

**Term 1 Core Value:** Community

**School Rule:** Wear a hat outside

**Respectful Relationships Focus:** Be a bucket filler

Dear Parents

## Swimming carnival

On Monday we held the swimming carnival with beautiful sunny skies at Manly pool.

Due to a bus arriving very late it was a rushed day but the children all put in their best efforts whether swimming or cheering on their class mates. The new Year 6 Sports leaders led their teams by example showing their colour house spirit. Thanks to the wonderful parent helpers and our new PE teacher, Mrs Frost who managed to complete the program of events in the reduced time.

- The Results.  
Points trophy to Polding house - Blue  
The new Spirit cup donated by Sam Carolan as a parting gift to the school last year was won by St Joseph's house - Red
- Congratulations to the following children for setting new school records:  
Max M - U8 50m boys backstroke  
Jacinta P - U8 50m girls backstroke.  
Stella P - U9 50m girls backstroke  
Sophie L - U12 girls 50m breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, freestyle and 200m IM (an amazing achievement!)

## School Improvement Plan. (SIP)

Every school in our diocese sets a SIP each year taken from a 3 year plan. Goals are set in 3 domains; Learning and Teaching, Mission and Pastoral Care.

In 2018 the goal for the domain of Pastoral Care is to evaluate and review the current school Behaviour Management Policy to align with the new Diocesan policy. In our staff professional learning sessions we are focussing on this goal.

- We began the year reviewing our knowledge of our school policy, specifically the Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) model. We acknowledged the success of this model as the behaviour in our school in general is very positive. The children know and act out the rules about safe, respectful learners. Yesterday afternoon we worked with our CSO PBL expert to focus on our current school rewards systems, what's working and what can be tweaked. We surveyed the Years 3-6 student's to hear their opinions and include them in our decision making. The student data showed there is much to celebrate with 95% of students saying that the behaviour in the school and classroom is 'really great' or 'great'.
- Our professional reading made us think about how many reward systems we have and to consider ways to revamp our systems. We encourage positive school behaviours in so many ways. Every day in incidental ways we reward with positive words and gestures using the actual language of the PBL rules. This is often the strongest reward because it is immediate and the children acknowledged this on the survey.

Classes also have expected classroom behaviour norms all based on our 'Safe respectful Learners' rules. These are taught and rewarded via whole class 'Reasons to Smile' charts. Students negotiate with the teacher their reward when a certain amount of 'smiles' are gained.

'White cards' for individuals has been in place since the inception of PBL, and builds up to an end of year reward.

Golden Tickets are awarded to children on the playground at lunch and recess who are 'caught' doing something to help others or the environment.

Student of the week and PBL student of the week awards are awarded at Wednesday assemblies.

The 'Build in love' awards related to our school value for the term are awarded at the end of each term.

- The teachers spent time yesterday devising some new rebranded options. We are currently deciding on one that is a 'rebrand' of the white card system to make the system more manageable. We shall inform the children and parents next week.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.** Please set aside this date for the **Parent information evening.**

There are 2 sessions in each class so that you can attend more than one class 6.30-7pm, 7-7.30pm. Please come to hear from your child's teacher about classroom expectations and curriculum.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- P&F welcome to parents evening.**

Please see the flyer under P&F news later in the newsletter

Warm regards



**Virginia Outred**  
Principal



**Points Score Trophy**  
**POLDING**



**Colour House Spirit Cup**  
**ST JOSEPHS**



**Opening School Mass**  
Year 5 boys with their St Lucy's buddies singing "Build In Love" ~  
"we build, we build, we build"

## Religious Education News

What a lovely beginning of year Mass we had this morning, thank you to the parents who were able to join us in the celebration. The Children were very reverent and sang beautifully.

### Assembly Prayer

Yesterday we had our first assembly and you may have seen our Social Justice and Liturgy Team leading us in Prayer.

This Year each class will take a turn to present assembly prayer to the school. This will allow the children to share with the wider community their units of work in Religious Education. For term 1 the following classes will lead us in prayer.

Week 4: Year 2 (21st February)	Week 6: Year 4 (7th March)
Week 8: Year 3 (21st March)	Week 10: Year 6 (4th April)

### Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday 14th March we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Year 3 and 4 will be attending the parish 9:15am Mass and K-2 will have a Liturgy in the Library at 11:30am. If you are able to join us for either of these celebrations we would love to see you.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, the time in the church calendar when we prepare for Easter. We prepare by offering prayer, fasting and alms giving. One of the ways our community prepares for Easter is supporting Caritas, the Australian Catholic charity. A Project Compassion Box will be sent home next week with the eldest child in each family.

### Cathy Gualtieri ~ REC

### Parish News

First Reconciliation - parent information evening, to be held in St Rose Church, Monday 12 February at 7pm. This is for families of year 3 children and above who have made the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU - AN NEW INITIATIVE FOR LENT

Churches of the Diocese of Broken Bay, including St Joseph's Narrabeen, are participating in a new initiative this Lent. To allow us to make a space to turn to God more authentically and to be renewed in our faith, churches throughout the Diocese will be open for quiet time, prayer and the sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday in Lent from 7pm - 8pm (16 and 23 February, 2, 9, 16 and 23 March).

