

# St Joseph's Newsletter

Week 6 Term 3 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Term 3 Core Value: Stewardship

School Rule: Use kind words and actions

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Use good morning name, please, thank you and excuse me please.

Dear Parents,

**Book week parade** On Monday morning we had our Book week parade. It was a fun community event as the St Joseph's playgroup and the St Lucy's classes joined us. Thanks to our librarian, Fran Jones for organising the event, the parents for the wonderful ideas and costumes and our teachers for their sense of fun as pirates. The Book Fair in the library also proved popular, thanks to our community volunteer, Mrs Denise Sprakel who stepped in and helped.

**NAPLAN results** Last week the results of the nationwide NAPLAN assessments in May were communicated to parents of Year 3& 5 students via personal letter. Although NAPLAN is not the only measure of academic skills and outcomes, it does give us some data as a school, system and nation about the level of skills and growth for our students as a cohort. There were some encouraging results to celebrate: high levels of growth for year 5 students in their numeracy scores from year 3 to Year 5, well above state average scores for Grammar and Punctuation and the percentages of students in year 3 scoring in the top 2 bands was above the state average in all areas except spelling. These results have indicated that our areas of concern are writing and spelling. These are the 2 areas we are working on this year in teacher professional learning and changing practice in classrooms. We will have the opportunity as a staff to look closely at results in different areas as part of our P/L and look at areas to work on as a whole school.

It is important to remember that measuring academic capability is not the full picture of a child. We value and celebrate a child's social and emotional skills and spiritual wellbeing too.

NAPLAN online School Readiness test for Years 3 and 5 Link NAPLAN online fact sheet for parents and carers

**Well Being week** Next week is our established week for Wellbeing. This means no homework for students and no meetings for teachers. We are trying again to have a beach afternoon, on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August after lunch. Children can wear sports uniform and bring buckets and spades. Weather permitting!!

**Afternoon Dismissal- 3pm bell and 3.05pm bell** After discussion with the P&F president and vice president this

## NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

week we are adjusting the procedure to make sure students are in the playground at final bell time in the afternoons. **There will be a bell at 3pm for teachers to bring students down to line up areas**. The final bell is 3.05 pm.

The Kiss N Ride pick up has some issues. Teachers cannot identify the family for every car picking up and so children are coming out of the gates to check the cars. This all slows down the procedure and we understand this is difficult when lining up on the street in your car. After discussion with the teachers, we have resolved that **all cars need to display names in the front dash window**. Apparently, this was the requirement when Kiss n ride was first

introduced. If you do not have a clear A4 size poster with your family name then please contact Lisa Emerton at the office who is happy to print one for you.

The teacher on the 'walkers' duty will also join the teacher on kiss n ride duty for a short time whilst it is very busy to assist in identifying cars and getting children into cars quickly. We ask for your patience, as there are often unforeseen issues in the afternoon with children that prevent teachers from having everyone at line up areas promptly.

**P&F AGM** Advance notice of the **AGM for Term 4- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in the school library. The positions vacant at this stage are President, vice-president and secretary. As Katie and Yvette informed us at the P&F meeting this term they are standing down due to work commitments and Catherine has served her 3 years. In due course we will thank these ladies formally but in the meantime I would like to say thank you so much for their guidance over the last 2 terms.

If you are considering these positions and want more information about the role, let me know.

**Public Speaking** Lilly K and Mattie S represented St Joseph's at the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition. We are very proud of the speeches they prepared. The adjudicator commented on their thorough research and use of imaginative language. Well done Lilly and Mattie.



**Spelling Parent Education Session.** Thank you to those responded to the online preferred time survey. We will be running the Spelling and Word Study parent education session on the following dates: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 9am-10am and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-3pm in the Library

Warm regards,

Virginia Outred

**Acting School Principal** 

Virginia Octob

## Reminders



## Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Friday 1st September at 7.30am

Please <u>RSVP online</u> by 25<sup>th</sup> August

Hot drinks will be available to order on the day from the Coffee Van.

