



St Joseph's Primary School

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Term 4 2016 Week 10 December 13th

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

TERM 4 DATES

Tue 13 December

Swimming afternoon at Warialda Pool 1 - 3 pm

Wed 14 December

End Of Year / Graduation Mass noon

Fri 16 December

End Of Year Party
Children to bring in a shared lunch

2017

Fri 3rd February

Staff Development Day

Mon 6th February

All students return to school.

HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS

Shianne (18 December)

Ella (21 December)

Lachie (29 January)



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I would like to thank the families, friends of St Joseph's, parishioners, and our local community for their support throughout 2016. We've had a wonderful year of learning and the girls and boys are to be commended on their beautiful manners and the way they demonstrate our school values every day. Thank you to our staff members for helping make St Joseph's a happy and nurturing place for our students.

Staff for 2017

Principal – Mr Joe Dimech

Class teacher (3 days) – Mrs Mary-Jane Guest

Secretary - Mrs Sue Bell

Class teacher (2 days) – Mrs Merran Riley

Education Assistant (5 days) - Mrs Deanne Bostock

Minilit tutor (4 days) – Miss Brooke Cutmore



LAST DAY OF TERM

The students can come in mufti (home clothes) this Friday, December 16th. We will celebrate a successful year of learning at St Joseph's. The children will have the opportunity to sign Amica's and Nicola's sports shirts. Children are asked to bring in a shared lunch.

DONATION OF HAY

Thank you to Noel Vinecombe for the generous donation of two bales of hay. They'll be put to good use as mulch for a newly planted garden bed.



OLD LAPTOPS TO GIVE AWAY

We would like to give away our remaining six Windows XP laptops. These are no longer on the school's domain and have been cleared of files. The operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft as updates are unavailable. They are suitable as a stand alone device, playing DVDs, word processing or running CD Rom programs. Contact the office if you are interested.

This week's Advent candle reminds us of the Joy we experience at the coming birth of Jesus.

END OF YEAR BOOKS TO GO HOME

Could the children bring bags to school so they can take their books home.



*"Holy Spirit, come and bring my spiritual instincts to life.
Lord, I want to see your glory!"*



Thanks again to all for making 2016 a wonderful and rewarding year. The old adage *"It takes a village to raise a child"* is certainly true for St Joseph's. I wish every member of our school family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May the peace of Christ be with you during the Christmas season and may God bless you and keep you safe over the coming holidays.

Mr Joe Dimech

Have a pure heart and be faithful.

Mary MacKillop 1871





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Advent

This week is the third week in Advent. At Saturday evening mass we lit the pink coloured candle. This symbolises Joy: the "Shepherd's candle" reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. It is a different colour to the others because purple is a penitential or preparation colour for fasting, while pink is the colour of joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here.



We can relate to the pink colour of the candle symbolising joy like when parents get ready to bring a new baby home, they typically paint the baby's room pink or blue. They do this out of joy for to baby's arrival. In the same way, the priest wears pink and we light a pink candle to represent the joy we feel to welcome Jesus in Christmas.

Graduation Mass

On Wednesday at 12noon, we will have our final mass for 2016 as a school community. At this mass we will give thanks for the wonderful year we have had at St Joseph's, celebrate our Year 6 girls, Amica and Nicola as they finish their primary schooling and wish Sr Anita and Sr Yvonne all the best as they embark on new ministry and leave the Warialda community. All are welcome and invited to attend this celebration.

Care Packages

Last Thursday the children and SVDP ladies put together the care packages which we will be donating to the Warialda hospital for patients who come into hospital with no basic toiletries. We will go to the Hospital on Thursday at 11am to present these to the staff.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the SVDP ladies, Sr Yvonne, Sr Anita, Kay Power, Pam Power and Pat Carroll, for their constant support and involvement this year with Mini Vinnies. The children and I are truly thankful for the time you have given and your involvement.



Hamper Donations

Thank you to those who kindly made donations for the food hampers for the SVDP Christmas Appeal. Nicola and Amica presented these to the SVDP ladies on Thursday. If you would still like to make a donation of non perishable food items, please bring them into school by Wednesday.

