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**Term 1 2017**

**Week 8 Thursday 16th March**

**Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar**

## DATES

### 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

### Sun 26th March

Inverell Legacy President's Lunch 12.00 - 3.00 pm

## Term 2 Pupil-free Days

Monday April 24th  
Friday May 5th

The school will be closed on these days.

### Wed 3rd May (T2 W2)

Cross Country at school



ASA Photography has confirmed that school photos will be taken on **Thursday 27th April**. This is the first Thursday of Term 2.

The photos will be taken with the summer school uniform.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### P&F AND SCHOOL BOARD AGMS

We held our P&F and School Board AGMs last week. The Catholic Schools Office and the Catholic Diocese of Armidale has advised schools that from 2017 existing School Boards will be transitioned to School Advisory Councils. At the end of 2016 the Bishop's Commission ratified a new constitution and guidelines for school advisory bodies. This will result in a few changes to our existing board. There will be a name change this year from the St Joseph's School Board to the St Joseph's Transition School Advisory Council and a new AGM to be held in November (for all schools).

The results of last week's P&F AGM : Alisa Akins voted in as President, Lisa Moore voted in as Secretary and Sharon Cuell voted in as Treasurer. The results of last week's Transition School Advisory Council AGM : Colin Cuell voted in as Chairperson, Alisa Akins voted in as Secretary and Lisa Moore voted in as Treasurer. Congratulations on your election to these positions.

*Lord Jesus, you are with us as we commence our year's work.  
Help us to understand our importance in educating our children.  
And bless our partners; teachers and parents.  
Guide us in our decisions  
And open our hearts in friendship to each other.  
May we show particular care to those who are most in need.  
And may our decisions result in many benefits for the children who are in our care.  
Amen*



### WARIALDA RACES 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 school supporting the 2017 Warialda Races. A representative from each family is asked to attend as many hands make light work.



### Term 2 Pupil-free Days

Monday the 24th of April will be a Staff Development Day and as such the school will be closed. Anzac Day falls on Tuesday 25th of April this year and as part of our tradition, St Joseph's students will march in the morning parade in their summer uniform. The students of St Joseph's will return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday the 26th of April.

Friday 5th May has been scheduled as pupil-free day. The school will be closed as the staff will be attending the Catholic Core Principals and Values professional development day at St Philomena's Moree.

We reflect on last Sunday's gospel on the Transfiguration of Jesus ...  
*"Jesus, open my eyes to the glory that you displayed before Peter, James and John.  
Let that glory reign in my heart"*

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech

*How truly wonderful are God's ways and how little we understand them .*

*Mary MacKillop 1874*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

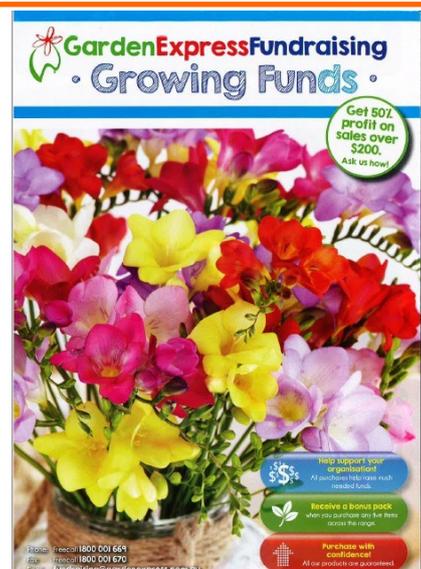
## SCHOOL NEWS

### St Joseph P&F Garden Express Bulb Fundraising Drive

St Joseph's P&F are holding a Garden Express Bulb Fundraising drive. Catalogues are available at the Warialda Information Centre and Warialda Newsagency as well as St Joseph's School and the Warialda Regional Australia Bank where orders can be placed.

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!



