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Please add these
events and dates
to your Term Calendar

DATES

Thurs 23 Feb

Diocesan Regional
Swimming Carnival in
Moree

Welcome BBQ

Cptn Cook Pk, 6—8 pm

Tues 28 Feb

Shrove Tuesday
(Pancake Day)

Wed 1 Apr

Ash Wednesday
liturgy 12 noon

Fri 3 Apr

School's Clean Up
Australia Day

Tues 7 Mar

P&F AGM 5.30 pm

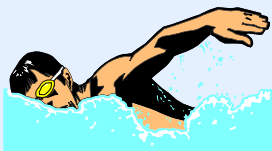
School Advisory Council
(School Board)
AGM 6.30 pm

Wed 8 Mar

Catholic Schools Week
Mass @ St Philomena's
Moree 11 am

Last Swimming Program Date

Our last
swimming lesson
will be on
Wednesday the 1st of
March.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last Wednesday we held our annual swimming carnival with Gravesend Public School. Congratulations girls and boys on your participation and sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parents for volunteering for jobs and a big thank you to Gravesend Public School for organising the event and for being great competitors.

Congratulations to Scarlett Smith for being named Junior Girl, Darcy Woollett being named Junior Boy and to Jasmine Cuell being named 11 Years Girl.



We wish Jasmine and Darcy all the best as they represent St Joseph's at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Moree which was held today.

Last week Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands, wrote to our senior leaders Jasmin Briggs and Jasmine Cuell to congratulate them on their leadership roles. The girls appreciate the leadership advice and words of encouragement.



Fr Joseph

Our new Parish Priest, Fr Joseph Armah, has been delayed by a few days and will arrive in Warialda by the weekend. He comes from a small fishing village in Ghana and has spent the last three years ministering to parishes in Moree and Tamworth. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish and school communities.

Welcome BBQ

We look forward to catching up with families at tonight's Welcome BBQ at Captain Cook Park from 6 to 8 pm.

A reminder:

- * that the P&F will supply the meat
- * that the staff will be providing the nibbles, paper plates and cutlery
- * to bring your own drinks and chairs.

Carmel Ann Stevenson, our parish representative on the School Board, and Sr Anne will be attending.

School Timetable

We've adjusted our mornings to maximise learning. Playground supervision begins at 8.30 am as this is generally the time students start arriving from buses. The students have free play on the tennis court. Morning Fitness will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Our weekly school assembly begins on Monday morning at 8.45 am. On Tuesdays to Thursdays students will move into class at 8.50 am for our Maths block.



Family Information Forms

A reminder that the Family Information forms that were sent out earlier this week are due on Friday 24th of February.

Blessings for the week ahead.
Joe Dimech
Principal

God gives me strength for what is necessary.

Mary MacKillop 1907



SCHOOL NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PARENTS ADVISORY BODY AGM

Our P&F will hold its annual AGM at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March.

Our School Board will hold its annual AGM at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 7th March.



ADIG STUDNET BANKING

Meg Lloyd from ADIG Armidale has sent some information regarding the changes to student banking.

Here is a brief summary:

Why is school banking changing?

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) are the government regulatory bodies responsible for banking services in Australia. These governing bodies have changed the rules governing Religious Charitable development funds. ADIG is a Religious Charitable development fund and was established to borrow and use money for the religious and charitable purposes of the Armidale Catholic Diocese.

What will happen with my child's Rainbow Club account?

Students with a Rainbow Club account will be able to continue Rainbow Banking until the end of 2017. Rainbow accounts will not be available after this time. Students are encouraged transfer to a **Student Saver account** throughout 2017.

What is a Student Saver account?

A Student Saver account is a 31 day notice account that may encourage long term savings. A Student Saver account is available for primary school students who wish to bank at school. This account replaces Rainbow Club Banking.

Families are asked to sign up for a Student Saver account. Current balances will be transferred to the new account. Students who wish to start banking will join the new Student Saver account. We will send out an information pack to all families whose children currently have a Rainbow Club account. Banking will continue to be on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to sign up to student banking through ADIG please see Mrs Bell.

MAGAZINES

We are in need of magazines for our junior students. We are after ones that contain pictures of people.

CLASS MUSEUM

The students of St Joseph's are looking at aspects of life and how these have changed from the time when their grandparents and parents were their age to the present day. We will explore such things as toys, clothes, family life, school life, recreation and technology. We will also set up a class museum of artefacts. We are after items that could be loaned to us for our museum. We would like old toys and games, books, pictures, photographs, items of clothing, examples of technology (telephones, typewriters, LP records, cassette tapes, cameras etc), currency (money) and other artefacts that show these aspects of life in the past.

We would love to hear from parents, grandparents and parishioners about life in the past. Please contact Mr Dimech or the school office on 6729 1328 if you would be prepared to talk to the students and or loan us artefacts for our museum.



ICAS

ICAS is an annual independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. St Joseph's students have taken part in ICAS in the past. The areas tested are: Technology, English, Maths, Science, Spelling and Writing. Over one million student from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand and 20 countries overseas participate in ICAS each year.

This year the school is registering the Year 2, 4 and 5 students for the Maths and Spelling assessments. Parents of primary students may request their child sit for other ICAS assessments. The schedule of fees and assessment dates are listed below. Contact Mr Dimech or Mrs Guest if you are interested.

ICAS SUBJECT	ICAS SITTING DATE	ICAS SUBJECT	PRICE*: AUSTRALIA (INC GST)
Digital Technologies	Tuesday, 23 May 2017	Digital Technologies	AUD 8.80
Science	Tuesday, 30 May 2017	Science	AUD 8.80
Writing	Monday, 12 June – Friday, 16 June 2017*	Writing	AUD 18.70
Spelling	Wednesday, 14 June 2017	English	AUD 8.80
English	Tuesday, 1 August 2017		
Mathematics	Tuesday, 15 August 2017		

SPORTS UNIFORM

A reminder that students should wear white socks with their runners or joggers and **not** black runner-like shoes.





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RE NEWS

Welcome BBQ

We are having our beginning of the Year Welcome BBQ on Thursday evening at Captain Cook Park from 6pm. The P&F will be donating the meat and the school staff will provide the nibbles. Please bring your own chair and drinks. We are looking forward to everyone coming together and meeting our new families.

Lent

Next Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Lent is a forty day period of preparation which leads up to the death and resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. During Lent, purple will be worn by Fr in the church and the altar will be also dressed in purple. Catholics are asked to fast from meat on Fridays and abstain from something during this period. Project Compassion Boxes will be sent home next week. We will have an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday the 1st of March at 12noon in the Church.



Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday were traditionally people would use 'luxury' items such as flour, eggs and milk to make pancakes. We will be having pancakes at school next Tuesday for morning tea and children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the pancakes to give to Project Compassion.



Catholic Schools Week

This year St Joseph's has been invited to attend and participate in Catholic Schools Week Celebrations which are to be held in Moree on Wednesday the 8th of March. The children will be travelling as a school in teacher's cars to attend the Mass and lunch. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,

Mary-Jane Guest

Religious Education Coordinator

For your Calendar:

The Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be on Saturday the 29th of July at 6pm.



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Jasmine and
 Darcy at Dio
 Swimming, Moree



to **Jasmine** for
 receiving the
 Student Of The Week
 award this week.



Role play in our
 Religion Lessons



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	24 th February		
Monday	27 th February	Danni Smith 0422594323	Danni Smith
Friday	3rd March		
Monday	6 th March	Sharon Cuell 0427291617	Sharon Cuell