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Please add these  
events and dates  
to your Term Calendar

## TERM 2 EVENTS

**Thurs 28 June**

School Photos  
**winter uniform**

**Fri 29 June**

Semester 1 reports sent  
home  
**sports uniform**

**Thurs 5 July**

Parent - Teacher  
Interviews 9 am to 5pm

**Mon 2 July**

Gymnastics Showcase  
Afternoon 2.20 - 3.00 pm

**Fri 6 July**

NAIDOC Mass @ midday  
**Last day of Term 2**

## TERM 3 EVENTS

**Mon 23 July**

Pupil Free Day **no school**

## School Photos

**Thursday 28th of June**

**winter uniform**



## Pupil Free Day

**Monday 23rd July**  
**No School**

Pupil Free Day

**Happy Birthday**  
to Darcy who turns  
11 this week.



**Term 2 2018**  
**Week 9 Tuesday 26th June**

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Last week the Catholic Schools Office conducted our School Audit on behalf of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). This consisted of eight CSO staff who worked in teams to look at our finances, work health and safety, plant and facilities, student attendance, child protection, teacher accreditation, record keeping and curriculum. We were given verbal feedback on the day and received immediate praise for our office administration, immaculate grounds and Religious Education and Maths programs. I wish to convey my deepest thanks to all staff members of St Joseph's for their tireless work in preparing the documentation and maintaining our compliance. Well done all!



Our Year 6 leaders Jasmin Briggs (school captain) and Jasmine Cuell (sports captain) were proud to wear their Year 6 graduation shirts for sport last week. The girls came up with the design and we thank our P&F for their sponsorship.



**LEGENDS OF YEAR 6**

**2018**



## Semester 1 Reports and Parent - Teacher Interviews

Semester Reports will go home this Friday. We are sending home copies of the [Parents Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses \(incorporating the Australian curriculum\)](#) with your child's reports. In the Common Grade scale A-E, a grade of C describes a student who has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills for the stage of learning they are in at this point in time. In English we use running records and PM Benchmarks to assess reading and comprehension. In writing we use the NAPLAN marking guides that focus on ten areas of writing such as sentence structure and vocabulary. In Mathematics we use the pre and post test data from our online Essential Assessment as well as the Schedule for Early Number Assessment (SENA). Other key learning areas use a wide range of assessment tools including skills checklists, the Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and the PAT Comprehension and Maths data. A reminder to return your interview booking form by Wednesday June 27th so we can organise the schedule.

## School Fees

It would be gratefully appreciated if all families can make a contribution to their school fees by the end of the term.

## School Photos

Our school photos will be on Thursday the 28th of June. The students will need to wear their complete winter uniform and sport will take place on Friday. A reminder that girls should wear either sleeper or stud earrings and no other jewellery. Could you please return the envelopes together with payment by Wednesday 27th of June.

## 2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 and all other grades. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office and can also be emailed upon request.

God bless you in the week ahead.

Joe Dimech  
Principal

*Remember God is merciful,  
and wants you to trust in His mercy.  
Mary MacKillop 1876*





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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Pupil Free Day

We will be having a Pupil Free Day on the first day of Term 3, Monday the 23rd July, as the staff will be updating their first aid and CPR qualifications as well receiving training in asthma and anaphylaxis.

#### Gymnastics Showcase Afternoon

Our last lesson with the Dance Fever gymnastics teachers will be on Monday the 2nd of July. Ash and Corey will lead Joey's students in a showcase of the gymnastic skills taught this term. We invite all families and friends of St Joseph's to our school hall at 2.20 pm.

#### Athletics Carnival

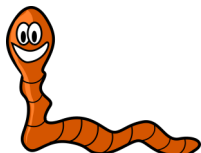
Our Athletics Carnival with St Joseph's Barraba will be on Friday the 10th August. The venue for the carnival is the Barraba Rugby and Sports Club. We will run the 800 metres race and high jump at school prior to attending the carnival. Further details to follow early next term.

#### World of Maths Roadshow

Mrs Helen Young, principal of Warialda High School, has invited Stage 3 students from St Joseph's to a World of Maths Roadshow on Tuesday the 3rd of July. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how Maths is applied to some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various Maths principles which are part of the curriculum. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

#### Crunch & Sip

A reminder that Crunch & Sip will take place at the start of our morning literacy block. It lasts for 5 minutes and we ask families to send fresh **fruit** and or **vegetables, cut up ready to eat**. All children should bring their water bottle to sip from in the classroom. This will ensure we are on schedule and that our literacy block learning time is maximised.



