



# St Joseph's School

## Newsletter

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## Students of the Week

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## Reports

Student reports will go out to parents today. Please read them carefully and focus on the positives and the areas your child is working well in.

The A-E grading gives you an idea of how your child is achieving in each subject, remembering that a 'C' is for celebration, it means they are meeting the benchmark for their year!

## Presentation Night

Last night we celebrated the achievements of our students, touched on the highlights of the year and farewelled our graduating year six class, along with leaving families. The class performances were very entertaining and it's evident the work their teachers put in to ensure their students experience these enriching moments.

Thank you for a fantastic year, I really appreciate your support and your children are what makes me love coming to work everyday!

## Classes 2018

K/1/2 – Miss Shani Marshall

3/4 – Mrs Amy Phillips

5/6 – Miss Danni McCusker (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Maria Wilson (Thurs-Fri)

Shani will be joining us next year and I'm excited to welcome her to our school. She will be visiting tomorrow between 11.30 and 1pm to have a look around and meet the staff and students. If any parents would like to meet her before next year, you are more than welcome to pop in tomorrow between those times.

## School leaders 2018

Congratulations to Cate and Campbell who will be our school captains next year. Our house captains will be Hughes - Ben, Gleeson - Matt and Daly - Sam . Well done!

We have a special mass planned for Term 1 Tuesday Week 2 where these leaders will receive their badges which will be blessed by Father Curran.

## Last day of term 4 Christmas fun

On Friday the school will be heading down to the Playhouse Hotel to watch the movie 'Captain Underpants'. Please check your emails to give permission for your children to go to the movie.

Children can wear Christmas colours and there will be fun Christmas competitions run at lunchtime, including a best Santa laugh and prizes for best dressed.

There will also be canteen on the day to use up food in the freezers. So please get your orders in ASAP if your children would like to order.



## RE NEWS

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### Advent Masses

A big thank you to the Anderson and Bowman families for lighting the advent wreath together at the beginning of mass the past two Sundays. There are two more advent masses. Please contact me or the school if your family would like to

be a part of this special time leading up to Christmas.

### Schedule:

17th McDouall Family

24th ?

For Advent activities at home, check out the following sites: Sacred Advent - <https://goo.gl/xqPP6p> Caritas Australia Advent <http://www.caritas.org.au/advent>

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all the families who donated items. Year 3 and 4 personally delivered these wonderful gifts to St Vincent de Paul yesterday

**Wishing you all a Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.**

**If you are travelling over the holidays, please take care.**



Thank you, Rachel Caskey

## Students of the Week

|       |         |  |
|-------|---------|--|
| K/1/2 | Indigo  | Enthusiasm in all creative arts activities                 |
| 3/4   | Myles   | Dedication towards our kindness challenge                  |
| 5/6   | Savanah | Working consistently on the ukulele and always trying hard |

## Classroom requirements

*K/1*

| <u>Required</u>              | <u>Optional</u>                          |
|------------------------------|--|
| 2 HB Pencils                 | 1 packet 15 textas                       |
| 1 eraser                     | A small pencil case                      |
| 1 packet 15 coloured pencils | Plastic document folder for home readers |
| Library Bag                  |  |

NO PENCIL SHARPENERS PLEASE

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO HAVE**

**Metal Rulers**

**Liquid paper (correction fluid)**

**Compasses (these will be provided)**

*2/3/4/5/6*

| <u>Required</u>                          | <u>Optional</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| 4 HB Pencils                             | Textas          |
| 2 Red Pens                               | Crayons         |
| 4 Blue Pens (4,5,6 only)                 | Library Bag     |
| Pencil Sharpener                         | Coloured Pens   |
| Rubber                                   |                 |
| Ruler will mm                            |                 |
| Coloured pencils                         |                 |
| Plastic document folder for home readers |                 |
| Glue Stick                               |                 |

## Final Canteen for 2017!

This Friday we will be running canteen; orders will be filled on a 1<sup>st</sup> in, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. So, if you would like to place an order, please get it into school ASAP – to Nat. Below is an itemised list of what we have left.

|   |  |                      |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 9 x meat pies                             | 6 x sausage rolls                        | 12 x apple poppas    |
| 60? Nuggets                               | 12 x tortilla wraps (lunch meat & salad) | 6 x chocolate milk   |
| 5 x chicken schnitzels (wraps or burgers) | 24 x orange poppas                       | 14 x tropical poppas |

We will still be running morning tea and after lunch items ..... until we run out!

\*Thankyou to the parents who have volunteered this year – without you we don't have a canteen!

And To All A Very Merry Christmas, A Happy New Year and Safe Travels!

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### Class 3/4 and their Kindness Challenge Experiences

Barraba Pre School, Richardson House and St Vincent de Paul.



The children in Years 3 & 4 have had a fantastic time completing their kindness challenge which involved completing a kind activity or community service each day until the end of the term.



# Term 1 Calendar

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|                       | <u><b>Monday</b></u>        | <u><b>Tuesday</b></u>                             | <u><b>Wednesday</b></u>           | <u><b>Thursday</b></u>                             | <u><b>Friday</b></u>  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <u><b>Week 1</b></u>  | 29<br><i>Pupil Free Day</i> | 30<br><i>Yrs 1-6 Return</i>                       | 31<br><i>Welcome Kindergarten</i> | 1  | 2<br><i>Swimming Sport Yrs 2-6</i>  |
| <u><b>Week 2</b></u>  | 5                           | 6<br><i>Opening School Mass</i>                   | 7                                 | 8  | 9<br><i>Swimming Sport Yrs 2-6</i><br><i>Polding Summer Trials</i><br><i>Newcastle (Cate Bishton)</i> |
| <u><b>Week 3</b></u>  | 12                          | 13<br><i>Shrove Tuesday</i><br><i>Pancake Day</i> | 14<br><i>Ash Wednesday</i>        | 15<br><i>Swimming Carnival (not yet confirmed)</i> | 16  |
| <u><b>Week 4</b></u>  | 19                          | 20  | 21                                | 22<br><i>Dio Swimming Carnival - Armidale</i>      | 23  |
| <u><b>Week 5</b></u>  | 26                          | 27  | 28                                | 1March   | 2<br><i>Diocesan Touch Trials - Tamworth</i>  |
| <u><b>Week 6</b></u>  | 5                           | 6   | 7                                 | 8  | 9   |
| <u><b>Week 7</b></u>  | 12                          | 13  | 14                                | 15   | 16  |
| <u><b>Week 8</b></u>  | 19                          | 20  | 21                                | 22   | 23<br><i>Diocesan Winter Trials - Inverell</i>  |
| <u><b>Week 9</b></u>  | 26                          | 27  | 28                                | 29   | 30<br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  |
| <u><b>Week 10</b></u> | 2<br><i>Easter Monday</i>   | 3   | 4                                 | 5  | 6   |
| <u><b>Week 11</b></u> | 9                           | 10  | 11                                | 12   | 13  |