



St Joseph's School Newsletter



THE SEASON OF LENT

7 FEBRUARY 2018
TERM 1 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday

Next week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. This is a very important part of our Church year so we encourage parents to come along and join us for our school Mass at 9:10 next Wednesday morning. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. During Lent the children are asked to concentrate on 3 things: consideration for others, fasting, (giving up a little treat eg lollies, fizzy drink)and making time for prayer. Children will receive Project Compassion boxes where they can choose to collect coins or pocket money. Please encourage your children in their efforts, especially towards prayer.

Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held next Thursday 15 February. All children from years K-6 will attend this carnival. The students will leave the school at 9:00am and walk to the pool. Please ensure they have their swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen, recess and lunch for the day. The day will involve a formal carnival and novelty events for less experienced swimmers. Our goal is for maximum participation of all students to the best of their ability. We anticipate that the carnival will be finished before lunch. We would appreciate helpers for this day. If anyone is able to offer their time on the day it would be very much appreciated. Unfortunately the practice session for primary students was cancelled last Thursday due to bad weather. Pool entry money paid from that day will cover those students for the carnival day. Those who sent in \$2.50 will have 50c refunded as the pool fees have reverted to \$2.00. Please return all outstanding permission notes and pool entry money (\$2.00 per child) as soon as possible.

Beginning of Year Mass

Our beginning of year Mass will be held on Wednesday 21st February at 6pm. Induction of school leaders and commissioning of staff will be an important part of this Mass. We will also be asking God's blessing for this school year. I would encourage all families to share in this special celebration that acknowledges our choice of a Catholic education for our children. It is only by living our faith that it becomes real for our children and is likely to make a lasting impact on their future lives.

Mass will commence at 6:00pm followed by a BBQ in the school grounds. We ask parents to please bring a plate of salad or dessert to share. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook our BBQ, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office if you can help out. Looking forward to see you all there!

Parent Teacher Chats

Thank you to those parents who have already attended our informal Parent teacher interviews / chats with Mrs Lyn Herden. Lyn has found these talks very beneficial getting to know you as well as your children is very important. The abundance of information gathered allows Lyn to learn more about your child and will guide her in the best possible way to support your children in their learning. Thank you for being so honest and allowing us to work with you in the education of your children. If you were unable to attend these chats this week please contact the school to make a more convenient time.

PT &F Meeting

Our first PT&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 February at 5:30pm. At this meeting we will be electing office bearers. If you would like to nominate for one of these positions please complete the form attached and return to school by Friday 23 February.

Kind regards

Judy Elks

SCHOOL MASSES

Our regular weekly school masses will commence this Friday 9 February at 9:10am. All welcome.

Additional Masses: Ash Wednesday 14 February 9:10am.

Opening School Mass Wednesday 21 February 6:00pm

CANTEEN

Update to the canteen menu: Please remove Fish Fingers and Fruit Balls from your list as there has not been enough demand for them to remain on the list. Thank you to Tanya Lalor and Kathy Dodd for your help in the canteen last Monday. If anyone would like to give some time on a Monday to help Nicki in the canteen please let the school office know. Thank you.

FRUIT AND VEGIE TIME

Our morning "Fruit and Vegie" time will continue again this year. A bell will ring at 8:55 for all students to have time to sit and eat their chosen fruit and vegetables before school and talk with their friends. In this time students are encouraged to eat FRESH fruit and vegetable that they bring from home or pick from our school garden. If your child does not want to eat at this time that is okay but for those who do we encourage you to send in easy fruit and vegetables with your child daily.

SCHOOL FEES 2018

Term 1 school fee statements will be sent out this week. If you wish to pay by Direct Debit please contact Kerrie in the office to arrange the forms. Parents are encouraged to discuss any special or flexible arrangements for paying their fees by making an appointment with the principal at any time.

	Tuition Fees	Technology Fee	Maintenance/Building Levy	TOTAL
One Child Family	\$230.00	\$35.00	\$60.00	\$325.00
Two Children Family	\$435.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$565.00
Three Children Family	\$590.00	\$105.00	\$60.00	\$755.00
Four Children Family	\$685.00	\$140.00	\$60.00	\$885.00

STUDENTS RESOURCES FEE

A once-only annual Student Resources Fee is also charged separately at the beginning of the year.
The resource fees for 2018 are:

\$40 for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students; \$50 for Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 students.

This levy is used to supply each child with all their exercise books and general stationery supplies for the school year.

These resources are supplied so that there is uniformity of quality and quantity for each student. These resources are for use at school only and do not go home with the child. Parents may need to keep a small supply of items at home for homework.

Swimming Carnival 2018

Order of Events



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| 1. Open | 100m |
| 2. Freestyle Age Races | 50m |
| 3. Freestyle Age Races | 25m |

4. Novelty activities for non-swimmers

The Next events are Division Races

Division Races are:

- Senior (Age 12, 13 year olds)
- 11 year old
- Juniors (Age 8,9,10 year olds)
- Minors (who can swim 25 metres - Age 5,6,7)

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| 5. Breaststroke | 50m |
| 6. Breaststroke | 25m |

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| 7. Backstroke | 50m |
| 8. Backstroke | 25m |

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| 9. Butterfly | 50m |
| 10. Butterfly | 25m |

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| 11. Open Medley | 4 x 100m |
| 12. Continuous Relay | |
| 13. Novelty | |

Our swimming carnival encourages all students to have a go and do their best.

Students who can swim 50 metres are asked to leave 25 metre events for less confident swimmers. Only 50 and 100 metre races will accumulate championship points. Students will swim in events at the age they are turning this year. There are qualifying times for students to go to the next Diocesan carnival. Students who come first must be under the qualifying time to be eligible for this carnival.

Kim Heagney

URALLA SPORTS REGISTRATION NOTICES

Junior Rugby League: For girls and boys from Under 6 to Under 16 register online at <https://playnrl.com/register> and follow the links OR
Contact Clare Baker on 0427 705 058 or email clarebaker@bigpond.com

Soccer: For girls and boys from 5 Yrs to 18 Yrs
Saturday 24 February at the Sporting Complex 11:00am—1:00pm OR
Sunday 4 March at the Bowling Club 11:00am—1:00pm
Enquiries to: Spud on 0409724663 or email spudandjack@gmail.com

NSW Government Active Kids Program: \$100 voucher per school child may be used to offset registration and membership costs of these and other eligible sporting organisations.

Log onto www.my.service.nsw.gov.au to claim your voucher before registering with the organisation

IN AND AROUND THE INFANTS LEARNING STUDIO



Dates to Remember

Wed 14 Feb: Ash
Wednesday Mass 9:10am
Thu 15 Feb: Swimming
Carnival
Wed 21 Feb: Beginning
Mass & BBQ 6:00pm
Mon 26 Feb: SAC Meeting
6:30pm
Tue 27 Feb: PT&F Meeting
5:30pm

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Students return
Tue 30 January. Last day
Fri 13 April.
Term 2: Mon 30 April—Fri
6 July.
Term 3: Mon 23 July—Fri
28 September.
Term 4: Mon 15 Octo-
ber—Fri 21 December.
(Pupil free days to be ad-
vised)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7 Feb: Harry & Maya Kauffmann

