

St Joseph's Newsletter

Week 8 Term 3 7th September 2017

Term 3 Core Value: Stewardship School Rule: Move safely at all times

Respectful Relationships Focus: Give way at doors or stairwells for adults.

Dear Parents,

Father's Day Breakfast Last Friday morning I walked into school with the tantalising smell of bacon cooking on the barbie wafting through the playground. The Year 3 class mums were hard at work creating yummy bacon and egg sandwiches for the Father's Day breakfast. It was a great community morning well organised and executed by the Year 3 class parents and all the helpers. Thank you from all of your children and the staff.







Link to Father's Day Breakfast photo gallery

Trialling permission notes online- Google forms We have been inquiring into ways to make the process of sending and receiving permission notes for excursions and events more efficient and paperless. The issue is the legality of the response via email or Google form without a written signature. I have consulted with our legal people at the CSO and been advised that when you respond to a permission slip sent via your email address it is a legal document. We have started with the Years 3-6 gala day this week and will then try with the K- 2 swimming permission notes. It is easy for us to collate and keep track of the responses from our end. Please be aware that when you tick the boxes for permission for your child to participate and travel that is the legal permission. The advice I have been given is to make sure your email address is private, not one the whole family can access when they are using a family computer for instance. We are hoping this will make life easier for you and us.

National Child Protection Week and Diocese of Broken Bay Safeguarding month

Our Bishop, Peter Comensoli has dedicated the month of September as a time to turn our minds to understanding and highlighting safeguarding across the Diocese and praying for the safety of the Church and its children and vulnerable adults. The month includes the Department of Social Services *National Child Protection* week. A calendar of initiatives is available from the Diocesan website- www.dbb.org.au

Videography This week a videography visited the school to take some footage and audio to create a 3 minute video which will be on our school website to promote our school in the community. This is an initiative of the Catholic Schools Office marketing team and we look forward to seeing the final product.

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 Online RSVP Social and Emotion Parent Education Session

Band performance evening. Wednesday 13th Sept, 6.30-8pm This promises to be a night of 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.

P&F AGM

Wednesday week 3 25th October. Please consider putting your hand up for one of the vacated positions. President, vice president and secretary. You can speak to myself, Katie, Yvette or Catherine about the roles. There are well documented processes in place to follow and you will be well supported by me and the community.

Warm regards,

Virginia Outred

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Principal

Reminders

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).

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 the school office.

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 8

8-10 Sept CCSP Conference

9 Sept Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall (St Joseph's Parish Hall)

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)

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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

Week 6

15 Nov Cheese Toastie lunch day (coordinated by Year 6)

Week 7

23 Nov School Musical



Link to St Joseph's School Calendar 2017

Link to St Joseph's School App



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

Religious Education News

Confirmation Saturday 26th August saw our Year 2 students make the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Peter Comensoli. This sacrament is the first of the three sacraments that our children will make during their primary school years.

Congratulations to the children and their families on what was a very special and memorable occasion. What a spirit filled weekend shared by many families in our school.



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

Compassion 'FINALLY, ALL OF YOU, HAVE UNITY OF SPIRIT, SYMPATHY, LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, A TENDER HEART, AND A HUMBLE MIND" – Peter 3:8

Bishops Art Prize This term students throughout the school took part in the Bishops Art Prize competition which was aligned with their Religious Education units. This year the students were invited to create a work of art inspired by the theme "Walking the Way", an expression of our life's journey with God.

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Three finalists were awarded at each stage at school level. These submissions from Kindergarten; Stage 1, 2 and 3 were sent to the Catholic Schools Office last week for final judging. Congratulations to:

| Kindergarten | Oliver P |
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| | Stirling S |
| | Max F |
| Year 1 | Sadie J |
| | Sebastian T |
| Year 2 | Imogen F |
| Year 3 | Gabby A |
| Year 4 | Elena B |
| | James N |
| Year 5 | Luc D |
| Year 6 | David K |
| | Lilly K |

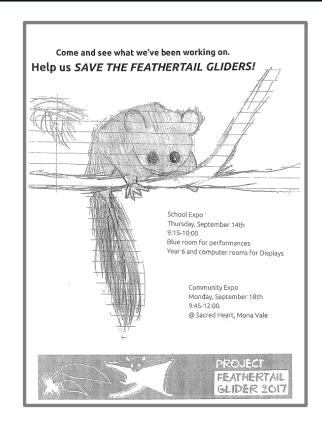
Thank you to all participants for their reflection in Art.

