

### From the Principal...

This Saturday is St Patrick's Day and next Monday is the Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be attending Mass at 9:30am on Monday 19th March and be holding a Disco from 2pm to 3:15pm in the afternoon. All families are invited to attend Mass and come back for the disco in the afternoon.

Last Wednesday we held our Annual General Meeting for our school's Parent, Teacher and Friends Committee. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the meeting. At the meeting we celebrated the success of the 2017 committee and elected the 2018 committee. It is with pleasure that I announce below the committee for 2018 and urge our whole school community to support and get behind the initiatives of the PT&F and attend the monthly meetings...as the work this school body does benefits all children of St Joseph's.

#### 2018 PT&F Committee:

President: Cindy Teuma; Vice Presidents: Rikki Tetley & Damien Brown; Secretary: Coral Seymour; Treasurer: Crystal Bratley; Fundraising Officer: Cindy Teuma; Canteen: Rikki Tetley

NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 & 5 students will be held as usual in Term 2, but will be conducted online (writing will still be pen and paper this year.) A practice test will be held next week on Wed 21st and Thu 22nd March. Please note this practice test is not the test and we don't receive results. The practice is about making sure the computer systems work correctly and students have had an opportunity to experience the online platform (See newsletter attachment for more information.)

As a Diocese, all schools are moving to a new email domain by the end of Term 2. Without going into all the technical details (as I don't understand them all myself) the main point is that all staff now have new email addresses. If you need to contact your class teacher via email please use the new email addresses below. In saying this, if you do send an email to the old address it will be forwarded to the new address, but only until the end of next term.

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Administration email: This will remain the same for the time being.

It is timely also to remind that teachers check their emails at least once a day and will respond to emails as soon as possible. Please don't expect teachers to be checking emails at night and/or responding to emails straight away. If it is something important that needs to be communicated urgently, please phone or catch the teacher before or after school (not when they are on duty please.)

Road safety is everyone's business. Below are some reminders for pickup and drop offs at school.

- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in the school zone as children are about.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians using the Children's Crossing. When the red flags displaying the words CHILDREN CROSSING are used, drivers must slow down and halt before the stop line when a pedestrian is on the crossing or waiting to cross – and remain stopped until all pedestrians leave the crossing
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road if possible. If you have to park on the church side, take the time to walk your child across the road using the designated CHILDREN CROSSING
- When dropping or picking children up, be aware of other reversing cars. Parents need to get out of the car and supervise children entering or exiting the car.

Good luck to all the children who will be attending the Willow Tree Horse Sports Day on Friday. We know you will have a great day and represent your school with pride.

Finally we have had a great response to enrolments for kinder 2019 after last week's newsletter. If anyone knows of any families who may wish to enrol at our school for this year or in 2019, please advise them to contact the school to receive an enrolment pack.

  
Principal

Don't forget to follow us on  @stjosephsschoolquirindi

### ADMIN NEWS

**Notes:** Please return all Email notes and Cross Country notes via Qkr (and any other outstanding notes tomorrow.)

**Travel:** Change of afternoon travel arrangements must be made before 3pm. We can not guarantee that messages can be given after this time.

#### Qkr! App...pronounced Quicker

Things you can do and pay for on the Qkr! App.

- School Fees
- UNSW ICAS papers for Years 3 - 6
- Mothers Day Stall \$9.00
- School Sport
- Uniform Items
- Absentee Notes
- Canberra Excursion
- Permission notes

#### McCarthy Enrolments for Year 7 in 2019

McCarthy Catholic College extends an invitation for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2019. Year 7 applications will close on Monday 9 April. Fully completed application forms and the \$100 application fee need to be lodged at the College on or before Monday 9 April. Contact McCarthy Enrolment Officer, Mrs Jo O'Brien, on 6761 0802 or [jobrien1@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jobrien1@arm.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

#### We now have a Coles Box in the office

We are registered for Coles Sports for Schools. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that our school can exchange for sports gear. The more vouchers you collect, the more sports gear we can receive. Start collecting and send vouchers into school today because the race is on!

### PT&F NEWS

- THE CANTEEN WILL NOT RUN THIS WEEK.
- Fundraising for this term will consist of an Easter Raffle which will be drawn on 29th March.
- Easter Egg Raffle donations are being collected at the front office.
- Volunteers are needed for School Cross Country BBQ on the 12th of April. Please contact the office if you can help.
- Patty Cake Mondays.....50c each.