Christmas Message

Wishing you all a very safe and Holy Christmas. May this Christmas fill your homes with the peace and joy of Christ. May this year, you come even closer to God. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Christmas and holiday blessings,

Mary-Jane Guest
Religious Education Coordinator



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SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATUALTIONS to Ella, Luca and Jasmine for receiving the Student Of The Week Award this week.



ADIG wish you & your family a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

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St Joseph's Canteen

& Cooking Roster Term 4

Friday December 16th Alisa Akins

Thank you to all the mums who volunteered for canteen duty this year.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Bingara Preschool 9:00am - 3.30pm

5yrs - 12yrs

There will be a bus leaving Warialda Visitor Information Centre at 8:30am and returning to Warialda at approx. 4:00pm daily. A Gwydir Shire Council Employee will accompany the children to and from Bingara Preschool daily. Children will need to bring a hat, morning tea, lunch and drink bottle.



When
Monday - Friday
9th January - 13th January 2017
Monday - Friday
16th January - 20th January 2017

\$10 per child per day or \$20 per family per day

Bookings for School Holiday Fun are essential as there are limited spaces available. Call Alyse Steiger on 0408454813 bookings and enquiries





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AMICA'S SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S SPEECH

Good Evening, students, teachers, parents and guests.

My name is Amica Cuell and I am the current St Joseph's School Captain.

Tonight I would like a few moments to tell you about my years at St Joseph's School and to say a big thank you to all the people who helped me get to where I am now.

We are nearing the end of another wonderful year at St Joey's, and unfortunately this is my last year here. It is amazing to think that I have been here for 7 years. The time has flown by so quickly and I wish I could stay here forever however now I have to move on from Primary School.

I want to thank all the teachers who have helped me through these 7 years at Joey's especially the one's who have taught me this year. Mr Dimech our Principal, Mrs Guest, Mrs Riley, Mrs Cover, Miss Cutmore and Mrs Bostock as well as all of the casual teachers, Mrs Grabham, Miss Starke, Miss Gartshore, Mrs Hyme and Mr Wisemantel.

I want to also Thank Mrs Bell and Mrs Woollett, for keeping the office going and looking after all of the students this year. We would all be lost without you. Thank you to the canteen ladies for coming in and operating our school canteen and providing us with delicious meals. The students really do appreciate it because there is only so many days we can eat sandwiches for lunch.

Thanks to our parents for enrolling your children at our wonderful school and for spending many hours fundraising and supporting our small, but beautiful school community.

I also want to say a special thank you to Sister Anita, Sister Yvonne and Father Abmar, who are sadly leaving us next year. They have done a wonderful job in our Parish, teaching us all in the way of Christ. I'm sure that on behalf of all the children we will dearly miss you. Through your time with our Parish you have helped to guide and nurture us to become compassionate and caring members of our community.

I'd like to say thank you to our Board and the P&F for keeping our school on it's feet. For helping decide what's right for our school and doing so many fundraisers. Without your generous support we would not have realised our dream of going to Sydney for our major school excursion. We had the best time in Sydney and we the memories we made will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

A big thank you to my Best Friend Nicola who has been there for me all these 7 years. You have provided me with friendship and support and I will be forever thankful.

Thanks to my beautiful little sister Jasmine who has been at Joey's with me for the past 5 years and I will miss not seeing you at School next year Jazzy. I look forward to you joining me at High School in 2 years.

Lastly I want to thank my Mum and Dad for sending me here in the first place. If they hadn't made the choice to send me to Joey's I would not be standing here before you tonight and I am sure I wouldn't be the person I am today.

I love Joey's and coming here has truly changed my life. Unbelievably I actually now look forward to coming to school every morning. Everyone here are friends and the the teachers make learning fun and everyone is like a great big family.

I am confident St Joseph's School has a very bright future and I am sure that all future students will continue the wonderful tradition of our school.

Thank you for coming tonight to help us celebrate our presentation evening and I hope you have a wonderful night.

I don't want to put you all to sleep too early so I will conclude my speech and once again thank you for being with us tonight.