Margot Beckett
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum News

Project Feathertail Glider Yesterday was the final mentor day with our students from Year 10, Mater Maria. Our campaign products for Project Feathertail Glider are almost complete! Everyone is welcome to our school expo morning which is next Thursday morning, 14 September, from 9.15am. This gives our school community the chance to see what our Stage 3 students have been working on and also a practice run through 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.







School Musical 2017 "The Power of One" If you are available to help with sewing, costuming, make-up etc., please fill out the Google form via link <u>Online Musical Helpers Form</u>

Save the date!!! *Thursday 23rd November* (Term 4, Week 7)

Kinder and Year 6 Buddy Excursion On Monday, 4th September, Year 6 accompanied their Kinder buddies to the Coastal Environment Centre, down at the Narrabeen Caravan Park.

The first activity was exploring the rock platform, where we searched for sea life in the rock pools. We got to hold Cushion Sea Stars and Carpet Sea Stars. We also discovered purple sea urchins, some Goat Fish and Sea Anemones.

After lunch we headed back to the lagoon and made art work in the sand with things we found there. We used grasses, shells, pumice stone, flowers, stones, sticks and other natural substances found on the shore, to design and create our art such as; hearts, sea stars, turtles, fish and sea snakes!

Finally, we went into the Coastal Environment Centre where various species of sea life were on display. We were amazed at squid in glass specimen jars, beautiful tropical fish in aquariums and even stuffed sea birds and other interesting creatures!

What a great experience to share with our Buddies! We got to see what an amazing area we live in and also learn about some of the local sea life that we are privileged to have in our own back yard!

Lilly. K and Paige. F, Year 6



Library News

Holiday borrowing: Children may borrow over the holidays provided they have no outstanding overdue books. Please help your child to look for any overdue Library books.

Fran Jones Library Teacher



Sports News



Good luck to Nate L and Oscar J at the Polding Athletics Carnival tomorrow.

School Travel link update



Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes and tracking the status of your application.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number and exchange program (if prompted) when applying online, making the application and approval process much factor.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

Transport for NSW changes to the online school travel application process and to the TfNSW School Portal bus pass. Contact Information for parents, guardians and students

- applying or updating their details online at: <u>www.transportnsw.info/school-students</u>
- tracking the status of applications online using their N or UN number at https:apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/trackApplication

Information on School travel pass https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/
If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 and follow the prompts

- Press 5 for school and other travel concessions
- Press 1 for school travel
- Listen to the prompts and select as appropriate.

Found A Smiggle gift card has been found. If it belongs to your child please phone the school office to arrange collection.

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 **September 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>sin@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 cc.musicandsport@gmail.com 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



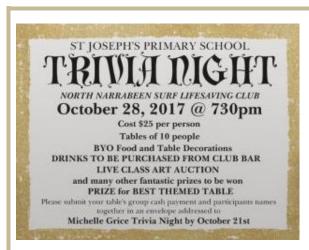
HOT DOG DAY

13th September



Place your child's on Qkr and **select School Event Tickets** / Hot Dog Day **Cost \$2.50**

Claire Littler - Year 6 Fundraiser



"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 has been sent home last week. 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 michellegrice@bigpond.com



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.





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>



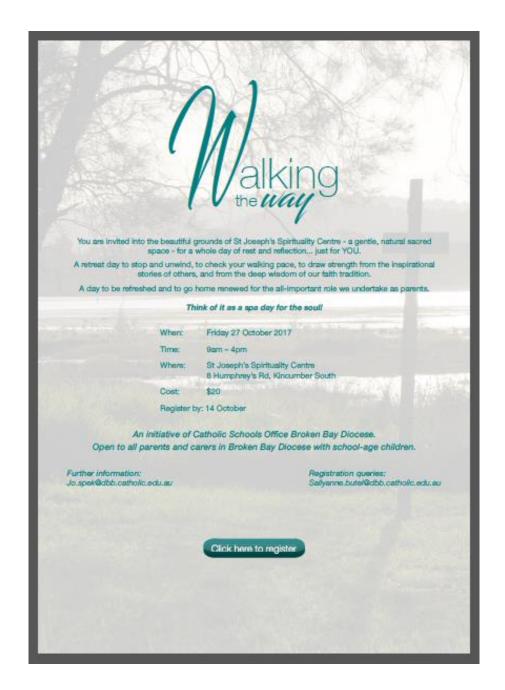


Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts.

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 fover 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 **Team Amart**, 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.

See link for more information



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