



# St Joseph's School

## Newsletter

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**Students of the Week**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year our school will be hosting the **Diocesan Cross Country on Monday 14th of May** (term 2, week 3). It will be held at the Barraba Sports Ground and all the schools in our diocese who have selected students to run at diocesan level will be competing.

It will be a great fundraiser for our school and we will need as many parent helpers as possible to help with timekeeping, set-up and pack-up, course direction and the BBQ and canteen. So please save this date and if all parents chip in, even for a few hours, it will help the day run smoothly.

I'm excited to announce that the new **flexischools system** is up and running, so parents are welcome to begin setting up their accounts (see instructions in the newsletter & on website) for online ordering.

- The new system will start on Monday 5th and Friday 9th March.
- Paper bags and cash will still be accepted
- Online ordering is for LUNCH ONLY, morning tea and after lunch snacks will still be purchased by the children on the day with their money.
- Parents are still most welcome to volunteer and give a hand on Mondays and/or Fridays - even for a couple of hours during the busy time 10.30-1.
- If you have any issues with registering, there is a customer support number on the website.



The **Diocesan swimming carnival** was held in Armidale on Friday. A team of 14 swimmers represented our school and tried their best all day. Thank you to Mel, Anna and Louise for helping out with the timekeeping and Geraldine for jumping in as team manager. Well done to the students who participated; these carnivals are a great experience for our students to compete against other children and swim in a 50m pool!



**Pickup and bus time** is certainly a busy time of the day here. To make this easier for staff to ensure the safety of your children is not compromised, I ask that parents please wait for their children near our statue of St Joseph and NOT on the path. Also parents who cross the road with their children are reminded to cross OUTSIDE of the bus zone (other side of the bus zone sign) please.

Thank you,  
Rachel Caskey

# RE News

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Lent is a season of the Church year where we focus on preparation. It is a time to concentrate and appreciate the simple things in life and do them well. We take time out of our busy lives and try to give more time to prayer.

During the weeks leading up to Easter, all children will be learning about the three focus areas of Lent: abstinence, prayer, almsgiving.

## Abstinence & Fasting

According to Church guidelines, "every Catholic person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday."

Of course, our students at St Joseph's school are a bit young to partake in this, so we encourage them to look at something else they will try and go without during Lent, for example treats, time on devices or favourite television program. By doing this we hope to instil in the students an awareness of what it is like to go without and grow their empathy towards others less fortunate in the world.

## Prayer

We encourage the students to make time to pray on their own, at school and with their family at home.

## Almsgiving

This is, quite simply, giving money to the poor. During Lent in Australia we focus on this by supporting Project Compassion which is run by the charity 'Caritas'. A Project Compassion box went home last week with the school newsletter. We ask that they be returned to the school during week 9 (Holy Week) or Week 10, the week after Easter.

# L.O.P News

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Week 5 already and what a packed term we are having. There are lots of chickens and eggs around the place ready for the Barraba Show this weekend. Pop in to the pavilion over the weekend to see the amazing artworks.

This term we are focusing on the third teacher. Parents being the first teachers of their children, then the classroom teacher/s as the second and the third teacher is the environment, both physical and social, that the students learn in.

Yesterday staff looked at ways to improve our learning spaces to make them an environment where students are able to be creative, are challenged and encouraged to think critically about their learning.

I look forward to sharing photos of our learning spaces as they develop to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.

Remember if you have half an hour on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday we would love to have you help us with reading groups between 9 and 9.30.

Maria Wilson  
Leader of Pedagogy

# Students of the Week

K/1/2	She	Her neat work in English+
3/4	Takoda	A mature attitude to her learning and striving to improve
5/6	Ned	Creative persuasive writing

## Barraba Show

Don't forget to visit the Australian Opal Centre display at the Show over the weekend, it will be set up outside the Pavilion.

They are coming to us from Lightning Ridge and our show is the first they have ever visited, so please take the opportunity to check them out. The display will be open 9.30am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Special talks and demonstrations will be happening at 11.30am and 2.30pm each day.

## Term 1 Calendar 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b><u>Week 5</u></b>	26	27 Centacare Visit	28 show colouring competition due back at school	1	2 Diocesan Touch Trials - Tamworth
<b><u>Week 6</u></b>	5 Canteen	6	7	8	9 Canteen School Mass 10am
<b><u>Week 7</u></b>	12 Canteen	13 Centacare Visit	14	15	16 Canteen
<b><u>Week 8</u></b>	19 Canteen	20	21	22 Remembrance Ceremony Day Centre 5.30pm	23 Canteen Diocesan Winter Trials - Inverell School Mass 10am
<b><u>Week 9</u></b>	26 Canteen	27 Centacare Visit	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
<b><u>Week 10</u></b>	2 Easter Monday	3	4	5	6 Canteen Cross Country Practice
<b><u>Week 11</u></b>	9 Canteen	10 Centacare Visit	11	12	13 Canteen Cross Country Practice

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