St Joseph's Newsletter



Week 7 Term 3 31th August 2017

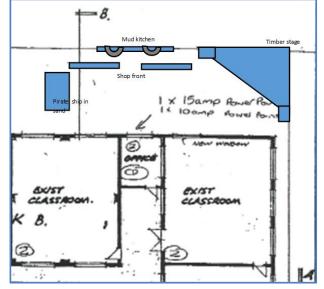
Term 3 Core Value: Stewardship School Rule: Use kind words and actions Respectful Relationships Focus: Wait for someone to stop speaking before beginning with "Excuse me".

Dear Parents,

Last week after a recruitment and interview process I was offered the permanent position of principal at St Joseph's. It is an honour and privilege to accept the role of leading this wonderful school community. Thank you for the well wishes and supportive words I have received from parents. I look forward to building on the work of former leaders to strengthen the school community as a place of quality learning for all, built on our core faith values of community, respect, stewardship and compassion as part of the wider Lakes parish community.

Confirmation Last Saturday a group of our children joined with other children of Lakes Parish to receive their 2nd sacrament of initiation. Bishop Peter Comensoli officiated and in his homily explained to the children that making their confirmation was like starting to lose their baby teeth and grow their 2nd teeth. It meant they were 'growing up' in their faith, becoming stronger and being able to do more as members of the faith community. The 2 ceremonies were wonderful celebrations of this growth in faith with the children and families showing great respect for the sacrament through their commitment and reverence.

Lend lease community project day - Thursday 14th Sept Plans are well underway to transform the courtyard area of the kinder room into an outdoor learning space as well as some additions and tidying up of the general playground. I have consulted with Sally Harrison, the CSO early learning project officer who is coordinating the works on the day. Sally first had a look at some ideas for the playground in Term 1 when Peter Rafferty was here. The purchase of a cubby house and play boats has been made possible by a generous donation from a kinder family. The cubby will be installed near the play equipment. The brick wall at the boundary of the Astro turf area will be painted and marked with a goal post. Thank you to Michael Ljubic who nominated our school for a Lend Lease project and is coordinating the volunteer workers. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be workers for the day. Lisa Emerton has been liaising with Bunnings at Narrabeen and they too are donating many of the materials needed for the various projects.



Our PE teacher, Sam Carolan is also organising the replacement of the backboards and hoops on the large asphalt playground with funds she successfully applied for from a schools sporting grant. We are also making plans for the remarking of the basketball/netball court in the next school holidays.

Parent education session- SEL learning On Tuesday evening, 19th Sept I invite you to a Parent education session titled, *The Power of Social & Emotional Skills for Children's Learning*. It will be presented by CSO family educator Jeannie McDonald as part of the Well Being team's parent engagement program. See the attached flyer for details and please RSVP online. Link to <u>Online RSVP Social and Emotion Parent Education Session</u>

Our **Father's Day BBQ Breakfast** will held tomorrow morning and is sure to be a wonderful event for St Joseph's dads and their children to come together and celebrate all dads. Thank you to the P&F for hosting this event and a special thank you to Georgia Hicks and Kirrily Coyle for coordinating.

Warm regards,

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Reminders



Band performance evening. Wednesday 13th Sept, 6.30-8pm I am looking forward to a display of the musical talent from our band members and choir. The band are requesting a gold coin donation to help pay for the cost of transporting students to Warringah Mall to perform in November.

Afternoon Dismissal- 3pm bell and 3.05pm bell After discussion with the P&F president and vice president this 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 zone** 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 25th 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. **Sports Uniform** to be worn Wednesdays from Week 5-9 for Basketball Clinics.

Notification of Pupil free day On Friday 22nd 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 7 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 Week 4 2 Nov All Saints / All Souls Liturgy Week 5 10 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy Week 6 15 Nov Cheese Toastie lunch day (coordinated by Year 6)



Link to St Joseph's School Calendar 2017

Religious Education News



Café Time see link Every Wednesday afternoon 2pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall.

Margot Beckett Acting Religious Education Coordinator



Link to St Joseph's School App



Link to **Qkr App payments, canteen** orders

Curriculum News

Project Feathertail Glider Last week our mentors who are students from Year 10, Mater Maria, came to St Joseph's to help our students work on their campaign for Project Feathertail Glider. A major component of the project is designing and making a product that educates the wider community about the issues facing the glider and ways Northern Beaches residents can make a difference to protecting this species. Some of the campaign items that St Joseph's students are involved in are; making a picture book, writing a song, making an IMovie, making a product are involved in are; making a picture book, writing a song, making an IMovie, making a picture book, writing a song, making an IMovie, making a picture book.

podcast, performing a dance, making a board game, making campaign materials and also designing a sign for our school habitat garden.

