



# St Joseph's Primary School

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**Term 2 2017**  
Week 6 Thursday 1st June

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

## DATES Term 2

### Sat 3rd June

Family Mass 5 pm followed by dinner @ the Royal Hotel 6pm

### Sun 4th June

Pentecost Sunday

### Tue 6th June

Rural Outreach Workshop #2  
1.30pm  
P&F 5.30 pm  
School Board 6.30 pm

### Tue 7th June

Mrs Guest @  
Leaders Of Pedagogy PD day

### Sun 11th June

Feast of the Holy Trinity

### Wed 14th June

ICAS Spelling assessment  
Year 2 - 5

### Fri 23rd June

Sacred Heart Mass at 12 noon  
School Reports sent home

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Our parish celebrated the annual Debutante Ball last Friday. This successful event was well attended and ten debutantes and their partners were presented to Matron of Honour Mrs Margaret Power and Fr Joseph who delivered a powerful speech on the importance of maintaining traditions. Thank you to Carmel-Ann and Don Stevenson for organising the ball and congratulations to Breeanna and Darcy for representing the school as flower girl and pageboy. They performed their roles with great maturity and were proud ambassadors of St Joseph's.



I'm forwarding a media release from our director Chris Smyth titled [Australia Needs Low Fee Paying School Systems for Parental Choice](#). The funding of schools has been in the media recently in light of the federal governments "Gonksi 2.0" funding model. In the release Chris argues the case for an equitable allocation of resources for all schools and points out the unique role Catholic schools play in educating students particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds. The media release is well worth reading.

Last week over 400 primary and secondary school principals together with staff from the 11 Catholic dioceses of New South Wales attended the biennial Association of Catholic School Principals Conference in the Hunter Valley. The opening keynote speaker was Cardinal John Dew from New Zealand and he set the tone for the conference by relating the theme **ENCOUNTER NEW HORIZONS** to Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si'** (On Care For Our Common Home) which was published in 2015. Cardinal Dew posed the question ...

*What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us,  
the children who are growing up now?*

and he summarised six challenges from Pope Francis :

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| 1 addressing pollution  | 2 the threat of climate change                     |
| 3 access to safe drinking water   | 4 the loss of biodiversity (extinction of species) |
| 5 the breakdown of society (overpopulation, energy consumption and waste) and |  |
| 6 global inequality (consumerism, an increase in poverty and refugees)        |  |

These problems are as relevant in our local community as well as globally. The Cardinal offered solutions to these global problems amongst which were taking personal responsibility for God's creation, recognising our impact on the environment, respecting the dignity of others by developing deeper relationships with our families, our community and the disadvantaged, and calling us to a change of heart by reshaping our habits and behaviour through reflection and prayer. These sit well within our diocese's Core Catholic Principals and Values. At the local level, St Joseph's students are taking steps to create a better world by being respectful of others and our environment, being actively involved with Mini Vinnies and living out the ideals of our school prayer ...

*May our faith be shown by the way we care,  
May we always turn to you in prayer.  
While we strive to do our best each day  
May we be like you in all we do and say.*

I'll share more reflections from the conference in coming weeks.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Joe Dimech  
Principal



God expects that we love one another.



### Vision Of Learning For St Joseph's Warialda

St Joseph's students are confident, independent, proactive and engaged in their own education. Students display a self-reflective, critical and inquiring mindset to the many learning opportunities provided.

They will display high self-efficacy by confidently engaging in collaborative learning and sharing their knowledge, prior and current, to develop new understandings.

All students will develop skills to assist them to contribute to our society and become lifelong learners. Teaching and learning at St Joseph's is founded on the Catholic Core Principles and Values of the Armidale Diocese.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Semester 1 Reports

We aim to send the Semester 1 reports on Friday 23rd June and will send home a separate note regarding parent and teacher interviews which will be held on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th of June.

### Winter Uniform and Cold Weather

A reminder that all students should wear their jumper or spray jacket before school as the mornings have become cold recently.



### Change In Arrangements For Going Home

A reminder for parents to contact the school office for any changes to arrangements in students going home. We have an "afternoon book" where we record the changed details such as students being picked up by a relative, carer or walking from school.

### Rural Outreach Inverell Workshop

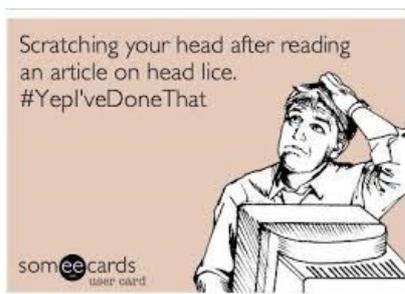
Last Tuesday, Kerianne Anderson from Rural Outreach Inverell visited St Joseph's to conduct the first of two workshops on student well-being. The students worked through a program on dealing with emotions and resilience and are to be commended on their participation.



