



St Joseph's School

Newsletter

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2018 SCHOOL LEADERS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New staff member

We welcome Mrs Rebecca Russell to our staff team here at St Joseph's. Bec is our new Aboriginal Education Assistant and will be working with minilit groups and in the classrooms particularly with our students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. She will also assist with special events such as NAIDOC week.

Opening School Mass

We celebrated our first mass for 2018 today where our school leaders were given their badges and signed a pledge to accept the responsibility of leadership. It was a lovely morning and I congratulate our leaders knowing they will represent our school with pride. Thank you to the families who attended, it was fantastic to see so many.

Facebook, Flexischools & Digital sign

We will be launching two new ways to make life easier for our school community.

The first will be a school facebook page. This will be a great way to showcase our wonderful school, promote fundraisers and notify parents of upcoming events or changes. We will limit the amount of photos of students on the site and a media release form will be sent home to each family to sign before the page is activated. *If you don't want your child's picture on facebook then that is fine and you can tick this option on the form. Names of students will not be posted on facebook either.

We will be using flexischools to make it easier for parents/carers to pay for fees, uniforms, excursions online and order canteen. Please check out the flexischools website for more details.
<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Schoolstream is still a great app, however it's functions limit what we can do in terms of paying online. We will still use this app for alerts etc.

Our new digital sign has arrived and will be installed in the coming week. It will allow us to display multiple messages and photos.

Have a great week.

Thank you, Rachel Caskey

SPORT

Good luck to Cate Bishton who is competing at the Polding Summer Trials on Friday 9 February in Newcastle. Cate will be representing the Armidale Diocesan Team in Cricket.

Swimming

Children will be swimming tomorrow (Thursday) due to the Central School Swimming Carnival being held on Friday. Children are to still wear their normal school uniform, sports uniform still on Friday.

Canteen

Will run as normal on Monday 12 February.

Book Club

All orders must be back at school on Monday 19 February. Sorry no late orders accepted. Try out the new LOOP ordering online, its quick and easy.

RE News

What a wonderful celebration we had this morning at our opening school mass. A huge thank you to the families who came along to join in our mass.

Congratulations to our school leadership team for 2018. During today's mass, the leaders received a special blessing from Fr Curran as their badges were blessed with holy water. The parents of our leaders presented them with their badges after which each captain recited and signed the pledge of leadership with their parents as witnesses. The pledge says:

I, _____, accept today, the responsibility of being a school leader at St Joseph's School, Barraba.

In my role of leadership, I promise to serve my fellow students through the gifts I have received and to be responsible in the trust that has been given to me.

These pledges will be displayed in our school foyer along with photos of our leadership team.

Fr Curran reminded us today about our school motto "In all things charity". As we go forward into the 2018 school year we remember to 'act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly'. (Micah 6:8).

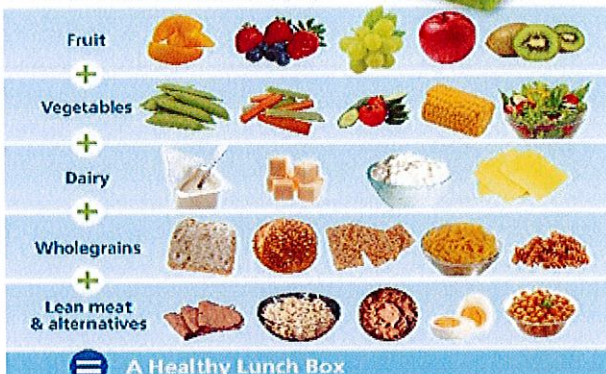
Next week will be the start of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. The school students and staff will be attending mass which, at this stage will be at 12 noon at St John's Church, Barraba. As always, everyone is most welcome to attend.

Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Pack your child a
HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



Source: Northern Sydney Local Health District

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CRUNCH&SIP®

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat salad vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