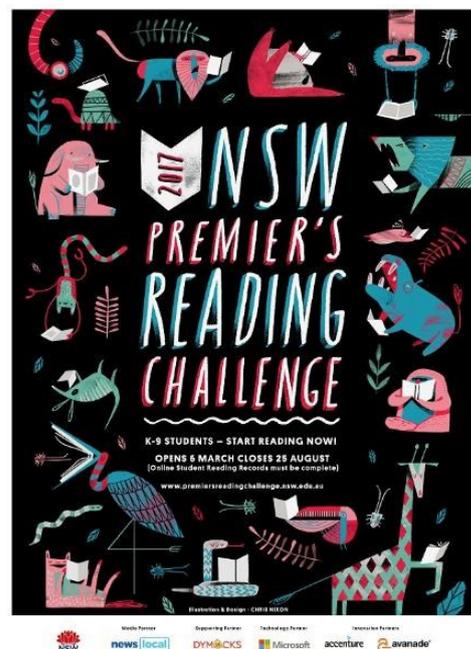
### 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students at St Joseph's have been enrolled in the 2017 challenge. This year they will keep a paper NSW PRC Reading Log at school and early next term they will enter their books online at school. The 2017 PRC closes on August 25th. Here are the rules for this year's challenge:

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9



You can view / download the booklist at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

The children will borrow the list books during library lessons and we are loaning some from the council library. I would encourage you to support your child / children in this worthwhile reading initiative. All St Joseph's students completed the challenge in 2016.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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



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### RE NEWS

#### Family Mass

This Saturday night, the **18th of March** we will be having a family mass followed by a smorgasboard Chinese dinner at the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. All families are welcome to attend. **Mass starts at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm.** Please ensure your RSVP note is returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you and look forward to seeing you all there.

#### St Patrick's Day

Tomorrow, the 17th of March is St Patrick's Day. Children can wear green clothing and are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for Caritas - Project Compassion. There will be some fun activities during the day at school.



#### St Joseph's Day

On Sunday, the 19th of March, we recognise and celebrate St Joseph's day. St Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. St Joseph is a special and highly recognised member of our school as we are named after him. We are also very blessed to have Sr Anne in Warialda, a sister of the St Joseph's order. To commemorate St Joseph, we will be having a liturgy at the school on **Tuesday the 21st of March at 10:30am** followed by a morning tea. All are welcome to attend the liturgy and the morning tea. The school will provide a cake for morning tea.

#### Project Compassion: Uncle Richard's story - Australia

First Australian Uncle Richard is a survivor of the Stolen Generations, forcibly removed from his family as a child and taken to Kinchela Boys Home (KBH) in NSW. Hundreds of Indigenous boys were incarcerated there between 1924 and 1970, suffering ongoing physical and verbal abuse. They lost every aspect of their identity – their names, their culture and their families.

When Uncle Richard left KBH, he struggled with the legacy of pain, trying to find relief through his work as an artist. But he attributes the beginning of his healing to something even more powerful than his creative work, his reconnection with former KBH boys.



The KBH Aboriginal Corporation (KBHAC) was established by KBH survivors to reunite with one another and begin healing. KBHAC's Unlocking the Past to Free the Future Program works to restore the social and emotional wellbeing of the survivors and their families. The former KBH boys have realised that their shared suffering has created a brotherhood. They support each other by sharing their stories, and coming to a common understanding of how their experiences have impacted on themselves and their descendants.

Through KBHAC, the men are also opening the door to the wider Australian community, inviting everyone to journey together as neighbours in the healing process. Caritas Australia supports KBHAC and is proud to walk alongside in partnership on the journey to wellbeing.

***"We can hopefully show the way for other people to learn from our pain.***

***And we're trying to be the leader, a role model for our kids." - Uncle Richard***

God Bless,  
Mary-Jane Guest  
Religious Education Coordinator



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Congratulations to the "Jazbots" and Mrs Guest for competing in the Inverell Toughen Up Challenge last Saturday.



## More photos from Catholic Schools Week



## St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 1

Starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Finishing Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	17th March		
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sam Quarello	Sam Quarello
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> March		
Monday	27th Marc h	Danni Smith	Danni Smith