St Joseph's School Newsletter

TRANSITION
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN TERM 4

11 OCTOBER 2017
TERM 4 WEEK 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and you are well rested because we have a very busy term ahead. Please keep a close eye on the newsletter as there will be many important events for the school to add to your diaries. I have created a Term 4 Draft calendar for you to keep track of where we are and what we will be doing.

POLDING ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Next week Malakye Wright and Jordan Redmond will be participating at the PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush. We wish them all the best in their events.

DECADE A DAY

October is the month of the Rosary and the Bishop has asked all schools in the Diocese to participate in the 'Decade a Day Children's Prayer for Families' . Our students will pray a decade of the rosary together every day for the rest of October. If your child has a set of Rosary beads they would like to bring with them to school to use during our prayer time please send them in

SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all for completing the School Improvement survey last term. I have received the feedback from this survey and it is reassuring to me that we are doing a great job with your children. Your positive comments and supportive ratings have led me to the conclusion we are heading in the right direction. Your suggestions on how to improve what we do here at St Joseph's were also very helpful. One piece of constructive feedback that you passed on was the need for us to communicate better with you on upcoming events and to do something regarding our website. I have sourced some expertise in website development and we will be working on this over the term.

Please remember that we have always had, and we will continue to have, an open door policy at St Joseph's. Parents are always welcome to come and speak with the teachers re your child's progress or concerns at any time. If you can't come in to the school we are more than happy to talk over the phone. We strongly believe that the best education for your child is through a three way partnership of student, teacher and parents and we do work hard building and maintaining this connection.

THUNDERBOLTS FESTIVAL THEME

On Saturday the 28th October our students will again be participating in the Thunderbolts festival. This years theme is Fairies and Elves. We ask that your child/ children come dressed as an elf or a fairy on the day. If they would prefer to dress up as a flower or a mushroom we will have some head pieces available at school.

Thank you again for your support in all that we do here at St Joseph's.

Kind regards,

Judy Elks

PT&F NEWS

The next event on the PT&F calendar will be the Thunderbolt Festival on Saturday 28 October. We will need volunteers to help on the stall and ask that you mark your calendars now. A note and roster has been sent with the newsletter—please consider offering some of your time. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 18 October at 5:30pm in the Studio, all welcome. Please come along and join in the discussion.
Clare Baker (President)

SCHOOL MASS

There will be no Mass this week. Monsignor Wilkes is away.

CHURCH CHOIR

All students are welcome to come and sing in the choir at the Saturday night 6:00pm Mass on the following dates: 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.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be held this Friday at 2:45pm. All welcome.

SCHOOL/PARISH FETE

Please mark your calendars for the School/Parish Fete which will be held on Sunday 3 December. There will be lots of opportunities for everyone to be involved in this major fundraiser for our school and parish.

MINI VINNI CONFERENCE

The Mini Vinnies Conference that was to be held here this Friday has been postponed to the 2nd November.

MINI VINNIES T-SHIRTS WANTED

St Vincent de Paul have a new fundraising venture selling tote bags. They are asking all families for any pre-loved T-shirts to be sent in so they can be made into bags.

CANTEEN

Canteen supervisor needed.
On Monday 23rd October Mrs Boxsell will be away and will not be able to run the canteen. Is there a parent available who could run the canteen on this day? Please contact the school ASAP so we can organise a replacement for Mrs Boxsell, if none is available we will not have canteen that day.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2019

Applications for entry into NSW Dept of Education Selective High Schools for 2019 can be made online between 10th October and 13th November. Parents must apply online at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 15th March 2018. An information booklet is available at the school office.

WHY ARE THE PARENTS OF ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SMILING?

As a result of our School Improvement Survey our parent body has indicated that they are more than impressed with what we are doing at St Josephs. I would like you to share the secret of what makes you happy about your child attending our school. Our aim is to promote interest in St Josephs for possible future enrolments. This slogan "Why are the parents, of St Joseph's School smiling?" will appear on our school sign, at the front of our school, on posters around town and in the Council newsletter. We will then follow up with another poster inviting parents to an information morning to be held on Thursday the 9th November. If any prospective parents approach you please inform them of the wonderful things that are happening at our school.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their awards at last Term's assembly.

