Congratulations to all students who participated at our annual Sports Carnival last Friday.

Thank you to all our parents who helped on the day. Without your help the Sports Carnival would not have been so successful.

There are a few events to finalise this coming Friday. Our overall colour house points and trophy will be announced at assembly next week.

Congratulations to all students and thank you to all teachers and parents for a wonderful day!

#### Sam Carolan Sports Teacher

Link to Athletics Carnival photos



#### **Office News**

**Lowes 20% sale Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** Warriewood store have 20% sale in Thursday 10th August for cardholders Parents can <u>sign up on the day for a Lowes card and receive 20% discount.</u> Lowes will be open from 9am to 9pm Thursday 10th August.



**Uniforms** Lowes Warriewood now stock St Joseph's uniforms. Uniform information link below includes link to Lowes and pricelist of uniform items. Link to <u>Uniform information</u>

The School Uniform Shop has a limited number of new items including school hats along with second hand items. The School Uniform Shop operates from the school canteen each Thursday 2.45pm-3.15pm.

**Too sick for school** If your child is not well and you are unsure of exclusion periods for illness please refer to link <u>Too Sick for School</u>

#### School Fees Please refer due dates for July 2017 via the link school fee instalment dates

Please refer to your statement regarding the type of schedule you have selected and if you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office 9913 3766 or <u>sin@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> Lisa Emerton will follow up to assist families with fee enquiries.

#### School News

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From **Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and

when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment.

The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit <u>woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn</u>

- Sticker sheets are available from the school office
- Earn & Learn boxes are located:
  - 1. in the foyer of the school office
  - 2. At the front of the Woolworths Narrabeen store -when you are ready to drop in your stickers.

#### **Extra Curricular News**

Drama Classes Link Enrolment form (Drama) Link Permission Slip (Drama)

**French Club** St Joseph's is offering French Language Learning as an extra-curricular activity. The classes are run independently and will be held at 7:45am – 8:30am every THURSDAY in the Creative Arts room upstairs.

Link to French Club enrolment form

**Band** if your child is interested in joining the school band and playing an instrument please contact the band coordinator <u>cc.musicandsport@gmail.com</u> Band practice is Wednesday morning.

#### P&F News

#### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is raising funds. Here's how you

**can help...**Your 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Membership is expiring on 1 June 2017. Please continue to support our fundraising by buying the NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership from us today. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! <u>See link</u> Katie Page 0411247709 <u>pagekatie1@gmail.com</u> **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** 



#### **Community News**





Preparing our children for a changing world

Catholic Schools Parent Conference 8, 9 & 10 September 2017 St Pauls Catholic College, Manly



#### Parent Conference: #FutureReady: Preparing our Children for a Changing World

The\_12<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Parent Conference hosted by the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) & Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP) will be held at St Paul's Catholic College, Manly on the 8,9 & 10 September 2017. The conference will assist parents and school communities to explore the implications of a changing future and the impact for students in their learning and capabilities required for a changing workforce. See link for more information



#### Mercy Catholic College Open Morning Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 9am-11am see link for more details.

Families are also welcome to visit the College website <u>http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au/</u> or contact our College Registrar <u>SMCCC.Registrar@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> for any further information.



Manly Warringah Primary Basketball Competition 'The Potter League See <u>link</u> for more details.





Term 4 Free Northern Beaches Go4Fun Program at the new Dee Why PCYC!! Registrations are now open for the Go4Fun Program. Since 2013, 528 children within Northern Sydney have completed the Go4Fun program achieving an average reduction in BMI of 0.57 across 10 weeks.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE GO4FUN PROGRAM?

The program consists of 10 sessions, delivered once a week for 2 hours. Highlights include:

- Fun games and activities for children.
- Interactive discussions to support your family to make healthier lifestyle choices.
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes including a supermarket tour!

WHO CAN JOIN GO4FUN?

- Children aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight
- A parent or carer must be available to attend each session
- NOT SURE IF YOUR CHILD IS ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT?
- Speak to you healthcare provider to check if your child's weight status.
- Alternately, you can call 1800 780 900 to see if your child is above a healthy weight.

WHY JOIN GO4FUN?

- Get expert advice on healthy eating
- Get active playing fun games
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Make changes as a family
- Support on goal setting to achieve change
- All for FREE!

To find out more information, make a free call to 1800 780 900, or visit <u>www.go4fun.com.au</u>. Thank you so much for your continued support of this free healthy lifestyle program. If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact us on 02 9462 9571.Warm Regards, **Sakara Branson**, Northern Sydney Go4Fun Program Coordinator. <u>See link for more details</u>.

### Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship

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