#### Worm Tea

We are about to launch the campaign for selling our worm tea (waste water and castings from our worm farm). We are in need of 600 ml plastic bottles (water, soft drink) to use to sell our product. The children ask if you could collect and send clean and washed bottles to school. Customers will be asked to return empty bottles of worm tea for recycling.

#### Cans and Bottle Recycling

We are collecting recyclable cans and bottles to support our Stage 3 children for their Canberra excursion. We ask that students only bring plastic water, juice or soft drink bottles or uncrushed soft drink cans to school and that parents who wish to donate cans or glass bottles from alcoholic beverages to drop these off at the school office.



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

Day	Date	Canteen Roster	Cooking Roster
Tuesday	3rd July	Ange Plain	Ange Plain
Friday	6th July	Alisa Akins	Alisa Akins





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## REC NEWS

### Thanksgiving Lunch and Mass for the Sisters of St Joseph

Last Saturday Fr Paul McCabe (retired priest and former Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier's Moree) led a reflection session for the Josephite associates and parishioners in thanksgiving for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph. He delivered a thought provoking sermon on the values of liberty, justice and equality and used the examples of the French, Russian and Communist Revolutions to argue the point that ideals are often corrupted and often end in misery and suffering. He preached that St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was a true prophet of Christ and that the Sisters who pioneered schools like St Joseph's endured many personal hardships in bringing the Catholic faith to the bush. We look forward to many more sermons from Fr Paul as he acts as relieving priest when Fr Joseph attends a delegation of priests from our diocese to Africa with Bishop Kennedy in August.



The lunch for the Sisters was a great success with nuns, clergy, parishioners and guests attending packing our hall; over 80 people were in attendance! The following Sisters were present: Sr Anita Vagg, Sr Petra Reyes, Sr Margaret Cusack, Sr Mary Ellen Griffin, Sr Jennifer Scully (who was the last Sister to be principal of St Joseph's), Sr Anne Gibson, Sr Mary Quinlan and Sr Magdalen McDonald. Frs Joseph and Paul McCabe and as well as Fr Roel and Fr Thaddeus from Sacred Heart Inverell were present. A big thank you to Carmel Ann and Don Stevenson, Trish Coulton and Phillip Ledingham for preparing the meals. There were many speeches after lunch from our parishioners as well from members of Warialda's Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian communities; such was the love and admiration for the Sisters. I played recordings of our students to those present. Gabbie and Luca gave out placemats to the Sisters that the children made. Gabbie and Luca led the Sisters and visitors on a tour of our school. Well done!



On Sunday we celebrated a beautiful Mass with Father Joseph and Sr Jan Baker from Mungindi, Sr Mary Ellen O'Donoghue (Regional Leader) and Sr Therese Conroy from Quirindi joining us. Sr Anita and Sr Anne played the organ Sr Mary Ellen addressed the congregation after Mass. The Sisters, parishioner and guests joined in morning tea in the church grounds after Mass.

### NAIDOC Mass

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with St Joseph's by attending Mass with us on Friday the 6th of July at 12 noon. You are also invited to join the children for lunch then stay for a showcase of learning including dance using traditional aboriginal steps and instruments. The 2018 theme for **NAIDOC week is "Because of her we can!"**. This year's theme celebrates the essential role that women have played - and continue to play - as active and significant role models at the community, local, state and national levels.

<http://www.naidoc.org.au/>



May St Mary of the Cross MacKillop intercede and guide us,

Joe Dimech

Religious Education Co-ordinator





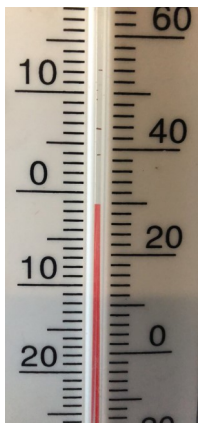
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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Darcy for receiving the Student Of The Week award for following school rules last week. Scarlett also received an award for her homework and Isabel, Lathan and Gabbie received awards from Miss Logan for their success last week in MinilLit.



It was cold enough for our bird bath to freeze last week



The children enjoyed two plates of fresh fruit that was left over from Thursday's Audit



Students collaboratively demonstrate the solar system



Isabel discovered odd numbers by building steps using blocks



Miss Jennifer leading a Guided Reading lesson

**School Holiday Activities**  
 Monday - Friday  
 16th July - 20th July

Fees for School Holiday Fun are  
 \$10 per child per day or \$20 per family per day.  
 Call Alyse Steiger for all bookings and enquiries  
 on 0408454813



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