Principal's Award went to:

Infants— Sienna Garside

Primary— Malakye Wright

Class Awards went to:

Infants— K-2 - Whole Class Award

(Accepted by Meredith Hannaford & Montana Hayes on behalf of K-2)

Primary— Jessica Munzenrieder & Adrian Walters

DISCOVERY BUS

On Thursday the 19th October we have organised for the Discovery Bus to visit our school. The UNE Discovery Voyager is a program that visits schools and allows students to participate in interactive curriculum-aligned activities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths). We have chosen activities that will relate to our current science topics of Beneath our Feet and Watch it Grow. We will be participating in the activities, The Science of Soils and The Purpose of Pollinators.

BRAIN OLYMPIA

St Joseph's will be sending a team of eight students to participate in the Diocesan Brain Olympia in Tamworth on Tuesday the 24th October. The event consists of a variety of challenging activities: a general knowledge quiz; maths problem solving; public speaking; and a drama presentation. Three schools from this day will go on to contest the final. Our team comprising of Jordan Redman, Jack Reddon, Jess Munzenrieder, Alice Prowse, Rumiya McGuiness-Bullock, Zoe Walters and Adrian Walters will be busy brushing up on their general knowledge and quick thinking skills between now and then! Notes will be sent home today to the relevant families.

ORIENTEERING

On Friday the 27th October and the 3rd and 17th November Mr Maurice Anker will be visiting St Josephs to teach the students skills in orienteering. Mr Anker will be teaching skills in mapping, reading compass directions, pacing and judging distance. On Wednesday the 15th of November the students will be participating in an orienteering session in Armidale at the Pine Forest.

CONGRATUALTIONS CHLOE AND EWAN

Below we have pictured Chloe Walters and Ewan McGrath. Chloe and Ewan were past students of St Joseph's Uralla. Look what happens to our little students. Chloe Walters has applied to UNE to complete her studies in Law. Ewan has applied to enter UNE and do Forensic Science. Good luck and congratulations Chloe and Ewan. We are so proud of you.

2011
St Joseph's School Captains

2017
O'Connor Graduates

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IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

Below is the Term Overview of all the subjects that will be taught across the school in Term 4. As you can read it will be a very busy and productive term.

What's Going On This Term - School KLA Overview

		K-2	Year 3-6	
Key Learning Area	Weeks	Subject	Weeks	Subject
Maths	W1-3 W4-5 W6-7 W8 W9-10	• Money/Position • Volume & Capacity • Calendars,Timetables • Mass • Chance/Data	W1-2 W3 W4-5 W6-7 W8 W9-10	• Number • Money • Volume & Capacity • Calendars,Timetables • Mass • Chance
Geography	W1-10	Australia - People and Places	W1-10	A Diverse and Connected World
PDH/Bounce Back	W1-10	• Making your own good luck • Emotions • Feelings • Changing a bad mood into a good mood • Understanding feelings and managing them.		
Religion	W1-10	• Mary • 1.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Journeying in Hope	W1-10	• Mary • 4.8 Advent to Christmas: A Time for Journeying in Hope
PDH/Safe T	W1-10	• Personal Safety • Home & Rural Safety • Emergency Procedures • School & Play Safety • Road Safety • Water Safety		
PE	W1-5 W6-10	• Sports Skills • Dance - End of Year Performance		
English	W1-10	• Procedures • Persuasive Texts	W1-3 W4-10	Procedure Information Report (Ongoing)Comprehension Spelling
Science		• Watch it grow	W1-10	Beneath our feet.

YEAR 3-6 HOMEWORK CHANGE

There will be a change to the homework this term. To improve each child's timetables skills the children will be expected to do a times tables worksheet each week. Reading every night will also be a compulsory homework requirement. Online programs, such as Mathletics (Maths) and Wushka (Reading) will be extra options for the children to do. Individual passwords will be sent home with each child for these programs. Homework will be sent home on Tuesday or Wednesday each week and returned the following Tuesday for marking.

YEAR K-2 HOMEWORK

Homework in K-2 will remain unchanged.

Dates to Remember

TERM 4
Every Wednesday: Transition
Mon 9 Oct: First day of term 4
Thu 2 Nov: Mini Vinnies Conference
Tue 24 Oct: Brain Olympia—Tamworth
Sat 28 Oct: Thunderbolt Festival
Sun 19 Nov: Golf Day
Wed 22 Nov: School Play
Fri 10th Nov: STEM Day (Yr 5/6)

Sun 3 Dec: School/Parish Fete
Tue 12 Dec: Presentation Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
15 Oct:
Charlotte Fletcher