

**GRANDPARENTS DAY & BOOK FAIR**



**Dates to Remember**

**Every Wednesday: Transition**  
**Wed 9 Aug:** Grandparents Day & Book Fair  
**Tue 15 Aug:** Feast of the Assumption Mass at 9:10am  
**Wed 16 Aug:** SAC Info Evening 6:30pm  
**Thur 17 Aug:** Yr 6 STEP Day at O'Connor  
**Fri 18 Aug:** Diocesan Athletics at Tamworth  
**Sun 20 Aug:** First Eucharist  
**Mon 4 Sep:** SAC Inaugural Meeting 6:30pm

**TERM DATES**  
 Term 3 ends: Fri 22 September  
 Term 4 begins: Mon 9 October  
 Term 4 ends: Tue 19 December

**CANTEEN**  
 Volunteers needed for  
**Term 3.**  
 Please contact the school if you can help out on a Monday.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



# St Joseph's School Newsletter



**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

9 AUGUST 2017  
TERM 3 WEEK 4

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### First Eucharist

On Sunday the 20th August at the 8:00am Mass, four of our students—Sienna Bastian, Mariah Carlon, Charlotte Fletcher and Ethan Walters—will be receiving their First Eucharist. This is a very important sacrament for our students and we invite you all to come along and celebrate this special day with these students. After Mass we will be having morning tea in the hall. If you could bring a plate to share it would be appreciated

### SAC meeting

Next Wednesday evening **16 August at 6:30pm** we will be holding an information evening about the new School Advisory Council. This information evening is open to all interested parents, staff, parishioners and friends who would like to know more about this new body which will replace the existing School Board. Anyone interested in nominating for the new School Advisory Council is encouraged to attend.

### Grandparents Day and Book Fair

Today we held a very successful book fair. The children looked wonderful in their various costumes and our special guests thoroughly enjoyed the parade and poetry recital of *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*. Our grandfriends from McMaugh Gardens joined in with our grandparents to make it a truly memorable day for our children. Our transition group also joined in all the fun of the day and would have gone home with lots of stories to tell! Thank you to Mrs Kim Heagney for her wonderful organisation of the book fair and for decorating the library so cleverly. All our visitors to the library were able to lose themselves in a "Jungle of Books"!

### Mary MacKillop

This acrostic poem was written by Rumiya, Matilda and Monty in honour of Mary MacKillop's Feast Day.

*Married to God  
Acting in God's footsteps  
Respectful  
You can trust her*

*Mature in faith  
A lot of love towards others  
Caring  
Kind  
Indulging in goodness  
Loving  
Living a wonderful life  
Outstanding educator  
Perfectly kind to others.*

Yesterday we celebrated the feast day of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to helping the poor and is Australia's first saint. Throughout her life, Mary had a great desire to heed God's will and to help those in need. This powerful inspiration compelled her to educate impoverished children. Mary was driven by the belief that education should be available to all, despite their financial or social circumstances. Mary MacKillop established the order of nuns. Mary MacKillop became the first Sister and Mother Superior of the newly formed Order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Our school exists because of Mary and the Josephite nuns who founded it.

### Feast of the Assumption Tuesday

Next Tuesday, 15th August, the Church will celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

As this day is a Holy Day of Obligation we will be celebrating Mass next Tuesday morning at 9:10. All welcome to attend.

Kind regards  
Judy Elks

## SCHOOL MASS

There will be NO school Mass this Friday as we celebrated Mary MacKillop's Feast Day with Mass yesterday. Next week's Mass will be held on Tuesday for the Feast of the Assumption. There will be NO school Mass next Friday.



## CHURCH CHOIR

All students are welcome to come and sing in the choir at the Saturday night 6:00pm Mass on the following dates: 19/08/17; 16/09/17; 14/10/17; 18/11/17; & 16/12/17. Mrs Toomey will practise the songs at school on the Thursday prior to each of the Masses. For further information please contact Mrs Dawn Toomey on 6778 4162.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE VISIT

Our students and staff will be going up to the church on Monday 14 August to visit the Statue of Our Lady Of Fatima. This original hand-carved statue came from Portugal in 1949. To mark the centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima in 1917, the pilgrim statue is being brought to parishes all around the Diocese. Parents are also welcome to visit the statue any time between 10:00am and 12:30pm on Monday.

## ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held this Friday 4 August at **2:45pm**. All welcome.

## SPORTS NEWS

We have eight athletes heading to Tamworth next week to compete in the next level for athletics.

We would like to wish all the athletes good luck and thank all the parents for taking the students to this carnival.

Athletes who are successful at this level will head to Newcastle on the 8th of September for the next carnival.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. If you or your extended family and friends shop at Woolies please collect the stickers and send them in to school. The program ends on 19 September.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their awards at last Friday's assembly.

**Principal's Award for "Setting a great example in attitude to work" went to:**

**Infants Studio**— Archie Moir

**Primary Studio**—Seth Munzenrieder

**Class Awards** went to:

**Infants Studio**— Sam Munzenrieder for "Demonstrating pleasing progress across all areas of literacy".

**Primary Studio**— Charlotte Fletcher and Mariah Carlon



**IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM**

**In and Around the Primary Studio**

The Primary Studio have been working hard on learning all about patterns in maths this week, after doing perimeter last week.

In literacy we are learning how to write a limerick. We have had our first attempt, so stay posted as we polish up our writing and show you how clever we are at improving our limericks to publish.

In Physical Health and Development this term we are looking at a unit called Action Packed, which is focused on the students learning all about what is a healthy and balanced lifestyle. This unit also focuses on how physical activity and nutrition affects our bodies.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you everyone for dressing up and making our book fair such a success.

We would like to congratulate all the parents for the effort you have put into the costumes and your support of Grandparents day.

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents/grandfriends who came to our morning to celebrate Grandparents and reading.

Our book character parade prizes were judged by our grandfriends—such a difficult job! Congratulations to: Lyla Moir in Transition; Samantha Munzenrieder and Archie Moir in K/1/2; Seth Munzenrieder and Brittany Doran in Year 3/4 and Rumiya McGuiness in Year 5/6.