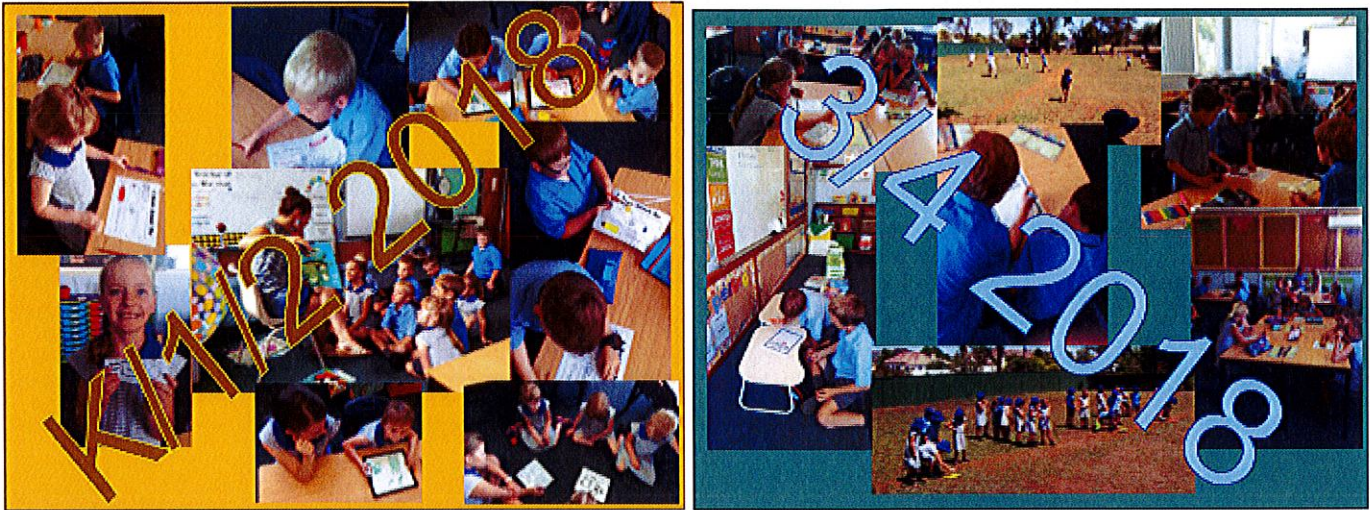
- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice but only sometimes
- Plain water

Items that are not considered fruit and vegetables for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Fruit products (e.g. fruit leathers, fruit roll-ups)
- Fruit jams or jellies, fruit pies or cakes
- Tinned fruit in syrup
- Vegetable or potato chips, hot potato chips, popcorn
- Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties)
- Vegetable cakes, fritter, quiches or similar
- Fruit or vegetable juices or any drink other than plain water

What a fantastic start to 2018! Students have returned settled and ready to learn. Each class was in set up mode and everyone was excited to get started.

Here are some wonderful activities that have already started to take place.



Reading with your child at any age is important or at least checking in with what they are reading. Here are some reading tips when reading with a young reader.

Maria Wilson
Leader of Pedagogy

Reading with your young child

You can support your child in learning to read by reading with your child for up to half an hour every day. Here are some helpful hints.

1. Set the scene

Before you read the story, tell your child the title of the book and a bit about it. Try to relate it to your child's own experience, if you can. If it is about dogs, talk about a dog they know. You can also discuss what might happen in the story.

2. Read the book

Read the story in a lively way with lots of expression. If you come across unfamiliar words, stop and tell your child what they mean. This improves your child's vocabulary and helps them to understand the whole story. During the week, you might also like to remind your child of some of the new words from the story book and relate them to your everyday life.

3. Recalling the story

After reading the book, ask your child questions about the story. For example, "What happened at the beginning of the story?" or "What happened at the end of the story?". If they can't remember, tell them. You might also want to try asking different types of questions that require more than a yes or no answer. For example, "Why do you think the little green dragon was so sad?" These sorts of questions help to develop your child's language skills.

You don't need to read a different book for every session; in fact, re-reading the same book several times allows the child to become familiar with the story and helps them to learn new vocabulary.

Finally, being patient and enthusiastic will make reading together a much more positive experience for both you and your child. Have fun!

Term 1 Calendar 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Week 2</u>	5	6	7 Opening School Mass 10am	8 Swimming Sport Yrs 2-6	9 Polding Summer Trials Newcastle (Cate Bishton)
<u>Week 3</u>	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Parent Information Night 5.30-7pm	14 Ash Wednesday 10am Mass	15 Swimming Carnival	16
<u>Week 4</u>	19	20	21	22 Dio Swimming Carnival - Armidale	23
<u>Week 5</u>	26	27	28	1	2 Diocesan Touch Trials - Tamworth
<u>Week 6</u>	5	6	7	8	9
<u>Week 7</u>	12	13	14	15	16
<u>Week 8</u>	19	20	21	22	23 Diocesan Winter Trials - Inverell
<u>Week 9</u>	26	27	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
<u>Week 10</u>	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6
<u>Week 11</u>	9	10	11	12	13