We will hold a school expo day in Week 9, Thursday 14 September for our school community to view the campaign products before the Community Expo Day which is at Sacred Heart, Mona Vale on Monday 18 September, where all the schools involved come together to showcase all the students' work. A number of VIPs are invited to this event, including the Mayor, councillors, senior CSO Managers, school principals, community partners and any family members who would like to attend!





School Musical 2017

We are happy to announce that we finally have a name for our 2017 school musical! It is "The Power of One" and it is an environmentally themed story sharing the message that

every individual is capable and responsible to help our planet to survive and thrive for future generations. Many classes have begun learning their class item for the school musical! If you are available to help with sewing, costuming, make-up etc., please fill out the Google form - Link to <u>Online Musical Helpers Form</u> Save the date!!! **Thursday 23rd November** (Term 4, Week 7).

Brenda Paul Assistant Principal

Library News

PRC Premier's Reading Challenge Congratulations to Elijah C (St Lucy's), Elena B (Year 4) and Jacob D (Year 4) for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done children! The PRC is now closed. Children will get their certificates from the Premier towards the end of the year. **Competitions:** The winners to the poster competition and the setting competition will be announced at the next Assembly. Thank you to all those who participated.



Fran Jones Library Teacher

Learning and Teaching News

Student Awards

Kindergarten:	Stirling S for great contributions to class discussions. Oliver P for always taking pride in his work.
Year 1:	Issac C for making his writing so interesting. Kyah M for greeting people respectfully.
Year 2:	Ethan M for his excellent effort towards all his work. Ethan R for his positive attitude to all classroom work.

Year 3:	Bridey C for always being focused and attentive in all learning tasks. Bonnie J for her positive attitude to all her learning.
Year 4:	Hunter K for always trying his best in all areas. Jolie M for her excellent spelling attempts.
Year 5:	Adam B for always using kind words. Luca C for excellent work in Maths with remainder. Liam R for applying himself in speech writing.
Year 6:	David K for great work in recognising spelling patterns. Matilda S for her enthusiastic and mature approach to all school activities
St Lucy's Possum Class:	Taylah A for working well in class. Riley B for playing calmly with his friends.
St Lucy's Wombat Class	s: Ted C for learning his sounds.

Elijah C for reading with expression.

Office News

Scam emails

After an incident at a school in another State where scammers posed as the school and Sent out an email to parents asking for their credit card details we would like to offer the following advice:

- Be alert to any emails purportedly from our school that request any personal Information or payments from you. Indeed do not trust any email from any sender if you do not know why you are receiving it
- The school would not request your credit card details by email
- Never provide passwords of sensitive or financial information in response to an email request
- Our preferred method of payment is BPAY. Many financial institutions enable BPAY from your credit card. However if this is not an option for you, the safest alternative is to present to the school office with your credit card, or alternatively telephone the school to pay over the phone
- Check the destination of the email address and ensure it is trusted and known to you before you reply
- Do not reply to any suspicious emails from the school, its service providers or other third parties
- Do not click on any links in emails of this kinds
- Please report any suspicious emails to the school immediately.

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 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 <u>sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u> 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

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



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"The best night of the school year" "So much fun and so much laughter" "It's great to have a night out with all the school parents, share a drink and share a laugh" Just some comments from our previous Trivia Nights.

Please join us at the St Joseph's Trivia Night. Only held every second year, it is the only parent function in the school events and is so much fun. It's a chance to dress up and have a laugh and let loose for the night.

An invitation will be going home with your child on Friday. Please keep an eye out for it. Pick a table organiser. I will also be sending

out forms to fill out with your table theme and names of parents. All other information will be on the invitation.

We have some incredible silent auction prizes as well as some live auctions. Not to mention the amazing art work from our beautiful children that will go to the highest bidder.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Grice 0402 914 953<u>michellegrice@bigpond.com</u>

AGM 2017 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! <u>See</u> <u>link</u>



Katie Page 0411247709 pagekatie1@gmail.com THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Community News

Parent Workshops:

- Turning in to Kids Emotionally Intelligent Parenting for parents of children aged 4-12 years. <u>See link</u>
- Free Triple P Group Work Program for parents of children aged 2-9. <u>See link</u>





Group Work Program For parents of children aged 2-9

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_12th 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. <u>See link for more information</u>

12th Catholic Schools Parent Conference

FUTURE READY: Preparing our children for a changing world CONFERENCE

A conference for parents of primary & secondary students, and educators



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