### HEAD LICE

It has been brought to our attention that there is head lice in the town. Head lice are not currently at St Joseph's School.

While head lice are frustrating to deal with, they aren't dangerous. They don't spread disease, although their bites can make a child's scalp itchy and irritated. It is best to treat head lice quickly once they're found because they can spread easily from person to person.



## St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 2

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	2nd June	Lisa Moore & Therese Doeland	Therese Doeland
Monday	5th June	Sam Quarello	Sam Quarello
Friday	9th June		
Monday	12th June	<b>Public Holiday</b>	

### Family Mass

This **Saturday, the 3rd of June**, we will have our family mass and dinner. Mass will be at **5pm** followed by dinner at the **Royal Hotel**. Please make sure you have returned your RSVP note. We would love to see you and your family at the mass and joining with the parish community for mass and an evening meal.

### The Principle of Fidelity in Relationships

A few weeks ago, the staff travelled to Moree to attend the Bishops *Catholic Core Principles and Values Day*. The day focused on *Fidelity in Relationships*. Within our vision for the school and within the units we teach to the children, relationships between family and friends and especially with God, is a strong focus. Below are a few paragraphs from the *Catholic Core Principles and Values* document on **Sacredness of the Family**.

*The Catholic tradition proclaims that the human person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. For the proper formation of a just society each person must have a personal faithful relationship with Christ. This relationship will help form the foundation of all other human relationships particularly the relationships within the family.*

*The family is the original cell of social life<sup>15</sup> that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. In particular the Catholic ideal of faithfulness in relationships must be preserved and actively promoted. Catholics believe all human persons have a right and a duty to participate in society, working together for the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.*

### Winter Appeal

There are a number of large bags piling up in my office from people who have started to make generous donations for this years St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please continue to send in your items. In week 10 of this term, all the children will be taking down the donated items to the SVDP center to sort them. Children are also asked to donate something from their own cupboards. The children get a better understanding of what it is like to help and support another child of their own age when donating something of their own. Children are asked to find either a jumper, scarf, beanie or any warm item, to donate on the day. Thank you for your continued support and keep the donations coming!



Take care and God bless,

Mary-Jane Guest

Religious Education Coordinator

## SunSmart School Status

I am pleased to announce that we have been re-accredited with the NSW Cancer Council for the Sun Smart sun protection program.

Did you know that skin cancer is caused by exposure to the sun's ultraviolet radiation?

It's the UV (ultraviolet) radiation in sunlight that causes skin cancer, not the sun's heat or its brightness and UV rays harm the skin even in winter. In Australia we have access to a weather forecast and a UV alert. The UV alert tells us what the UV level is likely to be at different times of the day, and the maximum UV level for the day.

The students at St Joseph's Warialda always wear their approved hats, have access to sunscreen, sunglasses and shade areas while outside. In times of extreme weather they play under the COLA or the school hall.

The free SunSmart app for smart phones is the quickest way to check the UV levels for your local area. You can download it from the iTunes app store or Google Play.



**Congratulations to**  
**St Joseph's Primary School Warialda**

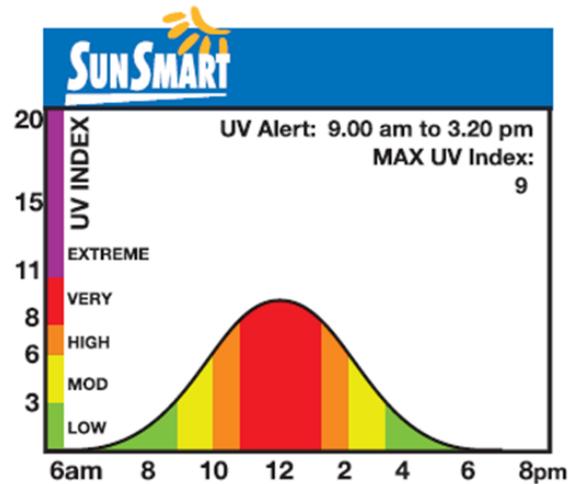
on your membership of the SunSmart Program.

Cancer Council NSW is committed to working with your school community to increase skin cancer awareness and to implement your comprehensive sun protection policy.

Your SunSmart Policy represents an important step in giving your students and staff a healthier future and creating good habits for life.

Signed: The SunSmart Team  
SunSmart Project Officer

**Your SunSmart Membership is due for renewal on:**  
12/05/2020



**Slip** **Slop** **Slap** **Seek** **Slide**

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer



Have you made your poster yet?

Our **Super Student Saver Competition** is closing soon so get your entries in to your teachers quickly.

You can win a prize for you AND your class as well as having your poster displayed all through the diocese!

Competition closes June 16, 2017.

Join us and make a difference



**CONGRATULATIONS**

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

