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Term 3 2017 Week 5 August 18th

Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Fri 18 Aug

Diocesan Athletics in Tamworth

Thurs 24 Aug

CWA Nepal event in Town Hall Year 2 - 5 10 am

Fri 25 Aug

Father's Day Stall

Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sept

Small Schools Camp for Years 4 & 5 at Lake Keepit

Tue 5 - Thurs 7 Sept

Book Fair

Thurs 7 Sept

Book Character Dress Up Day and Pre-School Visit 9 to 11 Kinder Transition

Friday 8 Sept

Bishop Michael Kennedy visit to school and Confirmation Retreat

Saturday 9 Sept

Lunch with Bishop Kennedy midday in school hall

Sun 10 Sept

Confirmation 9:30am

BOOK WEEK AT ST JOSEPHS' 4-7 SEPTEMBER

'If you truly want to escape this reality all you have to do is open a book and



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last week Mrs Guest and I joined the leadership teams of all Catholic schools in our diocese for professional development with Dr Lynn Sharratt from the University of Toronto (Canada) and Dr Kate O'Brien from Sydney Catholic Schools. We developed further our understanding of assessment and using student data to improve learning for all students. Earlier this year, CSO Armidale began a two year PD program based on Lynn's book PUTTING FACES ON THE DATA where each student is named and recognised as capable of learning at a high level. Some of our new understandings that we will develop with St Joseph's students are setting learning intentions for all subjects (knowing what I am learning), co-writing success criteria (the skills I need to know that I am successful), developing learning goals and using descriptive feedback. It was a worthwhile experience and the two days provided many opportunities for networking with other school teams.



Last Tuesday we celebrated feast of Mary's Assumption at midday Mass. This belief of our Catholic faith teaches us that Mary "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". Pope Pius XII declared this dogma (religious truth) in 1950 and the date of August 15th, celebrated for this feast day, dates back to the 5th Century when the Mother of God was celebrated each year on this date in a shrine in Jerusalem.

https://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2011/2011812_1809.shtml

Thank you to the Warialda Preschool for inviting us to be part the 'African Experience' performance last Thursday. The children had a great time listening to Teri share her knowledge of Africa, dressing up in tradition type clothing, dancing and role playing in daily African activities and customs, such as hunting and cooking. Everyone had a wonderful time.



This term all Catholic schools in the Armidale diocese will be sitting for the NAPLAN online readiness test. Next week our Year 5 students will undertake the practice online NAPLAN tests. The results will have no bearing on the NAPLAN paper test that was conducted in Term 2 as the aim of the readiness program is to test computer hardware, web browsers and the school's internet connection in preparation for NAPLAN online rollout in 2018.

SCHOOL SURVEY 2017

The MySchoolSurvey School Improvement survey will be emailed to all parents on **28th of August** and you will have until the 8th of September to complete it. We will have access to the results on the 18th of September. Thanking you in anticipation.

CWA NEPAL DAY

Our students have been learning about Nepal for Geography this term and our Year 2 to Year 5 students have been working on a research project on Nepal for the CWA Day. All St Joseph's students will attend the CWA day in the Town Hall on **Thursday August 24th** to view the school presentations. Our Kinder and Year 1 students will return to school after this and Years 2, 4 and 5 will stay for lunch and a talk from the guest speaker. CWA has asked students to bring a coin (any denomination) to go towards their "Hands for Friendship" appeal. Local area walking excursion permission forms were signed by parents earlier this year.



Blessings for the week ahead.

Mr Joe Dimech

Principal

Be patient and work generously in the service of our Divine Lord.



SCHOOL NEWS

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is well under way. The completed sticker sheets can be dropped off at the Collection Box at your local Woolworths supermarket or at school. We are also happy to accept the stickers as every little bit counts. Help support St Joseph's by asking your family, friends and neighbours! Extra Earn & Learn sticker sheets are available from the office.



FATHER'S DAY EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Our P&F Father's Day Stall will be held on **Friday the 25th of August** as our primary students will be away at the Small Schools Camp the week before Father's Day. The gifts will be **\$6 each**. Children can bring their money in an sealed and clearly marked envelope prior to this date if you wish and be taken to the office.