#### Attachments:

- Saving word
- Cross country note
- Lenten reflection
- PTF/AGM Minutes
- Basketball/Rugby/ABS Training/ Canter Notes
- NAPLAN Online Parent Information - Yr 3 & Yr 5 Families



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### CLASSROOM NEWS

#### Canberra Excursion for Years 5 and 6 (Wk5 Term 4 Mon 12th Nov to Fri 16th Nov 2018)

At this point we do not have a final amount for the excursion as this depends on how much fundraising is done by students and families in 5/6. We do know that through the generosity of the PT&F and strategic school budgeting for the biannual excursion, the cost is already under \$500. This was the same initial cost as the Sydney excursions in 2016 and through fundraising efforts by 5/6 parents that year, three hundred dollars was deducted from each child's total payment to attend. I am sure with the same commitment to fundraising in 2018 we can also slash the cost. You can start making part payments now if you would like, to defray the cost over the coming months. Included with this newsletter is the itinerary for the excursion.

A year 5/6 fundraising meeting will also be arranged by Miss Bale in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for this communication and get involved.

### SPORT NEWS

Rugby Viva 7's starts this week for primary children. All children will start training here at school for the cross country which will be held on Thursday the 12th of April. This year our school cross country will be held on Thursday the 12th of April. We will also be having a bbq on that day. \$5.00 will cover the cost of a sausage sandwich and a popper. We will be walking the course for sport on Friday the 6th of April. This coincides with winter trials but most children will already know the course and it is not difficult to follow for those who don't.

#### The Voices of Autism - Free Online Course 30th April – 1st June

#### Torrens MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)

Voices of Autism MOOC is a completely free online course available to anyone who is interested in learning more about the day-to-day needs of a person with autism and their family.

The Education team have created this course to raise awareness of an often-misunderstood condition. We use a design-thinking framework to develop problem-solving skills for increased knowledge and understanding of autism. We believe that real inclusion in Education brings real change.

This 5 week course will require approximately 2 hours online, on-demand, per week.

At the end of the 5 weeks you will receive a certificate of completion.

For those wanting Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to credit further study in our autism courses, you will need to complete a final project and pay a fee of \$75 for the academic certificate.

**Register before 16 April online at <https://goo.gl/Ta9CcW>**





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13th March 2018

## Welcome to Week 7, Term 1 2018

**Dates to remember...**

**Week 7:** Please return the email information note sent home last week

**Tuesday 13th** Mini Vinnies Elections

**Wednesday 14th** Rugby Viva 7 Sessions for Primary children. Primary students will begin Rugby Viva 7 sessions on Wednesdays here at school with NSW Rugby Development Officers. **Primary students will need to wear their sports uniforms on Wednesdays as well as Fridays until the end of Term.** Infants will continue to have sport on Fridays only.

**Thursday 15th** Selective High Schools Test

**Friday 16th** Canteen: **NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK**  
Willow Tree Horse Sports  
Sports Day for everyone - Cross Country Training at school

**Week 8**

19th Feast of St Joseph's - Whole School Mass 9:30am  
Disco 2:00pm to 3:15pm  
Patty Cakes: Crystelle B, Jessica S, Ame B

21st Harmony Day  
School Advisory Council Meeting 6pm  
Rugby Viva 7 sports sessions for Primary Students

23rd Canteen: Jenni Hird  
Sports Day for everyone - Cross Country Training at school

**Week 9**

26th Patty Cakes: Rachel C, Rikki T, Rachel A

27th Book Club LOOP orders are due by today

28th Rugby Viva 7  
Easter Raffle Tickets due today and drawn 29th March

29th Holy Thursday

30th Good Friday

**1st April - Daylight Savings Ends**

**Week 10**

2nd Easter Monday

4th Rugby Viva 7 sports sessions for Primary Students

6th Diocesan Winter Trials Inverell  
Canteen: Vicki Flett  
Whole School Cross Country Practice run/walk  
**\$2.00 for the bus**

**Week 11**

9th Patty Cakes: Nyola D, Richelle D, Sally D  
John Rattley Planet Rhythm Performance -

**McCARTHY TAMWORTH- FINAL DAY TO LODGE PAYMENT & ENROLMENT FORMS FOR STUDENTS SEEKING ENROLMENT INTO YR 7 2019**

11th Rugby Viva 7  
Orders for Cross Country BBQ are due today

12th School Cross Country  
\$2.00 for the bus  
\$5.00 for a sausage sandwich and a popper

13th Final day of Term 1  
Canteen: Laura Marheine

25th ANZAC Day

**Term dates for 2018**

13th Final day of Term 1  
30th April Term 2 Commences  
6th July Term 2 concludes  
23rd July Term 3 commences  
28th September Term 3 concludes  
15th October Term 4 commences  
21st December Term 4 concludes

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