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Term 1 2017

Week 7 Thursday 9th March

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Tues 14th & Wed 15th March

Mr Dimech and Mrs Guest at Lyn Sharratt PD in Armidale

Thurs 16th March

P&F Race Day Meeting 4.30pm

Fri 17th March

St Patrick's Day Mufti Day (wear green)

Sat 18th March

Family Mass 6pm (celebration of St Patrick and welcome for Fr Joseph) Dinner @ Warialda Golf and Bowling Club 7pm

Sun 19th March

St Joseph's Feast Day

Tues 21st March

St Joseph's Day Liturgy 10.30 am then morning tea 11.00 am

Mrs Guest @ REC day in Mungindi

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017 5-11 MARCH

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:
GREAT LEARNING
GREAT COMMUNITIES**

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Goodbye Ella

It is with sadness that we say farewell to the Ella this week. Ella's family are moving to Inverell and it's been a privilege to have played a role in her education.



Catholic Schools Week 6 – 12 March



St Joseph's Warialda participated in the Catholic Schools Week mass at St Philomena's Moree this week. This mass was traditionally held in Saints Mary and Joseph's Cathedral in Armidale in the past and this year Bishop Kennedy planned on celebrating it in the three deaneries of our diocese. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate Mass as part of a wider catholic community and to meet students from other schools in this part of the diocese. Our school leaders Jasmin Briggs and Jasmine Cuell brought the gifts to the altar at the offertory.

Clean Up Australia Day: School Friday 3rd March

St Joseph's students participated in the Clean Up Schools Day on Friday 3rd March. Mrs Riley reported that there was little rubbish to be found. Congratulations girls and boys in helping to keep our school and parish grounds tidy.

Professional Development 2017

CSO Armidale has engaged the services of Dr Lyn Sharratt from Ontario University Canada to work with school leaders for the next two years. Dr Sharratt's work with schools in our diocese will be based on her well known research contained in her book "Putting Faces on the Data". Lyn Sharratt's work focuses on instructional leadership by the principal and the leadership team and improving literacy and numeracy with particular emphasis given to assessment. Mrs Guest and I will away on Tuesday the 14th and Wednesday the 15th of March. We will attend further professional development in Terms 2, 3 and 4. Mr Mark Wisemantel will take the class on these days.

P&F Race Day Meeting

The P&F will hold a meeting at school on **Thursday the 16th of March at 4.30 pm** to discuss the 2017 Warialda Races. A representative from each family is asked to attend.

Family Mass

We will be holding a Family Mass on Saturday 18th of March at 6pm to celebrate our parish patron St Patrick and our school patron St Joseph. A smorgasbord dinner at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club has been booked for 7pm. The price is adults \$15 / head and children \$9 / head.

A thought for the first week of Lent:

The readings from mass last Sunday centred on sin and temptation. The first reading recounted the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and the Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11) told the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert.

This Lent choose one area where you face temptation and decide to make change happen. Use the example of Jesus and turn in prayer to God the Father when you are tempted. God will never abandon you; he is always ready to respond to you.

from the Chancery office, First Sunday of Lent reflection

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech
Principal



Reminder: Try to Fast on Friday's during Lent

*We must do the will of Him who we love.
Mary MacKillop 1874*



SCHOOL NEWS

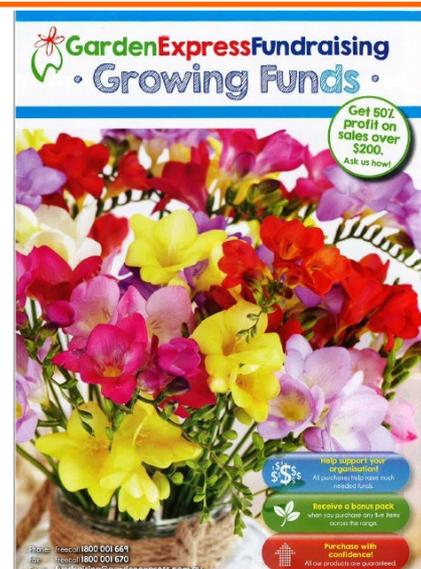
St Joseph P&F Garden Express Bulb Fundraising Drive

St Joseph P&F are holding a Garden Express Bulb Fundraising drive. Catalogues and orders can be made at St Joseph's School or Warialda Regional Australia Bank.

Order forms with payment need to be returned by the **5th April 2017**.

The Committee wish to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding your order please contact St Joseph's School or Sharon Cuell at Warialda Regional Australia Bank.

You will receive a special surprise bulb pack if you purchase any 5 individual packs or more!



CLASS MUSEUM

We are after old 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.

Catholic Schools Week Mass: Moree



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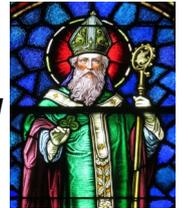
This week, all over Australia, catholic schools and communities will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The Diocese of Armidale takes this time to highlight the wonderful opportunities that Catholic schools provide, and to celebrate their distinctiveness and many achievements. The theme for CSW 2017 is '**Catholic schools: great learning, great communities**'. *Catholic education offers a sense of community, a faith dimension, value-based learning and social justice programs.*



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Last week we saw the end of ordinary time with Shrove Tuesday and welcomed the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. On Pancake Tuesday, the primary classes made platefuls of delicious pancakes. We had 3 visitors that day from the Catholic Schools Office and it was lovely for them to join the children for morning tea. We raised \$21.00 for Project Compassion from the gold coin donation for the pancakes.

On Wednesday we celebrated the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, with a liturgy and the marking of ashes. The children participated beautifully in the liturgy and accepted the ashes with great reverence.



St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day is next Friday the **17th of March**. *The children are invited to wear green clothing and accessories and bring in a gold coin donation. There will be some fun activities during the day at school.*

Family Mass

We would like to have a family mass at **6pm on Saturday the 18th of March** followed by a meal together. *The parish will be celebrating the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of the church. After mass we will come together for dinner at the Golf and Bowling club for a smorgasbord dinner. A note with more information and RSVP details will go home about this.*



St Joseph's Day

St Joseph's Day is Sunday the 19th of March. Since St Joseph, the stepfather of Jesus, is the patron Saint of our school and also the order in which Sr Anne is part of, we will be having a liturgy followed by morning tea on **Tuesday the 21st of March at 10:30am** at the school. *All are invited to attend this liturgy service and morning tea.*

Project Compassion

Martina's story -Timor-Leste

For Martina, an East Timorese mother of eight, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain. Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

"Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."



God Bless,
Mary-Jane Guest



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to Bree and Scarlette
 for receiving the
 Student Of The Week
 award
 this week.



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The Student Saver can help both you & your school save. Ask your school for information.

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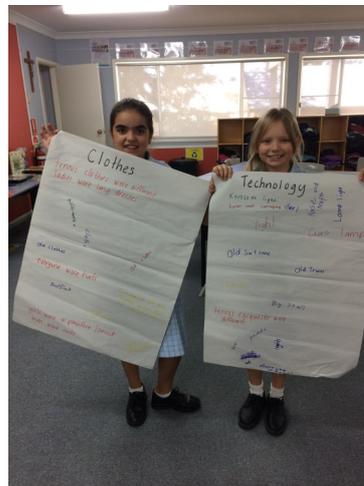


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Students retell the story of the Good Shepherd.

Students use picture books with a historical theme to learn about the past.



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Starting Monday 6th February Finishing Friday 7th April

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	10 th March	Alisa Akins	Alisa Akins
Monday	13 th March	Ange Plain	Ange Plain
Friday	17 th March		
Monday	20 th March	Sam Quarello	Sam Quarello