We will host a **Father's Day BBQ Breakfast at 8:30am on Tuesday 5th of September 2017** followed by a short liturgy at 9 am. Make sure dad can get the morning off work so we can cook them a BBQ Breakfast to say 'Thanks' for being a great dad!

BOOK WEEK 2017

The theme for Children's Book Week 2017 is [ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE](#). This year's logo was created by award-winning children's picture book Freya Blackwood. Freya was born in Orange and once worked at the Weta Workshop in New Zealand on The Lord of the Rings trilogy. She illustrates for well know authors like Libby Gleeson, John Heffernan and Margaret Wild and we have a number of books with her illustrations in our library. The logo shows four children riding on a whale in the sky accompanied by a flying mermaid.



St Joseph's students may come dressed as:

- * their favourite book character or
- * a character from one of the 2017 shortlisted books.



Students are asked to bring the book that their character is based on to school.

This year the Dust Jacket, Inverell will host our Book Fair and this will run from September 5th to 7th. We'll have an indication of book prices closer to the date. Thursday September 7th is our Book Character Dress Up Day with Warialda Pre-School.

Hearing Students Read

We are inviting and looking for parents, grandparents and family friends who have sometime to spare to come and listen to our students read each day. If you have time to spare, you are welcome to come and join us in the classroom to work with the children. Please contact Mr Dimech if you are able to assist.



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RE News

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, the 15th of August, we had mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. On this day, Mary rose into heaven, body and soul. Thank you to the children and parishioners for attending the mass. The Feast of the Assumption is still seen as a Holy day of Obligation by the church.



Bishop Michael visit

Bishop Michael Kennedy will be visiting our Parish and School on **Friday the 8th to Sunday the 10th of September**. During his time in Warialda, Bishop Kennedy will be involved in many occasions and meeting people within the school, parish and community. To welcome Bishop Michael to the parish, we will host a lunch for him on **Saturday the 9th of September from 12noon** in our school hall. This will be a low key and relaxed lunch, with people bringing a salad or dessert to share. We will order cold cuts of sliced meat from the butchers for everyone.

You are all invited to attend the lunch with the Bishop. A note went home last week about the day. Could you please return the note to school as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend on the Saturday, maybe you can help set the hall up with tables and chairs on Friday afternoon from 3:30pm.

Confirmation Lessons

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on **Sunday the 10th of September** at 9:30am. Lessons will be on the next two Tuesday's: the 22nd and 29th of August from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

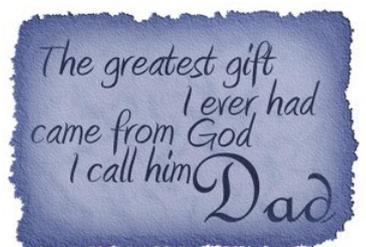
Mini Vinnies

Michael O'Kane from Vinnies in Armidale visited our school on Tuesday. We discussed upcoming events with Mini Vinnies, a combined day with other Mini Vinnies groups and Appeals. Thank you to Michael for coming to visit our school.

Father's Day

On **Friday the 25th of August**, the P&F will be holding a stall at lunch time to sell items to the children to purchase for their dads. Gifts will be \$6 each.

On **Tuesday the 5th of September from 8:30am**, we are inviting all dad's and grandfather's to come to the school for a BBQ breakfast followed by a short liturgy. Please ensure dad's have this date in their calendar so they can join with the children to celebrate and say thank you to them for being important men in their lives.



God bless,

Mary-Jane Guest
Religious Education Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

to Izabel Smith
for receiving the
Student Of The Week
Award this week.



African Experience



Uniforms

The new jumpers, vests, skirts
and pants are now available
to purchase from the school office
on Monday's and Tuesday's.

Price List

Jumpers \$27.00

Vests \$25.00

Skirts \$25.00

Girls Pants \$15.00

Boys Pants \$15.00



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 3

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Friday	August 18	Diocesan Athletics	
Monday	August 21		
Friday	August 25	Lisa Moore	
Monday	August 28	Small Schools Camp	Years 4 and 5
Friday	September 1	Small Schools Camp	Years 4 and 5