



St Joseph's School

Newsletter

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Students of the Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Industrial Action

You would have seen in recent media reports industrial action is being taken in some catholic schools on Monday 4th December 2017 between 8.30am and 12.30pm. I have been advised by staff at St Joseph's that they will be taking part in this industrial action.

The school will remain open, however, as a result of this industrial action, there will be minimal supervision for students on Monday 4th December between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

Parents are requested to make alternative arrangements during those times, if that is at all possible.

School Advisory Council AGM

Last week we held our Catholic School Advisory Council Annual General Meeting. The following members of our school community have been appointed the following positions.

Chairperson John Bishton, staff representative Maria Wilson, secretary Kate Groth, treasurer Ange Croll and additional members Carly Lott, Emily Bowman and Mel Bowman. I look forward to working with this committee, as we strive to achieve a common goal of making our school the best it can be! We will meet once a term and encourage members of our school community to attend, even though the structure of the committee has changed, there is still opportunity for parents to discuss their ideas.

Thank you!

On Thursday the 7th of December we will be holding a thank you morning tea for all parents who have volunteered in the classrooms and canteen this year. Our parish women will be serving a delicious morning tea. If you receive an invitation this week, we'd love to show our appreciation of your support.

Leadership speeches

Children currently in year 5 are invited to present a speech for school and house captains next week. School captain speeches will be held on Tuesday 5th December and house captain speeches will be Friday the 8th.

The school and house captains for 2018 will be announced at our presentation night.

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Advent Masses

Father Joseph would like to invite families along to the four Advent masses leading up to Christmas. These will be held on Sunday the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of December @ 10am. It would be lovely if a different family each week could light the Paschal candle together.

Schedule so far

3rd - Anderson Family, 10th ?, 17th McDouall Family, 24th ? I'm still looking for two families. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to put your name down for a Sunday.

End of year Mass

We have scheduled an 'end of year mass' for Tuesday the 5th December @ 5pm to farewell our year 6's and reflect on a wonderful year. All families are welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

All classrooms have a Christmas basket in which students are invited to place a small gift for this year's St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Please consider sending along something that those less fortunate than us would appreciate on Christmas day. Food items or a new toy would be most appreciated. Thank you to those who have already sent items in!

Thank you, Rachel Caskey

Students of the Week

K/1/2	Chloe McMurtrie	A positive attitude towards her work
3/4	Sybella Bowman	Showing initiative in producing quality work
5/6	Matt Gallagher	A positive attitude towards learning



Canteen Roster Term 4

DATE	VOLUNTEERING
Tuesday 5 December	Ange & Kate
<u>Monday 11 December</u>	Geraldine & Tania



Barraba's Annual Community Christmas Carols

Sunday 10th December 6pm

@ Youth Centre

Students from both schools will be performing two songs together on the evening.

Thank you to the Uniting Church for organising this event for 2017.

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2019 Non-government schools.

If there are any interested parents looking at sending their child to a selective high school in 2019 please check the link below for more information.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Uniforms

As the end of term draws closer, we are asking ALL parents/children to please check carefully that all your uniforms have YOUR name on them and you haven't picked anyone else's up by mistake. There still seems to be a lot of lost property in the uniform basket and we would really like this to be empty by the end of term.

Also the uniform shop will be open Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December if anyone is looking at purchasing uniforms for 2018.

School Photos

If anyone would like to order a whole school photo you can log onto www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and use the access code 17S887EL38S. All orders must be received by 4/12/17. Also for any Yr 6 parents wanting to order any extras you can use these same details.

Library

Mrs McDouall needs the library books returned for stock take. Please return all borrowed library books ASAP.

Term 4 Calendar

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Week 8</u>	27 Dio Summer Trials - Gunnedah	28	29 Kinder Transition Day SWIMMING	30 SWIMMING	1 Dec SWIMMING
<u>Week 9</u>	4	5 School Captains Speeches End of year Mass 5pm Year 6 farewell dinner 6pm	6 SWIMMING Centacare visit	7 SWIMMING Thankyou Morning Tea for volunteers	8 SWIMMING Sports Captains Speeches Carols by Candlelight Sunday 10 Dec
<u>Week 10</u>	11	12 Presentation Night 6.30pm RSL Hall	13	14	15 Last day of Term