**Sports Uniform** to be worn Wednesdays from Week 5-9 for Basketball Clinics.

**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.

## **School Calendar**

#### Term 3

#### Week 6

26 Aug Confirmation ceremony St Joseph's Church 10.00am and 12.00pm

#### Week 7

29 Aug Parent Education Session (Spelling & Word Study) 9am-10am in Library

30 Aug Parent Education Session (Spelling & Word Study) 2pm-3pm in Library

1 Sept Father's Day Breakfast (from 7.30am)

#### Week 8

8-10 Sept CCSP Conference

#### Week 9

13 Sept Hot Dog lunch day (coordinated by Year 6)

13 Sept Band Performance evening (6.30pm-8.00pm - Hall)

14 Sept LendLease Community Project Day

#### Week 10

18 Sept Project Feathertail expo - Year 5 & 6

19 Sept Social & Emotional Learning (parent information evening) 6.30pm-8.30pm (Library)

20 Sept Cake Stall (coordinated by Year 6)

21 Sept Last day of term

22 Sept Staff Development Day

#### Term 4

#### Week 1

9 Oct Term 4 commences

10 Oct Life Education (Yr 3-6)

11 Oct Life Education (Yr 3-6)

12 Oct Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

13 Oct Stage 3 Camp to Canberra

#### Week 2

20 Oct Mufti Day (Year 6 fundraiser) gold coin donation

#### Week 3

25 Oct P&F AGM 7pm (Library)

28 Oct St Joseph's Trivia Night (venue and time TBA)

#### Week 4

2 Nov All Saints / All Souls Liturgy

### Week 5

10 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy



Link to St Joseph's School Calendar 2017



Link to St Joseph's School App



Link to <u>Qkr App payments, canteen</u> orders

## **Religious Education News**

#### **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.



**Margot Beckett Acting Religious Education Coordinator** 

### **Curriculum News**



School Musical 2017
Save the date for our school musical on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Brenda Paul Assistant Principal** 

## **Library News**

#### **Book Week Parade 2017**

Thank you all for dressing up so beautifully and celebrating Book Week. The photos on the website are fantastic. We had a successful Book Fair in which the community spent over \$1,500 which enabled us to take more than \$400 worth of books from the Fair. Thank you also so to those people who kindly donated books to the Library. Judging of the poster competition and setting competition will occur next week, so if you haven't got your entry in yet you have until next Monday to put it on my desk.

A big thank you to all the staff for keeping the parade going and especially Mrs Appleton, Mr Mulkeen and Mrs Sprakel who ran the Book Fair in my absence.

Please see <u>link</u> for more great photos.







**Fran Jones Library Teacher** 

## **Sport News**

**Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival** A great day all round by all students competing at the NBLCC Northern Beaches Athletics Carnival held at Narrabeen.







**Diocesan Athletics Carnival** Congratulations to the following students who will represent St Joseph's at the Broken Bay Athletics Carnival which will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August. Best of luck to our students competing in their events.

Bonnie J Luciana A Charlotte B Maddie G David K Oscar J

**Basketball** Rad from Manly Warringah Basketball Associations has been running a basketball clinic for our students. The students are showing great enthusiasm and enjoying learning basketball skills and drills. The Basketball program will continue each week until the end of the term.







Sam Carolan
Sports Teacher

## Office News

**MSP Photography Speciality group photos** such as band, choir etc ordered through MSP Photography will be delivered soon and sent home with the children.

**Uniforms** St Joseph's uniforms are available from Lowes Warriewood. 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. Items can be ordered via Qkr App.

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

**School Fees** Final instalment for 'standard' fee instalments are now due. Please refer due dates for **August 2017** via the link <u>school fee instalment dates</u> 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 <a href="mailto:sin@dbb.catholic.edu.au">sin@dbb.catholic.edu.au</a> Lisa Emerton will follow up to assist families with fee enquiries.

## **Extra Curricular News**

**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.

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

### **P&F News**

**9**<sup>th</sup> **September Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall** Please support our school by voting at St Joseph's and buys a sausage sizzle and cake on election day. Brigid, Claire & Regina (Year 6 class parents)

**P&F AGM** 25th October 7pm in the Library

**School Uniform Shop** Please note that I will not be opening the uniform shop on Thursday afternoons. It has been extremely quiet since Lowes took our stock over. If you would like to purchase anything please continue to purchase via **Qkr** and I will have the item sent to your child's classroom. If you would like to arrange a time to meet me at the uniform shop please feel free to text me on 0421981485. I am available most mornings/afternoons. Items we currently have limited in stock are Hats, V-neck Jumpers, Fleece Jumpers, long sleeve sport shirts, boys socks and second hand items.

Link to St Joseph's Uniform

Amy Fittler - Uniform coordinator

#### 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! See link





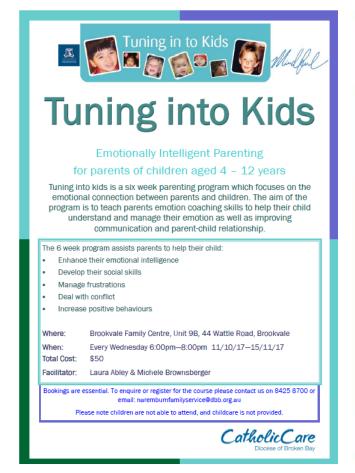
### **Parish News**

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





PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click here





Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts.

A reminder to collect your 'Earn & Learn 'stickers at Woolworths:

- 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.





Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join <u>Team Amart</u>, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend.





## #FutureReady

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

## **eSafety Community Form**

Link eSafety seminar

Join us for a free seminar for parents, teachers, and young people and learn about online safety issues such as cyberbullying, image-based abuse and exposure to inappropriate content.

Visit <a href="https://www.esafety.gov.au/">https://www.esafety.gov.au/</a> for more info on the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

WHEN

August 28, 2017 at 7pm - 8:15pm

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The Pittwater House School 70 S Creek Rd Collaroy, NSW 2097 Australia



## Community, Respect, Compassion, Stewardship

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