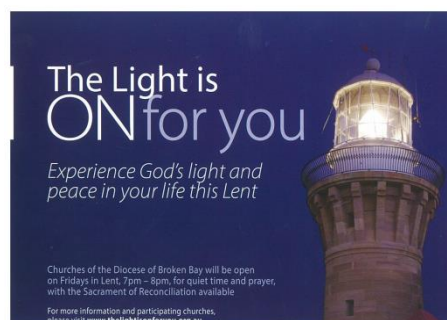
Drop in and experience God's light and peace in your life in a new way this Lent. You are welcome. For further details and a list of participating churches please visit [www.thelightisonforyou.org.au](http://www.thelightisonforyou.org.au)

**Café Time** – watch this space for when Café Time starts again in the St Joseph's Hall.

**Catherine Gualtieri**  
Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN to view click [here](#)

ALPHA AT THE LAKES website link [here](#)





**School Fair Committee**

The School Fair is rapidly approaching - please hold the date; Saturday 27th October. We are very lucky to have Sam Mancell managing this event but she is in need of help so we are asking for one volunteer from each year group to join the School Fair planning committee. If you would like to help us, please contact me ([pageinoz@gmail.com](mailto:pageinoz@gmail.com)) or Sam ([sam@exhibitionco.com.au](mailto:sam@exhibitionco.com.au)).

The first committee meeting will be on Thursday 8th March at 6.30pm. We have created a short survey for parents to give feedback on what you want from your P&F.

Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehCVvLIAE150XgUwIjJbKx7CYuR25XDeb5gGIQYycYM1uNAA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehCVvLIAE150XgUwIjJbKx7CYuR25XDeb5gGIQYycYM1uNAA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**Mark Page – P&F President**

**What is parent engagement?**

Parent engagement in education is about parents and carers, schools and communities working together to ensure that every parent can play a positive role in their child's learning, school community, sport, and social life.

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills. Parent engagement also results in longer term economic, social and emotional benefits.

*Donné Tizzard*

**School Banking - School Banking returns next Tuesday**

**Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.**

This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

**New Super Savers reward items.**

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term.

Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

**Remember,** with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.

**A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.**

Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Things you should know: The Super Savers Grand Prize Competition (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 49 123 124 of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000). The Promotion starts on 1/10/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 30/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-10 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank YouthBanker or account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,888AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 19/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and in The Australian on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be null and void. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) Authorised under NSW Permit No. LPS2171/18, ACT Permit No. ACT 17-170/18 and SA Permit No. 17/18/18.

**WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS EVENING**

Date: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
 Venue: School Grounds

RSVP: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February to [joeyspandf@gmail.com](mailto:joeyspandf@gmail.com)

Nibbles & snacks will be provided  
 Beach attire welcome  
 BYO drinks & glass  
 (No kids please)

## Office News

**2018 school fees** - 2018 school fee statements have now been emailed to all families by the Catholic Schools Office. Please contact the school office if you have not received your statement. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office 9913 3766 or [sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjn@dbb.catholic.edu.au).

**Lost Property** - If you are missing any items please check lost property boxes located outside student office window. A friendly reminder to label **all** school items for.

**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 Communication

Link: [School Website, Calendar and Term Dates](#)

Link: [St Joseph's School App](#)

Link: [Qkr App payments, canteen orders](#)

## High School Notices



### Year 7 2019 Academic and Performing Arts Scholarships

Applications close  
on 21 February 2018

Details and application forms can  
be downloaded from the website

Please contact the Registrar,  
Kerrie Dudley at  
[registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au)  
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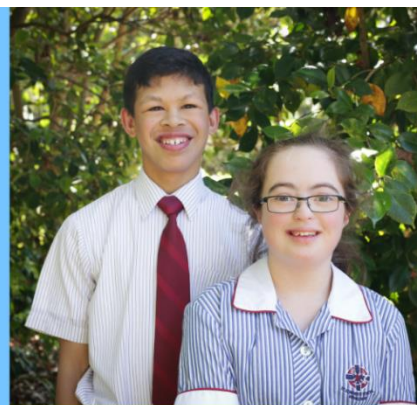
## Tuesday 13 March

9.15am-11.30am



For students with special needs

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Please call Mrs Jackie Reilly, College Registrar for any  
enquiries and to RSVP  
9487-1044 or [reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au)

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*An opportunity no parent will want to miss!*

Embracing their Greatness! Giving Parents the tools to help their children discover God's unique plan for their lives!

Guest Speaker from the United States – Christina King

**Date:** Saturday 24 February  
**Time:** 12.30 - 2.30pm  
**Venue:** St Agatha's Catholic Church School Hall,  
20 Boundary Rd Pennant Hills

**Saturday  
24th  
February  
12.30pm**



Christina King is a highly regarded author, international speaker and national radio host with an engaging dynamic style and over 17 years experience.



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